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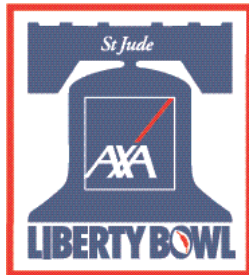
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## 2002 Mountain West Conference Football Standings

Team	Conference Points				Overall			Points				Hm	Rd	Nu	Pct	Streak
	W	L	For	Opp	W	L	For	Opp	Hm	Rd	Nu					
Colorado State	6	1	244	149	3-1	3-0	.857	10	3	415	315	4-1	5-2	1-0	.769	Lost 1
New Mexico	5	2	196	155	3-0	2-2	.714	7	6	328	331	5-1	2-5	0-0	.539	Won 1
Air Force	4	3	241	201	2-2	2-1	.571	8	4	427	283	4-3	4-1	0-0	.667	Lost 1
San Diego State	4	3	168	190	2-1	2-2	.572	4	8	269	370	2-3	2-5	0-0	.333	Won 1
Utah	3	4	162	177	2-2	1-2	.429	5	6	249	226	3-2	2-4	0-0	.455	Won 3
UNLV	3	4	195	217	1-2	2-2	.429	5	7	292	366	3-3	2-4	0-0	.417	Won 1
BYU	2	5	113	187	2-2	0-3	.286	5	7	272	333	4-2	1-5	0-0	.417	Lost 2
Wyoming	1	6	207	250	1-2	0-4	.143	2	10	288	432	2-4	0-5	0-1	.167	Lost 4



vs.



### 44th Annual AXA Liberty Bowl

December 31, 2002

2:30 p.m. CT

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (62,338)  
Memphis, Tenn.

Teams: #21/24 **Colorado State (10-3, 6-1)**

Mountain West Champions

**TCU (9-2, 6-2)**

Conference USA Champions

Television: ESPN

Jeff Hullinger (Play-by-Play)

Todd Christensen (Analysis)

Stacy Paetz (Sideline)

Radio: Nevada Sports Network

Alex Shelton (Play-by-Play)



vs.



### 11th Annual Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl

December 25, 2002

1:30 p.m. PT

Sam Boyd Stadium (40,000)  
Las Vegas, Nev.

Teams: **New Mexico (7-6, 5-2)**

Mountain West No. 2

**UCLA (7-5, 4-4)**

Pac-10 No. 5

Television: ESPN

Mark Jones (Play-by-Play)

Bob Davie & Mike Gottfried (Analysis)

Holly Rowe (Sideline)

Radio: Pacific West Radio Sports

Larry Kahn (Play-by-Play)



vs.



### Inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl

December 31, 2002

7:30 p.m. PT

Pac Bell Park (37,000)  
San Francisco, Calif.

Teams: **Air Force (8-4, 4-3)**

Mountain West No. 3

**Virginia Tech (9-4, 3-4)**

Big East No. 5

Television: ESPN2

Pam Ward (Play-by-Play)

Chris Spielman (Analysis)

Rob Stone (Sideline)

Radio: Monarch Radio Sports

Geoff Nathanson (Play-by-Play)

Artie Gigantino (Analysis)



**2002 Bowl Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bowl</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Match-up</u>	<u>TV/Time (MT)</u>
Dec. 17	New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	North Texas (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-6)	ESPN2/5 p.m.
Dec. 18	GMAC	Mobile, AL	Louisville (7-5) vs. Marshall (10-2)	ESPN2/6 p.m.
Dec. 23	Tangerine	Orlando, FL	Clemson (7-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-5)	ESPN/3:30 p.m.
Dec. 25	Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV	New Mexico (7-6) vs. UCLA (7-5)	ESPN/2:30 p.m.
Dec. 25	Hawaii	Honolulu, HI	Hawaii (9-3) vs. Tulane (7-5)	ESPN/6 p.m.
Dec. 26	Motor City	Pontiac, MI	Toledo (9-4) vs. Boston College (8-4)	ESPN/3 p.m.
Dec. 26	Insight	Tempe, AZ	Pittsburgh (8-4) vs. Oregon State (8-4)	ESPN/6:30 p.m.
Dec. 27	Houston	Houston, TX	Southern Miss (7-5) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5)	ESPN/11 a.m.
Dec. 27	Independence	Shreveport, LA	Nebraska (7-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6)	ESPN/2:30 p.m.
Dec. 27	Holiday	San Diego, CA	Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arizona State (8-5)	ESPN/6 p.m.
Dec. 28	Continental Tire	Charlotte, NC	West Virginia (9-3) vs. Virginia (8-5)	ESPN2/9 a.m.
Dec. 28	Alamo	San Antonio, TX	Wisconsin (7-6) vs. Colorado (9-4)	ESPN/6 p.m.
Dec. 30	Music City	Nashville, TN	Minnesota (7-5) vs. Arkansas (9-4)	ESPN/12 p.m.
Dec. 30	Seattle	Seattle, WA	Oregon (7-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	ESPN/3:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	Humanitarian	Boise, ID	Boise State (11-1) vs. Iowas State (7-6)	ESPN/10 a.m.
Dec. 31	Sun	El Paso, TX	Purdue (6-6) vs. Washington (7-5)	CBS/12 p.m.
Dec. 31	Silicon Valley	San Jose, CA	Fresno State (8-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5)	ESPN2/1:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	Liberty	Memphis, TN	Colorado State (10-3) vs. TCU (9-2)	ESPN/1:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	Peach	Atlanta, GA	Maryland (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-4)	ESPN/5:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	Air Force (8-4) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4)	ESPN2/8:30 p.m.
Jan. 1	Cotton	Dallas, TX	LSU (8-4) vs. Texas (10-2)	FOX/9 a.m.
Jan. 1	Outback	Tampa, FL	Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4)	ESPN/9 a.m.
Jan. 1	Gator	Jacksonville, FL	Notre Dame (10-2) vs. N.C. State (10-3)	NBC/10:30 a.m.
Jan. 1	Capital One	Orlando, FL	Penn State (9-3) vs. Auburn (8-4)	ABC/11 a.m.
Jan. 1	Rose	Pasadena, CA	Oklahoma (11-2) vs. Washington State (10-2)	ABC/3 p.m.
Jan. 1	Sugar	New Orleans, LA	Georgia (12-1) vs. Florida State (9-4)	ABC/6:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Orange	Miami, FL	USC (10-2) vs. Iowa (11-1)	ABC/6 p.m.
Jan. 3	Fiesta	Tempe, AZ	Miami (12-0) vs. Ohio State (13-0)	ABC/6 p.m.

**Bowl and Team Headquarters**

**AXA Liberty Bowl**

(Dec. 31, 2002, 2:30 p.m. CT, ESPN)  
 MWC #1 (Colorado State) vs. Conference USA #1 (TCU)  
 Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (62,338)  
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**Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl**

(Dec. 25, 2002, 1:30 p.m. PT, ESPN)  
 Mountain West #2 (New Mexico) vs. Pac-10 #5 (UCLA)  
 Sam Boyd Stadium (40,000)  
 Executive Director: Tina Kunzer-Murphy  
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**Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl**

(Dec. 31, 2002, 7:30 p.m. PT, ESPN2)  
 MWC #3 (Air Force) vs. Big East #5 (Virginia Tech)  
 Pac Bell Park (37,000)  
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**MOUNTAIN WEST COMPOSITE BOWL GAME RECORDS**

Team	W	L	Pct.	Last Appearance
Air Force	1	0	1.000	2000 Silicon Valley (W, 37-34, Fresno St.)
UNLV	1	0	1.000	2000 Las Vegas (W, 31-14, Arkansas)
Utah	2	0	1.000	2001 Las Vegas (W, 10-6, USC)
Colorado State	2	1	.666	2001 New Orleans (W, 45-20, North Texas)
New Mexico	0	0	.000	1997 Insight.com (L, 14-20, Ariz.)
San Diego State	0	0	.000	1998 Las Vegas (L, 13-20, UNC)
Wyoming	0	0	.000	1993 Copper (L, 17-52, Kansas St.)
BYU	0	2	.000	2001 Liberty (L, 10-28, Louisville)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.667</b>	

**MWC BOWL HISTORY**

1999 (1-2)	2000 (3-0)	2001 (2-1)
AXA Liberty Bowl (54,866) Southern Miss. 23, COLORADO STATE 17	AXA Liberty Bowl (58,302) COLORADO STATE 22, Louisville 17	AXA Liberty Bowl (58,968) Louisville 28, BYU 10
Motor City Bowl (52,449) Marshall 21, BYU 3	Silicon Valley Football Classic (26,542) AIR FORCE 37, Fresno State 34	Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl (30,894) UTAH 10, USC 6
EA Sports Las Vegas Bowl (28,227) UTAH 17, Fresno State 16	Las Vegas Bowl (29,113) UNLV 31, Arkansas 17	New Orleans Bowl (27,004) COLORADO STATE 45, North Texas 20

**All-Time Bowl Appearances**

**AIR FORCE (8-7-1)**

Jan 1, 1959	Cotton	TCU	T 0-0
Dec. 28, 1963	Gator	North Carolina	L 0-35
Jan. 1, 1971	Sugar	Tennessee	L 13-34
Dec. 31, 1982	Hall of Fame	Vanderbilt	W 36-28
Dec. 10, 1983	Independence	Mississippi	W 9-3
Dec. 15, 1984	Independence	Virginia Tech	W 23-7
Dec. 31, 1985	Bluebonnet	Texas	W 24-16
Dec. 30, 1987	Freedom	Arizona St.	L 28-33
Dec. 28, 1989	Liberty	Mississippi	L 29-42
Dec. 27, 1990	Liberty	Ohio State	W 23-11
Dec. 29, 1991	Liberty	Mississippi St.	W 38-15
Dec. 31, 1992	Liberty	Mississippi	L 0-13
Dec. 27, 1995	Copper	Texas Tech	L 41-55
Dec. 20, 1997	Las Vegas	Oregon	L 13-41
Dec. 25, 1998	O'ahu	Washington	W 45-25
Dec. 31, 2000	Silicon Valley	Fresno State	W 37-34

**BYU (7-15-1)**

Dec. 28, 1974	Fiesta	Oklahoma St.	L 6-16
Dec. 18, 1976	Tangerine	Oklahoma St.	L 21-49
Dec. 22, 1978	Holiday	Navy	L 16-23
Dec. 21, 1979	Holiday	Indiana	L 37-38
Dec. 19, 1980	Holiday	SMU	W 46-45
Dec. 18, 1981	Holiday	Washington St.	W 38-36
Dec. 17, 1982	Holiday	Ohio St.	L 17-41
Dec. 28, 1983	Holiday	Missouri	W 21-17
Dec. 21, 1984	Holiday	Michigan	W 24-17
Dec. 28, 1985	Florida Citrus	Ohio St.	L 7-10
Dec. 30, 1986	Freedom	UCLA	L 10-31
Dec. 22, 1987	All-American	Virginia	L 16-22
Dec. 29, 1988	Freedom	Colorado	W 20-17
Dec. 29, 1989	Holiday	Penn St.	L 39-50
Dec. 29, 1990	Holiday	Texas A&M	L 14-65
Dec. 30, 1991	Holiday	Iowa	T 13-13
Dec. 25, 1992	Aloha	Kansas	L 20-23
Dec. 30, 1993	Holiday	Ohio St.	L 21-28
Dec. 29, 1994	Copper	Oklahoma	W 31-6
Jan. 1, 1997	Cotton	Kansas St.	W 19-15
Dec. 31, 1998	Liberty	Tulane	L 27-41
Dec. 27, 1999	Motor City	Marshall	L 3-21
Dec. 31, 2001	Liberty	Louisville	L 10-28

