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## CU vs. CSU in a bowl game? It could happen, here's how

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<sup>[1]</sup>John Leyba, The Denver Post

Colorado's [Rodney Stewart](#) <sup>[2]</sup> runs within the [Colorado State](#) <sup>[3]</sup> defense at Invesco Field last season. Could the teams play each other twice in one season?

[Rocky Mountain Showdown](#) <sup>[4]</sup>... The Redux? Colorado vs. Colorado State... in December? It could come to be. Follow along:

[The Pac-12 on Thursday announced](#) <sup>[5]</sup> it will partner with the New Mexico Bowl next season, one year sooner than expected, for a game that will pit the seventh-best team in the Pac-12 against one from the Mountain West.

The Pac-12 had come to an agreement with the New Mexico Bowl for 2012, but after the bowl dropped its WAC tie-in, the new marriage was moved up.

A 6-6 record likely would punch a Pac-12 ticket to Albuquerque. Southern Cal is ineligible for the postseason, leaving 11 teams in the conference to fight for bids. Colorado is coming off a 5-7 record last season, but will join the Pac-12 this year under new coach [Jon Embree](#) <sup>[6]</sup>.

Colorado State, which went 3-9 in 2010 but returns sophomore QB Pete Thomas, won the New Mexico Bowl in 2008 over Fresno State and has a natural, regional draw in New Mexico.

A turn here and there during the season could result in a Buffs-Rams bowl matchup on Dec. 17 — it would come exactly three months after CU and CSU play at Invesco Field.

In 82 meetings since 1892, CU and CSU have never played in the postseason. But why not this year?

[And here is the Pac-12 bowl lineup for 2011-12:](#) <sup>[7]</sup>

No. 1 team: Rose Bowl, Jan. 2 or [BCS National Championship](#) <sup>[8]</sup>, Jan. 9

No. 2: Alamo Bowl vs. Big 12 No. 3, Dec. 29.

No. 3: [Holiday Bowl](#) <sup>[9]</sup> vs. Big 12 No. 5, Dec. 28.

No. 4: [Sun Bowl](#) <sup>[10]</sup> vs. ACC No. 4, Dec. 31.

No. 5: Las Vegas Bowl vs. Mountain West No. 1, Dec. 22

No. 6: Kraft Fight Hunger (formerly the [Emerald Bowl](#) <sup>[11]</sup>) vs. Army (if eligible), Dec. 31.

No. 7: New Mexico Bowl vs. Mountain West, Dec. 17

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[5] The Pac-12 on Thursday announced: **<http://www.pac-10.org/News/tabid/863/Article/226542/pac-12-mountain-west-battle-in-sixth-annual-new-mexico-bowl.aspx>**

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[7] And here is the Pac-12 bowl lineup for 2011-12: **[http://espn.go.com/blog/pac12/post/\\_/id/22345/pac-12-adds-new-mexico-bowl-for-2011](http://espn.go.com/blog/pac12/post/_/id/22345/pac-12-adds-new-mexico-bowl-for-2011)**

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