



CU, Hawaii announce four-game series

Bufs to make 2 trips to islands

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The University of Colorado and the University of Hawaii announced Thursday a four-game football series against each other between 2010 and 2015.

The first game is set for Sept. 18, 2010 in Boulder, with the other game at Folsom Field scheduled for Sept. 20, 2014. The Buffs return both games the respective following seasons, as CU will play its season openers at Aloha Stadium in 2011 (Sept. 3) and 2015 (Sept. 5).

The addition of Hawaii to future CU schedules is the eighth future home-and-home series Colorado has lined up in the two years. Announced previously were series with Louisiana State (2011-12), Minnesota (2012-13), Utah (2012-13), Arizona State (2018-19), Oregon (2014-17), Washington (2015-16) and West Virginia (2008-09).

CU's schedules through 2013 are basically complete, sans the dates for the annual game with in-state rival Colorado State between 2011 and 2013 (and the sites for the game from 2009 through 2013), and the home game vacancy created in 2013 by the Arizona State switch (moved to 2019).

However, according to the contract between the two schools, none of the Colorado State games are guaranteed past 2010.

The Buffs would have an option of adding a 13th game in 2011 and/or 2015 when they play at Hawaii per NCAA rules, though only two schools did so this past season (Washington, New Mexico State), the others opting to keep a bye week on the schedule.

Colorado recruits the islands, and coach Dan Hawkins made it a goal to get the Buffs there every four years to play a game. It would both get those players from Hawaii an opportunity to play in front of family and friends as well as to have some of the mainland players experience a trip to Hawaii.

CU coaches prefer the season opener so the travel over and back to Hawaii has the least amount of impact on the remainder of the schedule. When at Boise State, Hawkins said it always took a bit of a toll if there wasn't an open week on either side of the game.

Hawaii won the lone meeting between the two schools, a 13-0 victory on New Year's Day in 1925.



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