**COLORADO STATE (4-4)**

Jan. 1, 1949	Raisin	Occidental	L 20-21
Dec. 24, 1990	Freedom	Oregon	W 32-31
Dec. 30, 1994	Holiday	Michigan	L 14-24
Dec. 29, 1995	Holiday	Kansas St.	L 21-54
Dec. 29, 1997	Holiday	Missouri	W 35-24
Dec. 31, 1999	Liberty	So. Mississippi	L 17-23
Dec. 29, 2000	Liberty	Louisville	W 22-17
Dec. 18, 2001	New Orleans	North Texas	W 45-20

**NEW MEXICO (2-3-1)**

Jan. 2, 1939	Sun	Utah	L 0-26
Jan. 1, 1944	Sun	Southwestern	L 0-7
Jan. 1, 1946	Sun	Denver	W 34-24
Jan. 1, 1947	Harbor	Montana St.	T 13-13
Dec. 9, 1961	Aviation	Western Michigan	W 28-12
Dec. 27, 1997	Insight.com	Arizona	L 14-20

**SAN DIEGO STATE (1-4)**

Jan. 1, 1948	Harbor	Hardin-Simmons	L 0-53
Dec. 6, 1969	Pasadena	Boston University	W 28-7
Dec. 30, 1986	Holiday	Iowa	L 38-39
Dec. 30, 1991	Freedom	Tulsa	L 17-28
Dec. 19, 1998	Las Vegas	North Carolina	L 13-20

**UNLV (3-0)**

Dec. 15, 1984	California	Toledo	W 30-13
Dec. 15, 1994	Las Vegas	Central Michigan	W 52-24
Dec. 21, 2000	Las Vegas	Arkansas	W 31-14

**UTAH (5-4)**

Jan. 2, 1939	Sun	New Mexico	W 26-0
Jan. 1, 1946	Pineapple	Hawai'i	L 16-19
Dec. 19, 1964	Liberty	West Virginia	W 32-6
Dec. 29, 1992	Copper	Washington St.	L 28-31
Dec. 30, 1993	Freedom	Southern California	L 21-28
Dec. 27, 1994	Freedom	Arizona	W 16-13
Dec. 27, 1996	Copper	Wisconsin	L 10-38
Dec. 18, 1999	Las Vegas	Fresno State	W 17-16
Dec. 25, 2001	Las Vegas	USC	W 10-6

**WYOMING (4-6)**

Jan. 1, 1951	Gator	Washington & Lee	W 20-7
Jan. 2, 1956	Sun	Texas Tech	W 21-14
Dec. 31, 1958	Sun	Hardin-Simmons	W 14-6
Dec. 24, 1966	Sun	Florida St.	W 28-20
Jan. 1, 1968	Sugar	LSU	L 13-20
Dec. 25, 1976	Fiesta	Oklahoma	L 7-41
Dec. 30, 1987	Holiday	Iowa	L 19-20
Dec. 30, 1988	Holiday	Oklahoma St.	L 14-62
Dec. 31, 1990	Copper	California	L 15-17
Dec. 29, 1993	Copper	Kansas St.	L 17-52



2002 Mountain West Conference Honors

Offensive Player of the Year

Bradlee Van Pelt, Jr., QB, Colorado State

Defensive Player of the Year

Jamaal Brimmer, So., DB, UNLV

Freshman of the Year

DonTrell Moore, RB, New Mexico

Coach of the Year

Rocky Long, New Mexico

All-Mountain West First-Team

Offense

Table listing offensive players for the All-Mountain West First-Team, including QB Bradlee Van Pelt, WR J.R. Tolver, RB Cecil Sapp, etc.

Defense

Table listing defensive players for the All-Mountain West First-Team, including DL Peter Hogan, LB Kirk Morrison, DB Jamaal Brimmer, etc.

All-Mountain West Second-Team

Offense

Table listing offensive players for the All-Mountain West Second-Team, including QB Chance Harridge, WR Reno Mahe, RB Brandon Warfield, etc.

Defense

Table listing defensive players for the All-Mountain West Second-Team, including DL Daniel Kegler, LB Adam Seward, DB Rhett Nelson, etc.

\*--Unanimous Selection
\*\*--Two Time First-Team Selection

Honorable Mention

Air Force: Joel Buelow, DB; Larry Duncan, DB; Brett Huyser, OL; Blane Neufeld, OL; Leotis Palmer, RB; Adam Strecker, TE. BYU: Colby Bockwoldt, LB; Aaron Francisco, DB; Brandon Heaney, DB; Isaac Herring, OL; Scott Jackson, OL; Reno Mahe PR/KR; Ifo Pili, DL; Gabriel Reid, TE; Matt Payne PK; Mike Tanner, LB; Paul Walkenhorst, LB; Marcus Whalen, RB. Colorado State: Matt Bartz, TE; Benny Mastropaolo, DB; Chris Pittman, WR; Bryan Save, DL; Wallace Thomas, DL; David Vickers, DB; Adam Wade, LB; Drew Wood, LB. New Mexico: Hebrews Josue, DL; Nick Speegle, LB; Billy Strother, LB. San Diego State: Kyle Conerly PR/KR; Brendan Darby, OL; Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, DL; Adam Hall, QB; Jared Ritter, DL; Ricky Sharpe, DB; Brian Simnjanovski, P/PK. UNLV: Connie Brown, DB; Dietrich Canterberry, DL; Larry Croom, RB; Chris Eagen, DL; DeJhown Mandley, TE; Tyrone Tucker, LB. Utah: Brooks Bahr, LB; Paris Jackson, WR; Chris Kemoeatu, OL; Brian Lewis, P; Josh Lyman, WR; Dustin McQuivey, OL; Bo Nagahi PR/KR; Josh Savage, DL; Morgan Scalley, PR/KR. Wyoming: Jovon Bouknight, WR-PR/KR; Casey Bramlet, QB; Luke Donovan, P; Jacque Finn, DB; Trenton Franz, OL; Tyler Gottschalk, LB; Scottie Vines, WR-PR/KR; Nate Young, DB.



Post-Season Honors

OUTLAND AWARD FINALIST

Jordan Gross, Utah

FOOTBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

WALTER CAMP ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

THE SPORTING NEWS ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

(Second Team)

OG - Morgan Pears, Colorado State

(Third Team)

WR - J.R. Tolver, San Diego State

OT - Jordan Gross, Utah

(Fourth Team)

OG - Brett Heyser, Air Force

ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

(First Team)

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

CNN.COM ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

SPORTSLINE.COM ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

CFN ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

(Second Team)

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

(Third Team)

WR - J.R. Tolver, San Diego State

THE SPORTING NEWS FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

(Second Team)

OL - Albert Bimber, Colorado State

(Third Team)

WR - Jovan Bouknight, Wyoming

OL - Mike Briesiel, Colorado State

P - Tyler Gaus, New Mexico

(Fourth Team)

DL - Leon Moore, UNLV

LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL ALL-MWC TEAM

Offensive Player of the Year - Cecil Sapp, Colorado State

Defensive Player of the Year - Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV

Special Teams Player of the Year - Dexter Wynn, Colorado State

Coach of the Year - Rocky Long, New Mexico

Offensive Newcomer of the Year - DonTrell Moore, New Mexico

Defensive Newcomer of the Year - Billy Strother, New Mexico

(First-Team Offense)

QB - Bradlee Van Pelt,\* Colorado State

RB - Cecil Sapp,\* Colorado State

RB - DonTrell Moore, New Mexico

WR - J.R. Tolver,\* San Diego State

WR - Kassim Osgood, San Diego State

TE - Spencer Nead, BYU

OL - Jordan Gross,\* Utah

OL - Morgan Pears,\* Colorado State

OL - Adam Goldberg, Wyoming

OL - Tony Terrell, UNLV

OL - Dustin Rykert, BYU

K - Joey Ashcroft, Air Force

KR - Dexter Wynn, Colorado State

PR - Dexter Wynn, Colorado State

(Defense)

DL - Peter Hogan, Colorado State

DL - Jason Kaufusi, Utah

DL - Brady Poppinga, BYU

DL - Daniel Kegler, New Mexico

LB - Anthony Schlegel, Air Force

LB - Charles Moss, New Mexico

LB - Adam Seward, UNLV

DB - Jamaal Brimmer,\* UNLV

DB - Wes Crawley, Air Force

DB - David Vickers, Colorado State

DB - Rhett Nelson, Colorado State

P - Matt Payne, BYU

\*unanimous

(Second-Team Offense)

QB - Casey Bramlet, Wyoming

RB - Brandon Warfield, Utah

RB - Joe Haro, UNLV

WR - Earvin Johnson, UNLV

WR - Reno Mahe, BYU

TE - Joel Dreessen, Colorado State

OL - Jason Lenzmeier, New Mexico

OL - Johnathan Ingram, San Diego State

OL - Claude Terrell, New Mexico

OL - Jesse Underbakke, Air Force

OL - Mark Dreyer, Colorado State

K - Jeff Babcock, Colorado State

KR - Bo Nagahi, Utah

PR - Dwight Counter, New Mexico

(Second-Team Defense)

DL - Garrett Smith, Utah

DL - D.J. Renteria, New Mexico

DL - Amon Arnold, San Diego State

DL - Lauvale Sape, Utah

LB - Eric Pauly, Colorado State

LB - Kirk Morrison, San Diego State

LB - Drew Wood, Colorado State

DB - Dexter Wynn, Colorado State

DB - Brandon Ratcliff, New Mexico

DB - Dave Revill, Utah

DB - Antwoine Sanders, Utah

P - Joey Huber, Colorado State

THE SPORTING NEWS ALL-MWC TEAM

Offensive Player of the Year - Bradlee Van Pelt, Colorado State

Defensive Player of the Year - Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV

Coach of the Year - Rocky Long, New Mexico

(Offense)

QB - Bradlee Van Pelt, Colorado State

RB - Cecil Sapp, Colorado State

RB - Joe Haro, UNLV

WR - J.R. Tolver, San Diego State

WR - Reno Mahe, BYU

TE - Spencer Nead, BYU

OT - Jordan Gross, Utah

OG - Brett Heyser, Air Force

C - Johnathan Ingram, San Diego State

OG - Morgan Pears, Colorado State

OT - Jason Lenzmeier, New Mexico

K - Joey Ashcroft, Air Force

KR - Dexter Wynn, Colorado State

(Defense)

DT - Garrett Smith, Utah

DE - Peter Hogan, Colorado State

DE - Jason Kaufusi, Utah

LB - Charles Moss, New Mexico

LB - Sheldon Deckart, Utah

LB - Anthony Schlegel, Air Force

LB - Eric Pauly, Colorado State

CB - Rhett Nelson, Colorado State

CB - Wes Crawley, Air Force

S - Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV

S - Antwoine Sanders, Utah

P - Joey Huber, Colorado State

CFN ALL-MWC TEAM

Player of the Year - Cecil Sapp, Colorado State

Defensive Player of the Year - Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV

Freshman of the Year - DonTrell Moore, New Mexico

Coach of the Year - Fisher DeBerry, Air Force

(Offense)

QB - Bradlee Van Pelt, Colorado State

RB - Cecil Sapp, Colorado State

RB - DonTrell Moore, New Mexico

WR - J.R. Tolver, San Diego State

WR - Kassim Osgood, San Diego State

TE - Joel Dreessen, Colorado State

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

OL - Adam Goldberg, Wyoming

OL - Johnathan Ingram, San Diego State

OL - Morgan Pears, Colorado State

OL - Dustin Rykert, BYU

K - Joey Ashcroft, Air Force

KR - Dexter Wynn, Colorado State

(Defense)

DL - Garrett Smith, Utah

DL - Peter Hogan, Colorado State

DL - Jason Kaufusi, Utah

DL - Brady Poppinga, BYU

LB - Charles Moss, New Mexico

LB - Kirk Morrison, San Diego State

LB - Adam Seward, UNLV

DB - Rhett Nelson, Colorado State

DB - Ricky Sharpe, San Diego State

DB - Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV

DB - Antwoine Sanders, Utah

P - Matt Payne, BYU

PR - Dexter Wynn, Colorado State

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

(First Team)

LB - Eric Pauly, Colorado State

(Second Team)

LB - Drew Wood, Colorado State

LB - Brooks Bahr, Utah

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT VI TEAM

(First Team)

LB - Nick Speegle, New Mexico

DB - Terrell Golden, New Mexico

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT VII TEAM

(First Team)

QB - Casey Bramlet, Wyoming

OL - Trenton Franz, Wyoming

OL - Wayne Southam, Air Force

DL - Josh Rollins, Wyoming

LB - Eric Pauly, Colorado State

LB - Drew Wood, Colorado State

LB - John Wilson, Wyoming

P - Luke Donavon, Wyoming

(Second Team)

QB - Bryan Blew, Air Force

OL - Mark Dreyer, Colorado State

DL - Bryan Save, Colorado State

DB - Landon Jones, Colorado State

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT VIII TEAM

(First Team)

WR - Kassim Osgood, San Diego State

LB - Brooks Bahr, Utah

DB - Morgan Scalley, Utah

DB - Chamieon Sutton, UNLV

(Second Team)

WR, Toby Christensen, BYU

OL - Jordan Gross, Utah

OL - Scott Jackson, BYU

DB - Michael Madsen, BYU

DB - Kip Nielsen, BYU

P - Brian Simnjanovski, San Diego State



# Liberty Bowl Preview



**Colorado State vs. TCU**  
Tuesday, December 31  
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (62,338)  
Memphis, Tenn.  
2:30 p.m. (CT), ESPN



### GAME NOTES

The 44th Annual AXA Liberty Bowl is one of six bowl games pitting conference champions against one another ... Colorado State makes its ninth bowl appearance ... The Rams are playing in a bowl game for a school-record fourth straight season ... This marks CSU's third Liberty Bowl berth in the last four seasons ... The Rams are playing in the post-season for the seventh time under head coach Sonny Lubick ... Quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt was named the Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Year in a combined vote of the head coaches and league-wide media panel ... The Rams placed a league-high six players on the All-Conference first-team, including unanimous selection Cecil Sapp ... CSU had a conference-best 12 players named to the All-Conference first- or second-teams ... Colorado State closed out its regular season by winning six of its last seven games ... The Rams loss to UNLV in their regular-season finale kept them from becoming the second team in MWC history to go undefeated in conference play ... After beginning the season unranked, CSU has appeared in the Top 25 in 11 of 17 polls, including each of the last seven weeks ... The Rams checked into the November 24th Coaches Poll at No. 13, their highest ranking of the season ... Since MWC play began in 1999, CSU is 4-4 against non-conference opponents when ranked in the Top 25 ... Cecil Sapp posted a conference-high eight 100 yard rushing games this season ... Sapp set a CSU single-season rushing record with 1,495 yards, breaking Steve Bartalo's record of 1,419 set in 1986 ... Sapp was named MVP of the 2000 Liberty Bowl, rushing for 160 yards on a bowl- and school-record 36 carries in the win over Louisville ... Sapp was second in the MWC with 17 rushing touchdowns ... Bradlee Van Pelt ranks third in the MWC and 43rd nationally in total offense at 221.1 yards per game ... Van Pelt eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark three times in 2002, he also had two multiple rushing touchdown games and twice threw three TD passes in a game ... Van Pelt accounted for five touchdowns (two rushing/three passing) in the win over San Diego State ... Colorado State led the Mountain West in fourth down conversions at 76.5 percent, converting on 13 of 17 attempts ... The CSU schedule featured eight teams playing in bowls, with five of six non-conference games against teams playing in the 2002 post-season ... The Rams played in the first game of the '02 college football season at Virginia on August 22nd.

#### Colorado State National Ranks

Total Offense.....	24th	407.8 ypg
Rushing Offense .....	17th	214.7 ypg
Passing Offense.....	76th	193.1 ypg
Passing Efficiency.....	38th	130.1 rtg
Scoring Offense .....	27th	31.9 ppg
Total Defense .....	64th	376.2 ypg
Rushing Defense .....	71st	163.3 ypg
Pass Defense .....	53rd	210.8 ypr
Pass Efficiency Defense .....	56th	119.4 rtg
Scoring Defense .....	46th	24.2 ppg
Kickoff Returns.....	53rd	20.4 ypr
Punt Returns .....	5th	15.9 ypr
Punting .....	55th	34.5 avg
Turnover Margin .....	32nd	0.54 mrg

#### Rams in the NCAA Rankings

Cecil Sapp .....	Rushing	17th	115.00 ypg
Bradlee Van Pelt .....	Rushing	92nd	63.46
Bradlee Van Pelt .....	Passing Efficiency	45th	126.54 rating
Bradlee Van Pelt .....	Total Offense	43rd	221.08 ypg
Chris Pittman .....	Receptions/Game	75th	4.31 rpg
Chris Pittman .....	Receiving Yds/Game	80th	59.54 ypg
Dexter Wynn .....	Punt Returns	7th	16.23 ypr
Dexter Wynn .....	Kickoff Returns	41st	22.62 ypr
Jeff Babcock .....	Field Goals	4th	1.77 fgpg
Jeff Babcock .....	Scoring	19th	8.85 ppg
Cecil Sapp .....	Scoring	40th	7.85 ppg
Cecil Sapp .....	All-Purpose Runners	53rd	119.85 ypg

### THE SERIES

Colorado State leads 1-0. Last Meeting: October 24, 1998, in Fort Collins, Colo., a 42-21 Ram victory.

### THE COACHES

Two-time MWC Coach of the Year Sonny Lubick is 105-56 overall in 13 years as a head coach and 84-37 during his ten-year tenure at Colorado State. Lubick has guided the Rams to a 3-3 bowl record. In his second year at the helm of the TCU program, former Horned Frog defensive coordinator Gary Patterson has guided Texas Christian to a 15-8 record and its second consecutive bowl appearance.

### Players to Watch - Colorado State (10-3, 6-1 MWC)

- Passer: Bradlee Van Pelt (13 GP, 268-146-6, 54.5 Pct, 2,049 Yds, 10 TD, Longest Pass - 80 Yds)
- Rusher: Cecil Sapp (13 GP, 328 Att., 1,495 Yds, 4.6 Avg Per Rush., 17 TD, Longest Rush - 72 Yds)
- Receiver: Chris Pittman (13 GP, 56 Rec., 774 Yds, 13.8 Avg Per Rec., 1 TD, Longest Rec. - 35 Yds)
- Tackler: Eric Pauly (13 GP, 47-62-109, TFL 4-12, Sacks 1-7, PBU 9, INT 1-0, FR 3-0, FF 1)

### Players to Watch - TCU (9-2, 6-2 C-USA)

- Passer: Sean Stilley (8 GP, 176-98-10, 55.7 Pct, 1,230 Yds, 5 TD, Longest Pass - 66 Yds)
- Rusher: Lonta Hobbs (7 GP, 137 Att., 952 Yds, 6.9 Avg Per Rush, 12 TD, Longest Rush - 65 Yds)
- Receiver: Adrian Madise (10 GP, 30 Rec., 506 Yds, 16.9 Avg Per Rec., 2 TD, Longest Rec. - 65 Yds)
- Tackler: LeMarcus McDonald (11 GP, 75-38-113, TFL 28-114, Sacks 10-70, PBU 4, FR 3-21, FF 2)



# Las Vegas Bowl Preview



**New Mexico vs. UCLA**  
Wednesday, December 25  
Sam Boyd Stadium (40,000)  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
1:30 p.m. (PT), ESPN



### GAME NOTES

New Mexico makes its second bowl appearance since the 1961 Aviation Bowl ... The Lobos last post-season action was in the 1997 Insight Bowl ... The Lobos are one of three teams to begin the 2002 season at 2-4 and go on to qualify for a bowl berth (Oklahoma State, Cincinnati) ... Since taking over the UNM program prior to the 1998 season, the Lobo win total has increased by one each year under Rocky Long ... Long was named Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year in a vote of the league's head coaches and media panel ... MWC Freshman of the Year, DonTrell Moore set a school freshman rushing record with 1,117 yards ... Moore's rushing total ranks third on UNM's single-season list ... Moore is the ninth player in New Mexico history to top the 1,000 yard rushing mark, and first to do so in the last six years ... Moore is the first freshman in league history to be named to the all-conference first-team .. New Mexico is second in the MWC in rushing defense and total defense ... UNM leads the Mountain West in sacks with 34 for minus 241 yards ... The Lobos tied a school-record with nine sacks in the their regular-season finale victory over Wyoming ... Only six players have rushed for over 100 yards against New Mexico since the 2000 season, a span of 36 games ... Eight of UNM's games this season were decided by eight or fewer points, with a conference-high three determined in overtime ... After breaking a bone in his left forearm in the Texas Tech game, quarterback Casey Kelly returned to the lineup to guide the Lobos to victories in four of their final six games ... Punter Tyler Gaus was named a third-team freshman all-american by *The Sporting News*, he ranks 47th nationally with an average of 40.7 yards per punt ... Dwight Counter is second in the MWC in punt return average at 13.4 yards ... Second-team All-MWC defensive lineman Daniel Kegler is second in the conference with seven sacks for minus 42 yards ... Starting in place of the injured Casey Kelly and making his first career start, backup quarterback Justin Millea was named Offensive Player of the Week following the win at UNLV ... Linebacker Billy Strother was one of two players (Adam Wade-CSU) to twice be named MWC Defensive Player of the Week this season ... The 2002 Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl features two of the countries top freshman running backs in New Mexico's DonTrell Moore and UCLA's Tyler Ebell.

New Mexico National Ranks		
Total Offense.....	100th	327.6 ypg
Rushing Offense .....	36th	189.2 ypg
Passing Offense.....	107th	138.5 ypg
Passing Efficiency.....	89th	111.5 rtg
Scoring Offense .....	74th	25.2 ppg
Total Defense .....	43rd	345.5 ypg
Rushing Defense .....	26th	118.1 ypg
Pass Defense .....	73rd	227.5 ypr
Pass Efficiency Defense .....	68th	124.4 rtg
Scoring Defense .....	55th	25.5 ppg
Kickoff Returns.....	75th	19.5 ypr
Punt Returns .....	25th	13.0 ypr
Punting .....	17th	37.0 avg
Turnover Margin.....	44th	0.31 mrg

Lobos in the NCAA Rankings			
DonTrell Moore . . . . .	Rushing	45th	93.08 ypg
Casey Kelly . . . . .	Pass Efficiency	72nd	118.41 rating
Tyler Gaus . . . . .	Punting	47th	40.70 ypp
Dwight Counter . . . . .	Punt Returns	23rd	13.36 ypr
DonTrell Moore . . . . .	Scoring	50th	7.50 ppg
DonTrell Moore . . . . .	All-Purpose Runners	79th	108.17 ypg

### THE SERIES

First Meeting.

### THE COACHES

New Mexico's Rocky Long is in his fifth season at the helm of the Lobos and is 25-34 in Albuquerque. Prior to his days at New Mexico, Long was the defensive coordinator for UCLA. Interim coach Ed Kezirian replaces Bob Toledo who was relieved of his duties following the regular-season finale after posting a 49-32 mark in seven seasons.

### Players to Watch - New Mexico (7-6, 5-2 MWC)

- Passer: Casey Kelly (12 GP, 282-163-6, 57.8 Pct., 1,667 Yds, 13 TD, Longest Pass - 80 Yds)
- Rusher: Dontrell Moore (12 GP, 231 Att., 1,170 Yds, 4.8 Avg Per Rush, 13 TD, Longest Rush - 48 Yds)
- Receiver: Joe Manning (12 GP, 33 Rec., 321 Yds, 11.2 Avg Per Rec., 2 TD, Longest Rec. - 45 Yds)
- Tackler: Charles Moss (13 GP, 44-55-99, TFL 8-23, Sacks 1.5-12, INT 3-20 PBU 1)

### Players to Watch – UCLA (7-5, 4-4 Pac-10)

- Passer: Drew Olson (8 GP, 98-50-3, 51.0 Pct, 688 Yds, 3 TD, Longest Pass - 42 Yds)
- Rusher: Tyler Ebell (12 GP, 209 Att., 924 Yds, 4.4 Avg Per Rush, 9 TD, Longest Rush - 73 Yds)
- Receiver: Craig Bragg (12 GP, 51 Rec., 851 Yds, 16.7 Avg Per Rec., 8 TD, Longest Rec. - 71 Yds)
- Tackler: Marcus Reese (12 GP, 60-35-95, TFL 6.5-24, Sacks 3-19, INT 2-29, PBU 4)



# San Francisco Bowl Preview



## Air Force vs. Virginia Tech

Tuesday, December 31  
Pac Bell Park (37,000)  
San Francisco, Calif.  
7:30 p.m. (PT), ESPN2



### GAME NOTES

The United States Air Force Academy makes its 17th bowl appearance ... The game features the third- and fourth-longest active Division I-A head coaches at their respective universities in Air Force's Fisher DeBerry (19 seasons) and Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (16 seasons) ... The pair rank behind Joe Paterno (Penn State) and Bobby Bowden (Florida State) ... Air Force leads the country in rushing, averaging 314.5 yards per game ... The Falcons also lead the nation in third down conversions at 49.1 percent, converting on 84 of 171 attempts ... AFA ranks third nationally in red zone efficiency, scoring 93.0 percent of the time it reaches the opponents 20-yard line (53-57) ... Since 1990, Air Force ranks second in the country in blocked kicks behind Virginia Tech (85) with 79 blocks ... Chance Harridge set an NCAA single-season quarterback rushing touchdown record with 22 scores ... Harridge has rushed for 1,159 yards, and needs 29 passing yards to become the 16th player in NCAA history to rush and throw for a 1,000 yards in the same season ... This marks the second time in its last two bowl appearances that Air Force will be playing in a first-year bowl ... The Falcons lead the MWC in scoring offense, averaging 35.6 points a game ... Air Force allowed a conference-low three sacks for minus 19 yards ... AFA has won its last four games played in the state of California ... First-team All-Mountain West sophomore linebacker Anthony Schlegel ranks fifth in the conference with an average of 8.8 tackles per game and sixth with 105 total tackles ... Air Force ranks second in the MWC with 29 sacks for minus 206 yards ... The Falcons were assessed the fewest penalty yards against in the MWC at 368, an average of 30.7 yards per game ... Air Force is second in the Mountain West in scoring defense, allowing 23.6 points per game, ranking 44th in the country ... Since the MWC began competition in 1999, the Falcons are 1-3 vs. ranked non-conference opponents with their lone victory coming this season at No. 23 Cal ... Air Force began the season 6-0 and climbed to No. 15 in the Polls ... The Falcons were ranked for four consecutive weeks before falling out of the rankings following their loss at Wyoming ... In the only previous meeting, Air Force and Virginia Tech met in the 1984 Independence Bowl, Fisher DeBerry's first-year at the helm of the Falcon program.

Air Force National Ranks		
Total Offense.....	26th	404.8 ypg
Rushing Offense .....	1st	314.5 ypg
Passing Offense.....	116th	90.3 ypg
Passing Efficiency.....	21st	136.0 rtg
Scoring Offense .....	11th	35.6 ppg
Total Defense .....	52nd	360.7 ypg
Rushing Defense .....	62nd	160.1 ypg
Pass Defense .....	39th	200.6 ypr
Pass Efficiency Defense .....	48th	116.2 rtg
Scoring Defense .....	44th	23.6 ppg
Kickoff Returns.....	39th	21.9 ypr
Punt Returns .....	50th	10.9 ypr
Punting .....	74th	33.7 avg
Turnover Margin .....	19th	0.83 mrg

Falcons in the NCAA Rankings			
Chance Harridge . . . .	Rushing	39th	96.58 ypg
Chance Harridge . . . .	Total Offense	73rd	177.5 ypg
Wes Crawley . . . . .	Interceptions	40th	0.40 ipg
Leotis Palmer . . . . .	Punt Returns	63rd	9.82 ypr
Bryan Blew . . . . .	Kickoff Returns	64th	21.73 ypr
Joey Ashcroft . . . . .	Field Goals	37th	1.17 fgpg
Chance Harridge . . . .	Scoring	5th	11.00 ppg
Joey Ashcroft . . . . .	Scoring	56th	7.33 ppg

### THE SERIES

Air Force leads 1-0. Last Meeting: December 15, 1984, Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., a 23-7 Falcon victory.

### THE COACHES

Fisher DeBerry ranks as the all-time winningest coach in service academy history, posting a 149-82-1 record through 19 seasons. He ranks third among active Division I-A coaches in tenure at current school. Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer ranks behind DeBerry in tenure, having guided the Hokies for 16 seasons, posting a 116-69-2 record. Tech is making its 10th consecutive bowl appearance under Beamer.

### Players to Watch - Air Force (8-4, 4-3 MWC)

- Passer: Chance Harridge (12 GP, 125-60-5, 48.0 Pct., 971 Yds, 10 TD, Longest Pass - 80 Yds)
- Rusher: Chance Harridge (12 GP, 234 Att., 1,159 Yards, 5.0 Avg Per Rush, 22 TD, longest Rush - 61 Yds)
- Rusher: Leotis Palmer (12 GP, 95 Att., 537 Yds, 5.7 Avg Per Rush, 4 TD, Longest Rush - 54 Yds)
- Receiver: Adam Strecker (12 GP, 13 Rec., 243 Yds, 18.7 Avg Per Rec., 4 TD, Longest Rec. - 49 Yds)
- Tackler: Anthony Schlegel (12 GP, 47-58-105, TFL 10-43, Sacks 2-15, INT 1-0, PBU 4)

### Players to Watch - Virginia Tech (9-4, 3-4 Big East)

- Passer: Bryan Randall (13 GP, 225-140-11, 62.2 Pct, 1,957 Yds, 12 TD, Longest Pass - 87 Yds)
- Rusher: Lee Suggs (13 GP, 238 Att., 1,255 Yds, 5.3 Avg Per Rush., 20 TD, Longest Rush - 59 Yds)
- Receiver: Ernest Wilfordl (13 GP, 46 Rec., 875 Yds, 19.0 Avg Per Rec., 7 TD, Longest Rec. - 87 Yds)
- Tackler: Mikal Baaqee (12 GP, 65-41-106, TFL 10.5-47, Sacks 3.5-28, PBU 4, FF 1)



**AIR FORCE FALCONS**  
8-4, 4-3 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* Under head coach Fisher DeBerry, the Falcons have posted .500 or better seasons in 17 of his 19 years at the Academy and will be making their 12th bowl appearance.
- \* Quarterback Chance Harridge heads into the Falcon's bowl game 29 passing yards shy of becoming the 16th player in NCAA history to both run and pass for 1,000 yards in a season. Harridge ranks second in the MWC in rushing with 1,159 yards.
- \* The Falcons have finished in the Top 10 in rushing every year since 1987. AFA leads the country in rushing with a 314.5 yards per game average. Air Force has never claimed a national rushing title.
- \* Chance Harridge set an NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback. His 22 TDs breaks the record of 20 set by Navy's Chris McCoy in 1997.
- \* Leotis Palmer moved into third place all-time at the Academy in career rushing yards by a halfback during the option era with 1,448 yards.
- \* This season, Air Force claimed its sixth straight Commander-in-Chief's Trophy and 16th all-time. The title is also the 14th under head coach Fisher DeBerry.



**BYU COUGARS**  
5-7, 2-5 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* For the first time since 1973 the Cougars finished the regular-season with a sub-.500 record. Coincidentally, the '73 season was the second under legendary coach LaVell Edwards. His replacement, Gary Crowton, just completed his second season at BYU.
- \* For the first time in the four-season history of the MWC, BYU failed to win a conference road game, going 0-3. The Cougars combined to post a 9-2 conference road mark through the league's first three seasons.
- \* Matt Berry was the first redshirt freshman quarterback to start at BYU since Ty Detmer in 1988.
- \* Brady Poppinga leads the MWC with eight sacks for minus 52 yards. He averaged 0.67 sacks per game, with all of his sacks being solo stops.
- \* BYU attempted fourth-down conversions a MWC leading 42 times this season. The Cougars converted 17 times and rank sixth in the league with a 40.5 percentage.
- \* Matt Payne ranks second in the country with a punting average of 47.6 yards.
- \* The Cougars have not been shutout in an NCAA record 350 games. BYU's was last shutout during the 1975 season.



**COLORADO STATE RAMS**  
10-3, 6-1 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* Colorado State claimed its third MWC title and second outright. The Rams will be making their third appearance in the AXA Liberty Bowl in four years as Mountain West Conference champs. CSU will also be playing in its fourth consecutive bowl game for the first time in school history.
- \* Two of CSU's losses were by a combined five points (2-Fresno State, 3-UNLV). In each of its three losses, Colorado State either had the lead or was attempting a game-tying, two-point conversion in the final two minutes.
- \* Quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt ranks third in the MWC in total offense at 221.1 yards per game. He ranks fourth in the conference in passing (157.6) and seventh in rushing (63.5).
- \* The duo of Chris Pittman and Joel Dreessen have each caught a pass in every game this season. Dreessen is in the midst of a team-best 23-game reception streak.
- \* Doak Walker Award semifinalist Cecil Sapp leads the MWC and ranks 17th in the nation in rushing, averaging 115.0 yards a game. Sapp was the first player in the MWC to rush for over 1,000 yards this season. He set a CSU single-season rushing record with 1,495, breaking the record of 1,419 set by Steve Bartalo in 1986. Sapp has rushed for over 100 yards eight times this year.
- \* Linebackers Eric Pauly (first-team) and Drew Wood (second-team) were named Verizon Academic All-Americans.



**NEW MEXICO LOBOS**  
7-6, 5-2 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* New Mexico will be making its second bowl appearance in the last 41 years, and first since playing in the 1997 Insight.com Bowl.
- \* The Lobos have been involved in three overtime games this season, posting a 1-2 mark. New Mexico has played in a league-high four OT games since the formation of the MWC, with its double overtime win over Utah being its first overtime triumph. Eight of UNM's games this season were decided by eight points or less.
- \* Redshirt freshman DonTrell Moore rushed for 176 yards and a school-record tying five touchdowns in UNM's regular-season finale win over Wyoming. With 1,117 yards, Moore has established a New Mexico single-season freshman rushing record. His total presently ranks third on the Lobo's all-time list.
- \* The Lobos have scored the last 19 times they reached the red zone, including 18 touchdowns.
- \* Only six players have rushed for over 100 yards against New Mexico since the 2000 season, a span of 36 games.
- \* The Lobos tied a school record with nine sacks in their win over Wyoming. UNM leads the MWC with 34 sacks for minus 241 yards.
- \* UNM is one of five teams to start 2-4 or worse, and become bowl eligible, as the Lobos finished the regular-season by winning four of their final five and five of their last seven.



**SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS**  
4-9, 4-3 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* San Diego State has two of the nation’s top receivers in J.R. Tolver and Kassim Osgood. Tolver leads in the country in receiving yards per game (137.3) and is second in receptions (9.85), while Osgood ranks third in receptions at 8.31 and fourth in yards with a 119.4 average. The tandem set an NCAA single-season record, combining for 213 catches and 2,928 yards.
- \* J.R. Tolver ranks as SDSU’s all-time receiver with 262 career receptions and 3,572 yards. He is first in the country in receiving yards with 1,785 and set an MWC single-game receiving record with 296 yards against Arizona State and holds three of the top five spots in league history. He also set a league receptions record with 16 grabs in the win over Utah. Tolver has a 37-game catch streak.
- \* Starting in place of the injured Adam Hall for SDSU’s last two games, backup quarterback Lon Sherrif combined to throw for 709 yards and five touchdowns against Air Force and Hawaii. Sheriff completed 60 of 89 attempts, hitting on 67.4 percent of his passes.
- \* Defensive back Ricky Sharpe started in a team-best 33 straight games and ranks third all-time at San Diego State with 32 pass deflections.



**UNLV REBELS**  
5-7, 3-4 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* UNLV’s season-ending win over Colorado State was the Rebels first victory over a ranked team since 1981.
- \* The Rebels finished fourth in the MWC with 27 sacks for minus 204 yards.
- \* Offensive guard Tony Terrell was one of 11 players named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Good Works Team for his community service work.
- \* Dillon Pieffer tied the UNLV school record with 45 consecutive PATs made. His bid to break the record went awry when his final attempt of the season was blocked.
- \* With 15 rushing scores, Joe Haro finished eighth on the UNLV career rushing TD list.
- \* Adam Seward leads the MWC with 133 tackles and an average of 11.1 tackles per game. Teammate Tyrone Tucker is third in the conference with an average of 9.0 tackles per game on 108 tackles.
- \* Jamaal Brimmer leads the MWC with 17 tackles for loss, for minus 62 yards.
- \* The UNLV defense has held 28 of the last 35 opponents under 200 yards rushing.
- \* Over the last 31 regular-season games, UNLV has had a back rush for over 100 yards 26 times.



**UTAH UTES**  
5-6, 3-4 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* Offensive lineman Jordan Gross was named one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy, given annually to the nation’s top interior lineman. Gross was also named to the Football Writers Association of America’s All-America Team.
- \* Since being named the starter, quarterback Brett Elliott threw for 1,529 yards and 10 touchdowns, completing 124 of 205 attempts (.604). Over the six games, he averaged 254.8 passing yards per contest.
- \* Two-time MWC Offensive Player of the Week, Brandon Warfield ran for a career-high 194 yards in the season finale win over BYU. He closed out the season averaging 179 yards over the last two games. Against MWC opponents, Warfield averaged 127.0 yards a game and rushed for nine touchdowns.
- \* The Utes have had a running back eclipse 100 yards in four of their final five games.
- \* The Utah defense registered 12 sacks over the last three games.
- \* Five of Utah’s six losses were by eight or less points, with the outcomes decided in the final minute or in overtime.
- \* The Utes lead the MWC in three of four defensive categories. Utah leads the league in rush defense, total defense and scoring defense.



**WYOMING COWBOYS**  
2-10, 1-6 MWC

**What You Should Know:**

- \* Five of Wyoming’s six conference losses were by a combined 22 points (CSU-8, SDSU-4, UNLV-1, BYU-4, Utah-5).
- \* Casey Bramlet ranks fourth on the Wyoming career passing yards list with 6,647. He ended the season by hitting on 63.5 percent of his pass attempts over the final six games, completing 171 of 269 passes, while throwing for 14 touchdowns.
- \* Junior safety Jacque Finn closed out the season with three interceptions over the last three games. He had two picks at Utah, including one in the end zone. A week prior, he returned his first interception of the season 100 yards for a touchdown in the loss at BYU.
- \* Linebacker Tyler Gottschalk leads the Cowboy defense with 125 tackles, and ranks second in the MWC with a 10.4 tackles per game average. He is also second in the league with three caused fumbles.
- \* Junior wide receiver Malcom Floyd has a 30-game reception streak.
- \* Junior wide out Ryan McGuffey caught a pass in every game of his career and currently has a 30-game reception streak. He ranks seventh all-time at Wyoming with 1,864 career yards.



**NATIONAL POLLS**

*Associated Press Top 25*  
(Dec. 8)

Rk	School	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1.	Miami (Fla) (74)	12-0	1,850	1
2.	Ohio State	13-0	1,773	2
3.	Iowa	11-1	1,678	3
4.	Georgia	12-1	1,627	4
5.	USC	10-2	1,559	5
6.	Kansas State	10-2	1,397	6
7.	Washington State	10-2	1,388	7
8.	Oklahoma	11-2	1,371	8
9.	Texas	10-2	1,297	9
10.	Penn State	9-3	1,107	10
11.	Notre Dame	10-2	1,104	11
12.	Michigan	9-3	1,061	13
13.	Alabama	10-3	984	14
14.	Colorado	9-4	758	12
15.	West Virginia	9-3	706	15
16.	Florida State	9-4	661	16
17.	N.C. State	10-3	570	17
18.	Boise State	11-1	505	19
19.	Auburn	8-4	483	20
20.	Maryland	10-3	446	21
21.	Virginia Tech	9-4	409	18
22.	Florida	8-4	309	23
23.	<b>Colorado State</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>24</b>
24.	Pittsburgh	8-4	255	25
25.	Arkansas	9-4	160	22

MWC Receiving Votes - None

*ESPN/USA Today Top 25*  
(Dec. 8)

Rk	School	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1.	Miami (Fla.) (61)	12-0	1,525	1
2.	Ohio State	13-0	1,463	2
3.	Iowa	11-1	1,381	3
4.	Georgia	12-1	1,337	4
5.	Southern California	10-2	1,283	5
6.	Kansas State	10-2	1,187	6
7.	Washington State	10-2	1,141	7
8.	Oklahoma	11-2	1,088	9
9.	Texas	10-2	1,074	8
10.	Penn State	9-3	921	10
11.	Michigan	9-3	917	11
12.	Notre Dame	10-2	844	13
13.	West Virginia	9-3	651	16
14.	Colorado	9-4	641	12
15.	Boise State	11-1	588	15
16.	Florida State	9-4	562	18
17.	N.C. State	10-3	555	17
18.	Maryland	10-3	470	19
19.	Virginia Tech	9-4	457	14
20.	Florida	8-4	364	20
21.	<b>Colorado State</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>21</b>
22.	Auburn	8-4	263	23
23.	Pittsburgh	8-4	204	24
24.	Marshall	10-2	140	NR
25.	LSU	8-4	114	25

MWC Receiving Votes - Air Force (3) T-37th.

**MOUNTAIN WEST LEADER BOARD**

**500-Yard Passing Games**

No.	High
2	516 (Arizona State)

**300-Yard Passing Games**

No.	High
5	516 (Arizona State)
3	420 (UNLV)
1	440 (New Mexico)
1	420 (Hawaii)
1	386 (Syracuse)
1	360 (Wyoming)
1	329 (Wyoming)

**100-Yard Rushing Games**

No.	High
8	178 (Virginia)
6	161 (Navy)
5	141 (Hawaii)
4	194 (BYU)
4	181 (Colorado State)
4	126 (Colorado State)
3	128 (Nevada)
2	265 (Weber State)
2	229 (Indiana)
2	222 (Colorado State)
2	118 (Indiana)
2	101 (Wyoming/Air Force)
1	217 (Utah State)
1	181 (The Citadel)
1	148 (UNLV)
1	125 (New Mexico)
1	123 (San Diego State)
1	106 (UNLV)

**100-Yard Receiving Games**

No.	High
9	296 (Arizona State)
8	178 (Colorado/Toledo)
3	237 (UNLV)
3	141 (New Mexico)
2	128 (Colorado State)
2	124 (UNLV)
1	151 (Nevada)
1	147 (New Mexico)
1	116 (San Diego State)
1	114 (Nevada)
1	109 (Toledo)
1	106 (UNLV)
1	104 (Utah State)
1	102 (Wyoming)
1	100 (Utah)

**Multiple Touchdown Games - Rushing**

No.	High
6	4 (BYU)
6	3 (Louisville)
3	3 (Wyoming)
2	3 (Air Force)
2	2 (Air Force/Utah)
2	2 (Kansas/Wyoming)
2	2 (Utah/San Diego State)
1	3 (Utah State)
1	2 (Indiana)
1	2 (Hawaii)
1	2 (Indiana)
1	2 (Hawaii)
1	2 (Weber State)
1	2 (Colorado State)
1	2 (Air Force)
1	2 (Air Force)

**Multiple Touchdown Games - Passing**

No.	High
7	5 (UNLV)
4	5 (Idaho)
4	4 (Wyoming)
3	4 (New Mexico)
3	2 (Nevada/Wyoming/Utah)
2	3 (Wyoming)
2	3 (Fresno State/San Diego State)
2	2 (Utah/UNLV)
2	3 (Hawaii)
1	3 (Colorado State)
1	3 (Syracuse)
1	2 (Arizona)

**Multiple Touchdown Games - Receiving**

No.	High
4	3 (Idaho)
3	2 (UNLV/Utah/Wyoming)
1	2 (Utah)
1	2 (Nevada)
1	2 (The Citadel)
1	2 (San Diego State)
1	2 (UNLV)
1	2 (San Diego State)
1	2 (Colorado State)



MWC in the 2002 National Statistics

<i>INDIVIDUAL LEADERS</i>		<i>TEAM LEADERS</i>		<i>Total Defense</i>	
<b>Rushing</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	<b>Scoring Offense</b>	<b>Avg</b>		<b>Yds/Gm</b>
17. .Cecil Sapp, CSU	115.0	11. .Air Force	35.6	30. .Utah	332.1
34. .Brandon Warfield, Utah	102.1	27. .Colorado State	31.9	43. .New Mexico	345.5
39. .Chance Harridge, AFA	96.6	74. .New Mexico	25.2	52. .Air Force	360.7
45. .DonTrell Moore, UNM	93.1	79. .UNLV	24.3	64. .Colorado State	376.2
		81. .Wyoming	24.0	68. .BYU	384.7
<b>Passing</b>	<b>Comp/Gm</b>	83. .San Diego State	23.8	76. .UNLV	393.8
7. .Casey Bramlet, Wyoming	23.08	88. .BYU	22.7	95. .San Diego State	410.8
9. .Adam Hall, SDSU	22.67	90. .Utah	22.6	114. .Wyoming	494.8
<b>Receptions Per Game</b>	<b>Rec/Gm</b>	<b>Rushing Offense</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	<b>Avg</b>
2. .J.R. Tolver, SDSU	9.85	1. .Air Force	314.5	16. .Utah	23.0
3. .Kassim Osgood, SDSU	8.31	17. .Colorado State	214.7	39. .Air Force	21.9
40. .Jovon Booknight, WYO	5.25	19. .UNLV	214.4	40. .BYU	21.0
44. .Reno Mahe, BYU	4.92	36. .New Mexico	189.2	53. .Colorado State	20.4
53. .Earvin Johnson, UNLV	4.64	48. .Utah	163.9	56. .San Diego State	20.2
		89. .BYU	121.1	75. .New Mexico	19.5
<b>Receiving Yards Per Game</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	107. .Wyoming	100.1	78. .Wyoming	19.4
1. .J.R. Tolver, SDSU	137.3	114. .San Diego State	72.9	86. .UNLV	19.0
4. .Kassim Osgood, SDSU	119.4				
		<b>Scoring Defense</b>	<b>Pts/Gm</b>	<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>Avg</b>
<b>Total Receiving Yards</b>	<b>Tot</b>	30. .Utah	20.5	5. .Colorado State	15.9
1. .J.R. Tolver, SDSU	1,785	44. .Air Force	23.6	25. .New Mexico	13.0
3. .Kassim Osgood, SDSU	1,552	46. .Colorado State	24.2	43. .Utah	11.2
		55. .New Mexico	25.5	46. .BYU	11.0
<b>Total Offense</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	73. .BYU	27.8	50. .Air Force	10.9
11. .Casey Bramlet, WYO	277.1	84. .UNLV	30.5	52. .San Diego State	10.5
17. .Adam Hall, SDSU	261.9	91. .San Diego State	31.6	88. .Wyoming	8.2
43. .Bradlee Van Pelt, CSU	221.1	107. .Wyoming	36.0	101. .UNLV	7.1
45. .Jason Thomas, UNLV	216.7				
		<b>Rushing Defense</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	<b>Punting</b>	<b>Net/Punt</b>
<b>Punt Return Average</b>	<b>Avg</b>	12. .Utah	104.8	1. .BYU	42.7
7. .Dexter Wynn, CSU	16.2	26. .New Mexico	118.1	17. .New Mexico	37.0
23. .Dwight Counter, UNM	13.4	60. .UNLV	159.1	50. .Utah	34.9
25. .Reno Mahe, BYU	13.1	62. .Air Force	160.1	55. .Colorado State	34.5
44. .Morgan Scalley, Utah	11.2	71. .Colorado State	163.3	58. .Wyoming	34.4
		81. .San Diego State	171.2	61. .San Diego State	34.2
<b>Punting</b>	<b>Avg</b>	89. .BYU	177.8	74. .Air Force	33.7
2. .Matt Payne, BYU	47.6	104. .Wyoming	205.8	89. .UNLV	32.4
14. .Luke Donovan, Wyoming	43.0				
18. .Brian Lewis, Utah	42.6	<b>Pass Offense</b>	<b>Per/Gm</b>	<b>Pass Efficiency</b>	<b>Eff</b>
27. .Brian Simnjanovski, SDSU	42.1	5. .San Diego State	330.9	21. .Air Force	136.0
		18. .Wyoming	279.8	30. .San Diego State	128.6
<b>All Purpose</b>	<b>Avg/Gm</b>	25. .BYU	260.8	38. .Colorado State	130.1
5. .J.R. Tolver, SDSU	128.9	64. .Utah	208.3	42. .Wyoming	129.0
53. .Cecil Sapp, CSU	119.8	73. .UNLV	195.1	81. .Utah	114.0
55. .Kassim Osgood, SDSU	119.4	76. .Colorado State	193.1	83. .UNLV	112.4
		107. .New Mexico	138.5	89. .New Mexico	111.5
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Pts/Gm</b>	116. .Air Force	90.3	95. .BYU	110.1
5. .Chance Harridge, AFA	11.0				
19. .Jeff Babcock, CSU	8.8	<b>Total Offense</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	<b>Pass Defense Efficiency</b>	<b>Eff</b>
40. .Cecil Sapp, CSU	7.8	21. .UNLV	409.5	22. .BYU	105.6
50. .DonTrell Moore, UNM	7.5	24. .Colorado State	407.8	46. .Utah	115.6
		26. .Air Force	404.8	48. .Air Force	116.2
<b>Points Responsible For</b>	<b>Tot. Pts/Gm</b>	30. .San Diego State	403.8	56. .Colorado State	119.4
7. .Chance Harridge, AFA	15.67	52. .BYU	381.8	68. .New Mexico	124.4
9. .Casey Bramlet, WYO	16.00	54. .Wyoming	379.8	79. .UNLV	131.2
		66. .Utah	372.2	85. .San Diego State	133.1
<b>Field Goals</b>	<b>FG/Gm</b>	100. .New Mexico	327.6	108. .Wyoming	147.9
4. .Jeff Babcock, CSU	1.77				
26. .Tommy Kirvoski, SDSU	1.31	<b>Pass Defense</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	<b>Turnover Margin</b>	<b>Per/Gm</b>
37. .Joey Ashcroft	1.17	39. .Air Force	200.6	19. .Air Force	0.83
47. .Matt Payne, BYU	1.08	49. .BYU	206.9	32. .Colorado State	0.54
50. .Brian Borreson, Utah	1.00	53. .Colorado State	210.8	44. .New Mexico	0.31
		72. .Utah	227.3	60. .San Diego State	0.00
<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>INT/Gm</b>	73. .New Mexico	227.5	71. .Utah	-0.09
40. .Wes Crawley	0.40	82. .UNLV	234.7	72. .Wyoming	-0.17
		90. .San Diego State	239.7	84. .BYU	-0.58
		114. .Wyoming	285.1	84. .UNLV	-0.58



Regular Season Home Attendance Figures				
Team	G	Total	Avg.	High
Air Force	7	298,993	42,713	56,409
BYU	6	373,025	62,171	65,612
Colorado State	5	152,307	30,461	32,151
New Mexico	6	183,074	30,512	35,765
San Diego State	5	126,316	25,263	33,610
UNLV	6	165,493	27,582	42,075
Utah	5	177,147	35,429	45,167
Wyoming	5	68,433	13,687	16,256
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,544,788</b>	<b>34,329</b>	<b>65,612</b>

Regular Season Road/Neutral Sites Attendance Figures				
Team	G	Total	Avg.	High
Air Force	5	147,202	29,440	39,288
BYU	6	214,007	35,668	45,167
Colorado State	8	343,508	42,939	75,531
New Mexico	7	240,229	34,318	47,018
San Diego State	8	267,707	33,463	44,126
UNLV	6	203,660	33,943	65,543
Utah	6	243,055	40,509	109,734
Wyoming	7	301,641	43,092	72,898
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,961,131</b>	<b>37,003</b>	<b>109,734</b>

2002 MWC Non-Conference Record				
Conference	W	L	Pct.	
ACC	1	2	.333	
Big 12	3	2	.600	
Big East	1	0	1.000	
Big Ten	2	2	.500	
Conference USA	2	0	1.000	
Independents	3	2	.600	
Mid-American	0	2	.000	
Pac-10	1	6	.143	
SEC	0	1	.000	
Sunbelt	0	2	.000	
WAC	3	5	.375	
Div. I-AA	2	0	1.000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>.429</b>	

2002 Non-Conference Records Ranked			
Team	Opp.	Div I	Overall
Air Force	1-1	4-1	4-1
BYU	0-0	3-2	3-2
CSU	1-0	4-2	4-2
New Mexico	0-1	1-4	2-4
SDSU	0-1	0-6	0-6
UNLV	0-1	2-3	2-3
Utah	0-1	2-2	2-2
Wyoming	0-2	0-4	1-4

2002 MWC Pre-Season Media Poll		
Team (first place votes)	Points	
1. Colorado State (5)	113	
2. Utah (8)	111	
3. BYU (2)	107	
4. UNLV	74	
5. Air Force (1)	64	
6. New Mexico	57	
7. Wyoming	26	
San Diego State	26	

MWC Teams in the Weekly Polls					
USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll					
	AFA	BYU	CSU	UNLV	Utah
PS	-	rv	rv	rv	rv
9/26	-	rv	rv	rv	rv
9/2	rv	rv	20	-	rv
9/8	rv	24	rv	-	rv
9/15	rv	rv	25	-	rv
9/22	rv	rv	23	-	-
9/29	25	rv	22	-	-
10/6	19	-	rv	-	-
10/13	15	-	rv	-	-
10/20	19	-	rv	-	-
10/27	rv	-	24	-	-
11/3	-	-	20	-	-
11/10	rv	-	17	-	-
11/17	rv	-	15	-	-
11/24	rv	-	13	-	-
12/1	rv	-	21	-	-
12/8	rv	-	21	-	-

Associated Press Media Poll					
	AFA	BYU	CSU	Utah	
PS	-	rv	rv	rv	
9/26	-	rv	rv	rv	
9/2	rv	rv	19	rv	
9/8	rv	rv	24	rv	
9/15	rv	-	rv	-	
9/22	rv	-	25	-	
9/29	rv	-	25	-	
10/6	21	-	rv	-	
10/13	18	-	rv	-	
10/20	22	-	rv	-	
10/27	rv	-	24	-	
11/3	-	-	24	-	
11/10	rv	-	21	-	
11/17	rv	-	20	-	
11/24	-	-	16	-	
12/1	-	-	24	-	
12/8	-	-	23	-	

Mountain West Conference Players of the Week					
Sept. 2	Off.	Bret Engemann, Jr., BYU	Oct. 28	Off.	Casey Bramlett, Jr., Wyoming
	Def.	David Vickers, Sr., CSU		Def.	Adam Wade, Jr., CSU
	Spec.	Dwight Counter, Sr., UNM		Spec.	Kyle Conerly, So., SDSU
Sept. 9	Off.	Marty Johnson, Sr., Utah	Nov. 4	Off.	Jason Thomas, Sr., UNLV
	Def.	Charles Moss, Sr., UNM		Def.	Benny Mastropaolo, Jr., CSU
	Spec.	Bryan Borreson, Fr., Utah		Spec.	Matt Payne, So., BYU
Sept. 16	Off.	J.R. Tolver, Sr., SDSU	Nov. 11	Off.	Matt Berry, Fr., BYU
	Def.	Jason Kaufusi, Sr., Utah		Def.	Billy Strother, Jr., UNM
	Spec.	Dexter Wynn, Jr., CSU		Spec.	Joey Ashcroft, Jr., AFA
Sept. 23	Off.	Chance Harridge, Jr., AFA	Nov. 18	Off.	Brandon Warfield, Jr. Utah
	Def.	David Revill, Jr., Utah		Def.	Joel Buelow, Sr., AFA
	Spec.	Eric Thompson, Sr., AFA		Spec.	Matt Payne, So., BYU
Sept. 30	Off.	Chris Pittman, Jr., CSU	Nov. 25	Off.	Brandon Warfield, Jr. Utah
	Def.	Anthony Schlegel, So., AFA			Bradlee Van Pelt, Jr., CSU
	Spec.	Nate Allen, So., AFA		Def.	Adam Wade, Jr., CSU
Oct. 7	Off.	Curtis Brown, Fr., BYU		Spec.	None
	Def.	Tyrone Tucker, Sr., UNLV	Dec. 2	Off.	DonTrell Moore, Fr., UNM
	Spec.	Michael Greenaway, So., AFA			Larry Croom, Jr., UNLV
Oct. 14	Off.	Justin Millea, Sr., UNM		Def.	Billy Strother, Jr., UNM
	Def.	Ricky Sharpe, Sr., SDSU		Spec.	Dillion Pieffer, Jr., UNLV
	Spec.	Joey Ashcroft, Jr., AFA			
Oct. 21	Off.	J.R. Tolver, Sr., SDSU			
	Def.	Jamaal Brimmer, So., UNLV			
	Spec.	Joey Huber, Sr., CSU			



BCS POLL - 12/8

Rk	Team	Poll Avg.	Comp. Avg.	Sched. Rank	Loss Record	Sub Total	Qual. Wins	Total
1.	Miami	1	1.17	0.76	0	2.93		2.93
2.	Ohio State	2	1.67	0.8	0	4.47	-0.5	3.97
3.	Georgia	4	3.17	0.2	1	8.37		8.37
4.	USC	5	3.67	0.04	2	10.71	-0.2	10.51
5.	Iowa	3	4.83	1.96	1	10.79		10.79
6.	Washington State	7	7.00	0.84	2	16.84	-0.7	16.14
7.	Oklahoma	8	6.33	0.56	2	16.89	-0.1	16.79
8.	Kansas State	6	10.67	2.16	2	20.83	-0.7	20.13
9.	Notre Dame	11.5	6.83	0.6	2	20.93		20.93
10.	Texas	9	9.50	0.88	2	21.38	-0.3	21.08
11.	Michigan	11.5	9.33	0.08	3	23.91		23.91
12.	Penn State	10	13.33	0.64	3	26.97		26.97
13.	Colorado	14	15.17	0.4	4	33.57	-0.3	33.27
14.	Florida State	16	13.83	0.12	4	33.95		33.95
15.	West Virginia	14	17.33	1.64	3	35.97		35.97

2002 MWC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM NOTES

- DonTrell Moore is the first freshman in MWC history to be an all-conference selection (first- or second-team).
- Highest number of first-team sophomore selections (6), surpassing the previous high of three on the 2001 squad.
- Fewest number of senior first-team choices (12). Previous low was 14 on the 2000 squad.
- Highest number of sophomore first- and second-team selections (10). Previous high was nine in 2001.
- Fewest number of senior first- and second-team selections (21). Previous low was 25 in 2000.

PARITY

Of the 28 conference games played in 2002, 16 were decided by eight points or less, with three determined in overtime. To date, 50 of the 112 conference games played in the history of the Mountain West have been decided by eight points or less. In the league's first three years, the home team was 42-42 in conference games, and went 16-12 in '02.

SINGLE-SEASON RECORD BOOK

San Diego State wide out J.R. Tolver will be leaving his name on the MWC single-season record book. Tolver has set a single-season receiving record with 1,785 yards. With 128 receptions he also established a new single-season mark. His 13 touchdown receptions is also a record. SDSU quarterback Adam Hall ranks second in pass completions with 272 (277 - Kevin Feterik, BYU, 1999) and is tied for the most attempts (452) with Kevin Feterik (BYU, 1999). Aztec receiver Kassim Osgood ranks second in receiving yards with 1,552.

NCAA RECORDS

Air Force quarterback Chance Harridge added his name to the NCAA record book with his 22nd rushing touchdown of the season, breaking the mark of 20 set by Navy's Chris McCoy in 1997. The San Diego State receiving tandem of J.R. Tolver and Kassim Osgood combined for two NCAA records. The duo has 236 catches this season, surpassing the NCAA record for teammates (212). Nevada's Damond Wilkins and Geoff Noisy (1996) and Tulsa's Howard Twilley and Neal Sweeney (1965) shared the previous record. Tolver and Osgood also totalled 3,337 yards, eclipsing the record of 2,774 set by Nevada's Trevor Insley and Cleavon Brooks in 1999.

WHEN RANKED

All-time, teams from the Mountain West Conference are 8-10 when ranked in non-conference games. CSU has posted a 4-4 mark, BYU has gone 3-5 and Air Force is 1-1 in non-conference tilts when ranked.

MWC IN THE RANKINGS

Colorado State again is ranked in the Top 25. The Rams are ranked for the 11th time this season, checking into both polls at No. 21 in the coaches poll and 23rd in the AP. The Mountain West has had three of its teams ranked this season (Air Force, Colorado State and BYU), with a team appearing in 15 of the 17 poll weeks.

HOME SWEET HOME

Its been the tale of two cities for Mountain West teams in non-conference games. MWC teams went 11-6 (.647 win percentage) at home, while going 6-17 (.260 win percentage) on the road and 1-1 in neutral site games.

NON-CONFERENCE TILTS

Through four seasons, the Mountain West Conference has posted a 79-74 all-time non-conference record. In 2002, the MWC went 18-24 against teams from other leagues.

OVERTIME

There have been four overtime games this season in the Mountain West, with three of them involving New Mexico, including the first conference game to be decided in OT. The following is a listing of 2002 overtime games in the MWC:

- Sept. 7 Air Force 38, New Mexico 31
- Oct. 19 Utah State 45, New Mexico 44
- Oct. 26 New Mexico 42, Utah 35 (2-OT)
- Nov. 2 UNLV 49, Wyoming 48

MWC IN BOWL GAMES

In each of its four years, the Mountain West Conference has sent three teams into the post-season. The eight-team league has gone 9-3 in bowl games through its first three years. Its .667 win percentage ranks as the third highest among conferences since 1999. In 2000 the MWC was the only conference with teams playing in multiple bowls to go undefeated.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Mountain West member institutions combined to set a conference home attendance record in 2002, surpassing the 1.5 million mark for the first time in the league's four-year history (1,544,788). The figure does not include the 72,898 that attended the Wyoming/Tennessee game in Nashville, although the game technically counted as a Wyoming home game.

NEW FACES

Both, Utah and Wyoming filled its head coaching vacancies. The Utes hired Bowling Green coach Urban Meyer, and the Cowboys named Montana head-man Joe Glenn.



MWC SINGLE-GAME RECORD UPDATE (ALL GAMES)

INDIVIDUAL

TOTAL OFFENSE

YARDS GAINED

1. 497 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02
2. 496 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) at Idaho 9/21/02

Jr. Record: 497, Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02

PLAYS

3. 69 Casey Bramlet, Jr., (WYO) at UNLV 11/2/02
T4. 67 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02

PASSING

ATTEMPTS

T1. 60 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02
T3. 59 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) at Colorado 9/7/02

Jr. Record: 60, Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02

COMPLETIONS

T1. 39 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Colorado 9/7/02
5. 35 Bret Engeman, Jr., (BYU) vs. Syracuse 8/29/02

Jr. Record: 35, Bret Engeman, Jr., (BYU) vs. Syracuse 8/29/02

YARDS

1. 516 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02
2. 506 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) at Idaho 9/21/02

Jr. Record: 516, Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02

TOUCHDOWNS

T1. 5 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) at Idaho 9/21/02
T1. 5 Casey Bramlet, Jr., (WYO) at UNLV 11/2/02

RUSHING

YARDS GAINED

2. 265 Quincy Wright, Sr., (UNM) vs. Weber State 8/31/02
5. 229 Marty Johnson (Utah) vs. Indiana 9/7/02

Sr. Record: 265, Quincy Wright, Sr., (UNM) vs. Weber State 8/31/02
Fr. Record: 217, Curtis Brown, Fr., (BYU) at Utah State 10/4/02

LONGEST RUSH

5. 79 Bradlee Van Pelt (CSU) at Fresno State 10/4/02

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

T2. 4 Chance Harridge (AFA) vs. Navy 10/5/02

RUSH ATTEMPTS

T2. 40 Brandon Warfield (Utah) vs. BYU 11/23/02

Fr. Record: 30, Dontrell Moore (UNM) at Colorado State 11/23/02

RECEIVING

YARDS GAINED

1. 296 J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02
2. 283 J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) at Hawaii 12/7/02
3. 237 Scottie Vines, Sr., (WYO) at UNLV 11/2/02
5. 185 J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) vs. Utah 10/12/02

Sr. Record: 296, J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) vs. Arizona State 9/14/02

RECEPTIONS

1. 16 J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) vs. Utah 10/12/02
T3. 14 J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) at Idaho 9/21/02
T3. 14 Kassim Osgood, Sr., (SDSU) at Colorado 9/7/02

Sr. Record: 16, J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) vs. Utah 10/12/02

TOUCHDOWNS

T1. 3 J.R. Tolver, Sr., (SDSU) at Idaho 9/21/02

LONGEST RECEPTION

T4. 80 Anthony Park, Jr., (AFA) at Wyoming 10/26/02

SCORING

TOTAL POINTS (NON-KICKING)

T1. 30 Adam Hall, Jr., (SDSU) at Idaho 9/21/02
T4. 24 Chance Harridge (AFA) vs. Navy 10/5/02
T4. 24 Chance Harridge (AFA) vs. BYU 10/12/02

KICKING POINTS

T1. 17 Joey Ashcroft, Jr., (AFA) at Army 11/9/02
17 Jeff Babcock, So., (CSU) at Virginia 8/22/02
4. 16 Bryan Borreson, Fr., (Utah) vs. Indiana 9/7/02

SCORING

FIELD GOALS MADE

T1. 5 Jeff Babcock, So., (CSU) at Virginia 8/22/02
T3. 4 Bryan Borreson, Fr., (Utah) vs. Indiana 9/7/02

So. Record: 5, Jeff Babcock, So., (CSU) at Virginia 8/22/02
5, Jarvis Wallum (WYO) at Utah State 9/22/01
Fr. Record: 4, Bryan Borreson, Fr., (Utah) vs. Indiana 9/7/02

PUNTING

NUMBER OF PUNTS

T1. 11 Brian Lewis, Sr., (Utah) at Michigan 9/21/02
T3. 10 Brian Lewis, Sr., (Utah) at Arizona 9/14/02

PUNT YARDS

2. 465 Brian Lewis, Sr., (Utah) at Michigan 9/21/02
5. 427 Brian Lewis, Sr., (Utah) at Arizona 9/14/02

Sr. Record: 427, Brian Lewis, Sr., (Utah) at Arizona 9/14/02

LONGEST PUNT

2. 76 Matt Payne, Sr., (BYU) vs. San Diego State 11/2/02
T5. 72 Matt Payne, Sr., (BYU) at Nevada 9/14/02
T5. 72 Joey Huber, Sr., (CSU) at Utah 10/19/02

LONGEST RETURN

2. 87 Kyle Conerly, So., (SDSU) vs. UNLV 10/26/02

KICKOFF RETURNS

NUMBER OF RETURNS

T1. 7 Curtis Brown, Fr., (BYU) at Colorado State 10/24/02

DEFENSE

SACKS

T4. 3 Daniel Kegger, Jr., (UNM) vs. Weber State 8/31/02
3 Brady Poppinga, So., (BYU) vs. San Diego State 11/2/02

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

1. 100 Jacque Finn, Jr., (WYO) at BYU 11/9/02
3. 80 Jon Burbidge, So., (BYU) vs. New Mexico 11/16/02

TEAM

TOTAL OFFENSE

PLAYS

2. 100 BYU at Utah State 10/4/02

YARDS

3. 644 UNLV vs. Wyoming 11/2/02

RUSHING

YARDS GAINED

T3. 476 Air Force vs. Northwestern 8/31/02

ATTEMPTS

1. 79 Air Force vs. BYU 10/12/02
T3. 74 Air Force vs. Northwestern 8/31/02

FIRST DOWNS - RUSHING

T1. 30 Air Force vs. Northwestern 8/31/02

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

T1. 7 Air Force vs. BYU 10/12/02

PASSING

COMPLETIONS

T2. 39 San Diego State at Colorado 9/7/02
4. 36 BYU vs. Syracuse 8/29/02

ATTEMPTS

T2. 60 San Diego State vs. Arizona State 9/14/02
T4. 59 San Diego State at Colorado 9/7/02

YARDS

1. 516 San Diego State vs. Arizona State 9/14/02
3. 506 San Diego State at Idaho 9/21/02



**2002 MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE**  
*(National and regional broadcasts as of December 10, 2002)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>	<u>TV</u>	<u>Nat./Reg.</u>
Thurs., August 22	Colorado State at Virginia	CSU 35-29	FSN	Regional
Sat., August 24	New Mexico at North Carolina State	NCST 14-34	FSN	Regional
Thurs., August 29	Syracuse at BYU	BYU 42-21	ESPN	National
Thurs., August 29	San Diego State at Fresno State	FSU 16-14	ESPN2%	National
Sat., August 31	Northwestern at Air Force	AFA 52-3	ABC	Split National
Sat., August 31	Colorado vs. Colorado State (Denver)	CSU 19-14	ESPN2	National
Sat., August 31	Tennessee vs. Wyoming (Nashville)	TENN 47-7	ESPN2	National
Sat., August 31	Wisconsin at UNLV	WISC 27-7	ESPN2	National
Fri., September 6	Hawaii at BYU	BYU 35-32	ESPN	National
Sat., September 7	San Diego State at Colorado	CU 34-14	FSN%	National
Sat., September 7	Colorado State at UCLA	UCLA 30-19	FSN%	National
Sat., September 14	UNLV at Oregon State	OSU 47-17	TBS%	National
Sat., September 14	Louisville at Colorado State	CSU 36-33	ESPN2	National
Sat., September 21	Utah at Michigan	MICH 10-7	ESPN%	National
Sat., September 21	BYU at Georgia Tech	GT 28-19	ABC%	Regional
Sat., September 21	Wyoming at Washington	WASH 38-7	FSN%	National
Fri., September 27	Texas Tech at New Mexico	TTECH 49-0	ESPN2	National
Sat., September 28	UCLA at San Diego State	UCLA 43-7	ESPN2	National
Sat., September 28	Air Force at Utah	AFA 30-26	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Fri., October 4	Colorado State at Fresno State	FSU 32-30	ESPN%	National
Sat., October 12	Wyoming at Colorado State	CSU 44-36	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Sat., October 12	BYU at Air Force	AFA 52-9	ESPN2	National
Sat., October 19	Colorado State at Utah	CSU 28-20	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Sat., October 19	Notre Dame at Air Force	ND 21-14	ESPN	National
Thurs., October 24	BYU at Colorado State	CSU 37-10	ESPN2	National
Sat., October 26	Utah at New Mexico	UNM 42-35 2ot	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Thurs., October 31	Colorado State at Air Force	CSU 31-12	ESPN	National
Sat., November 2	San Diego State at BYU	BYU 34-10	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Sat., November 9	Air Force at Army	AFA 49-30	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Sat., November 16	Air Force at UNLV	AFA 49-32	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Sat., November 23	San Diego State at Air Force	SDSU 38-34	ESPN2	National
Sat., November 23	BYU at Utah	Utah 13-6	ESPN+Plus	Regional
Sat., December 7	San Diego State at Hawaii	UH 41-40	FSN%	Regional
Wed., December 25	Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl	1:30 p.m. PT	ESPN	National
Tues., December 31	AXA Liberty Bowl	2:30 p.m. CT	ESPN	National
Tues., December 31	Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl	7:30 p.m. PT	ESPN2	National

% - Appearance as part of opponent conference TV package.

The above listing does not include local TV packages.

**2002 MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL ON ESPN+PLUS**

<b>Market</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>	<b>Market</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
Albuquerque, N.M.	KRQE-TV	Las Vegas, Nev.	KFBT-TV
Atlanta, Ga.	College Sports Net.	Memphis, Tenn.	Time Warner
Boise, Idaho	KNIN-TV	New York, N.Y.	MSG
Boston, Ma	New England Sports Net.	Phoenix, Ariz.	KAZT-TV
Casper, Wyo.	KWYF-TV	Pocatello, Idaho	KFXP-TV
Cheyenne, Wyo.	KLWY-TV	Salt Lake City, Utah	KJZZ-TV
Colorado Springs, Colo.	KXRM/KXTU-TV	San Diego, Calif.	Channel 4 San Diego
Denver, Colo.	KTVD-TV	Twin Falls, Idaho	KXTF-TV
Grand Junction, Colo.	KGJT-TV	Wichita, Kansas	KWCV-TV
Kansas City, Mo.	Metro Sports		



# 2002 Mountain West Conference Schedule/Results

AIR FORCE FALCONS (8-4, 4-3)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/31	W, 52-3	Northwestern (ABC)	45,114
9/7	W, 38-3	at New Mexico* (SportsWest)	36,620
9/21	W, 23-21	at California	31,816
9/28	W, 30-26	at Utah* (ESPN+Plus)	35,659
10/5	W, 48-7	Navy	48,550
10/12	W, 52-9	BYU* (ESPN2)	42,214
10/19	L, 14-21	Notre Dame (ESPN)	56,409
10/26	L, 26-34	at Wyoming*	15,022
10/31	L, 12-31	Colorado State* (ESPN)	39,063
11/9	W, 49-30	at Army (ESPN+Plus)	39,288
11/16	W, 49-32	at UNLV* (ESPN+Plus)	25,417
11/23	L, 34-38	San Diego State* (ESPN2)	31,023

SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS (4-9, 4-3)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/29	L, 14-16	at Fresno State (ESPN2)	39,111
9/7	L, 14-34	at Colorado (FSN)	44,126
9/14	L, 28-39	Arizona State (KAZ-Arizona)	29,041
9/21	L, 38-48	at Idaho	14,887
9/28	L, 7-43	UCLA (ESPN2)	33,610
10/12	W, 36-17	Utah*	20,410
10/19	W, 24-20	at Wyoming*	13,757
10/26	W, 31-21	UNLV*	21,541
11/2	L, 10-34	at BYU* (ESPN+Plus)	59,362
11/9	L, 8-15	at New Mexico* (SportsWest)	28,770
11/16	L, 21-49	Colorado State* (SportsWest)	21,714
11/23	W, 38-34	at Air Force* (ESPN2)	31,023
12/7	L, 40-41	at Hawaii (FSN-West 2)	36,671

BYU COUGARS (5-7, 2-5)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/29	W, 42-21	Syracuse (ESPN)	65,612
9/6	W, 35-32	Hawaii (ESPN)	63,085
9/14	L, 28-31	at Nevada (SportsWest)	23,109
9/21	L, 19-28	at Georgia Tech (ABC)	43,719
10/4	W, 35-34	at Utah State (SportsWest)	30,341
10/12	L, 9-52	at Air Force* (ESPN2)	42,214
10/19	L, 3-24	UNLV* (SportsWest)	62,543
10/24	L, 10-37	at Colorado State* (ESPN2)	29,457
11/2	W, 34-10	San Diego State* (ESPN+Plus)	59,362
11/9	W, 35-31	Wyoming* (SportsWest)	61,659
11/16	L, 16-20	New Mexico* (SportsWest)	60,764
11/23	L, 6-13	at Utah* (ESPN+Plus)	45,167

UNLV REBELS (5-7, 3-4)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/31	L, 7-27	Wisconsin (ESPN2)	42,075
9/7	W, 31-20	Kansas	25,109
9/14	L, 17-47	at Oregon State (TBS)	36,121
9/21	L, 21-38	at Toledo (ESPN+Plus UNLV)	26,050
10/5	W, 21-17	Nevada (KRN-B-Reno)	28,341
10/12	L, 16-25	New Mexico*	21,205
10/19	W, 24-3	at BYU* (SportsWest)	62,543
10/26	L, 21-31	at San Diego State*	21,541
11/2	W, 49-48	at Wyoming* (SportsWest)	23,346
11/9	L, 17-28	at Utah* (KJZZ - Salt Lake City)	28,528
11/16	L, 32-49	Air Force* (ESPN+Plus)	25,417
11/30	W, 36-33	at Colorado State* (SportsWest)	28,877

COLORADO STATE RAMS (10-3, 6-1)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/22	W, 35-29	at Virginia (FSN)	57,120
8/31	W, 19-14	vs. Colorado (ESPN2)	75,531
9/7	L, 19-30	at UCLA (FSN)	58,078
9/14	W, 36-33	Louisville (ESPN2)	31,607
9/28	W, 32-28	at Nevada	19,292
10/4	L, 30-32	at Fresno State (ESPN)	38,336
10/12	W, 44-36	Wyoming* (ESPN+Plus)	32,151
10/19	W, 28-20	at Utah* (ESPN+Plus)	34,374
10/24	W, 37-10	BYU* (ESPN2)	29,457
10/31	W, 31-12	at Air Force* (ESPN)	39,063
11/16	W, 49-21	at San Diego State* (SportsWest)	21,714
11/23	W, 22-14	New Mexico* (SportsWest)	30,215
11/30	L, 33-36	UNLV* (SportsWest)	28,877

UTAH UTES (5-6, 3-4)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/31	W, 23-3	at Utah State (KJZZ)	30,757
9/7	W, 40-13	Indiana (KJZZ)	33,419
9/14	L, 17-23	at Arizona (KJZZ)	44,243
9/21	L, 7-10	at Michigan (ESPN)	109,734
9/28	L, 36-30	Air Force* (ESPN+Plus)	35,659
10/12	L, 17-36	at San Diego State* (KJZZ)	20,410
10/19	L, 20-28	Colorado State* (ESPN+Plus)	34,374
10/26	L, 35-42	at New Mexico* (ESPN+Plus)	27,300
11/9	W, 28-17	UNLV* (KJZZ)	28,528
11/16	W, 23-18	at Wyoming* (KJZZ)	10,611
11/23	W, 13-6	BYU* (ESPN+Plus)	45,167

NEW MEXICO LOBOS (7-6, 5-2)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/24	L, 14-34	at N.C. State (FSN)	47,018
8/31	W, 38-24	Weber State	35,765
9/7	L, 31-38	at Air Force* (SportsWest)	36,620
9/14	W, 23-0	Baylor	30,013
9/21	L, 13-24	at New Mexico State (KRQE-Albq.)	28,587
9/27	L, 0-49	Texas Tech (ESPN2)	35,111
10/12	W, 25-16	at UNLV*	21,205
10/19	L, 44-45	at Utah State (KRQE-Albq.-tape delay)	15,942
10/26	W, 42-35	at Utah* (ESPN+Plus)	27,541
11/9	W, 15-8	San Diego State* (SportsWest)	28,770
11/16	W, 20-16	at BYU* (SportsWest)	60,764
11/23	L, 14-22	at Colorado State* (SportsWest)	30,215
11/30	W, 49-20	Wyoming* (SportsWest)	26,115

WYOMING COWBOYS (2-10, 1-6)			
Date	Score	Opponent	Attn/Time
8/31	L, 7-47	vs. Tennessee (ESPN2)	67,221
9/7	L, 20-32	at Central Michigan	18,251
9/14	L, 13-35	Boise State (KBCI-Boise)	16,256
9/21	L, 7-38	at Washington (FSN)	72,898
10/5	W, 34-30	The Citadel	12,787
10/12	L, 36-44	at Colorado State* (ESPN+Plus)	32,151
10/19	L, 20-24	San Diego State*	13,757
10/26	W, 34-26	Air Force*	15,022
11/2	L, 48-49	at UNLV* (SportsWest)	23,346
11/9	L, 31-35	at BYU* (SportsWest)	61,659
11/16	L, 18-23	Utah* (KJZZ - Salt Lake City)	10,611
11/30	L, 20-49	at New Mexico* (SportsWest)	26,115