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## 2000 Mountain West Conference Football Standings

Team	Conference			Points				Overall			Points				Streak	
	W	L	For	Opp	Hm	Rd	Pct	W	L	For	Opp	Hm	Rd	Nu		Pct
Air Force	1	0	31	23	1-0	0-0	1.000	2	0	86	29	2-0	0-0	0-0	1.000	Won 2
Colorado State	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	.000	2	1	79	44	1-0	0-1	1-0	.667	Lost 1
UNLV	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	.000	1	1	60	37	1-0	0-1	0-0	.500	Won 1
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	.000	1	2	55	96	1-0	0-2	0-0	.333	Won 1
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	.000	1	3	53	96	0-2	1-1	0-0	.250	Won 1
Utah	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	.000	0	3	45	79	0-2	0-1	0-0	.000	Lost 3
San Diego State	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	.000	0	3	23	76	0-2	0-1	0-0	.000	Lost 3
BYU	0	1	23	31	0-0	0-1	.000	1	3	92	139	0-1	1-1	0-1	.250	Lost 2

### This Week's Schedule:

#### ESPN/AP Game (record)

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

	<u>Game (record)</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time/TV</u>	<u>Series/Last Meeting</u>
-	AIR FORCE (2-0)	Rice Eccles Stadium (45,634)	5 p.m. (MT)	Air Force leads 10-6
-	UTAH (0-3)	Salt Lake City, Utah	ABC	1999, Utah 21-15
-	UNLV (1-1)	Cougar Stadium (65,000)	1 p.m. (MT)	BYU leads 6-1
-	BYU (1-3)	Provo, Utah	(ESPN+Plus)	1999, BYU 29-0
-	Northern Arizona (2-0)	University Stadium (31,218)	6 p.m. (MT)	New Mexico leads 23-3
-	NEW MEXICO (1-3)	Albuquerque, N.M.		1999, New Mexico 45-14
-	SAN DIEGO STATE (0-3)	Reser Stadium (35,362)	3:30 p.m. (PT)	San Diego State leads 2-0
-	Oregon State (2-0)	Corvallis, Ore.	(Fox Sports NW Tape Delay)	1975, San Diego State 25-0
-	Nevada (0-2)	War Memorial Stadium (33,500)	2 p.m. (MT)	Wyoming leads 2-1
-	Wyoming (1-2)	Laramie, Wyo.		1997, Wyoming 34-30

### Last Week's Results:

**Thursday, Sept. 14**

Mississippi 44, BYU 28 (at Provo, Utah - 60,278 attendance)

**Saturday, Sept. 16**

WYOMING 31, Central Michigan 10 (at Laramie, Wyo. - 19,050 attendance)

Washington State 38, UTAH 21 (at Salt Lake City, Utah - 38,814 attendance)

Arizona State 13, COLORADO STATE 10 (at Tempe, Ariz. - 51,911 attendance)

NEW MEXICO 16, New Mexico State 13 (at Las Cruces, N.M. - 23,087 attendance)

UNLV 38, North Texas 0 (at Las Vegas, Nev. - 16,544 attendance)

Arizona 17, San Diego State 3 (at Tucson, Ariz. - 44,973 attendance)



### MEDIA SERVICES

#### Mountain West Conference Information

Information on the Mountain West Conference and its eight member institutions is available in several ways. For those with internet access, the official MWC website ([www.mountainwestconf.com](http://www.mountainwestconf.com)) is the best source. The site is maintained by John Romo of the MWC communications staff and hosted through FANSonly. Each football box score will be made available on the website immediately following each game. Updated conference statistics and standings, along with conference leaders will also be available on a daily basis. The MWC website also provides links to each school's official website, and sport specialty sites that post national polls, etc. In addition, the MWC Newsstand provides links to stories from newspapers around the MWC and nation.

#### Media Teamlink

Mountain West Conference football releases, statistics and other sports information documents are available by logging onto [www.mediateamlink.com](http://www.mediateamlink.com). You can have documents delivered directly to your email and/or fax the moment they are updated.

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#### Teleconference

This call is open to media only. The teleconference will be held every Tuesday beginning Tuesday, August 29 and concluding Tuesday, Dec. 5. The audio clips from each head coach and Commissioner Thompson will be made available each Tuesday by 3 p.m. on the official MWC website - [www.mountainwestconf.com](http://www.mountainwestconf.com). A replay of the MWC Football Teleconference will also be available by phone at (402) 220-1394.

Media Call-in Number: (719) 457-2657

#### Mountain/Pacific

#### Call Schedule

10:30 a.m./9:30 a.m.	Moderator, MWC
10:32 a.m./9:32 a.m.	Ron McBride, Utah
10:42 a.m./9:42 a.m.	LaVell Edwards, BYU
10:52 a.m./9:52 a.m.	Rocky Long, New Mexico
11:02 a.m./10:02 a.m.	Sonny Lubick, Colorado State
11:12 a.m./10:12 a.m.	Fisher DeBerry, Air Force
11:22 a.m./10:22 a.m.	Vic Koenning, Wyoming
11:32 a.m./10:32 a.m.	John Robinson, UNLV
11:42 a.m./10:42 a.m.	Ted Tollner, San Diego State
11:52 a.m./10:52 a.m.	Craig Thompson, MWC Commissioner

### COACHES TELECONFERENCE

Mountain West Conference head coaches will be available on a media teleconference each Tuesday throughout the season. Each coach will be available for 10 minutes, with the call scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. (MT). You can find the teleconference schedule on the left hand side of the page.

### WEEKLY HONORS

Nate Scott (Wyoming), Rick Crowell (Colorado State) and Holmon Wiggins (New Mexico) were named Mountain West Conference Players of the Week for their performances on the football field last weekend. Wiggins is named Player of the Week for the second time this season, while Scott and Crowell are recognized for the first time in their careers.

#### **Nate Scott, Wyoming, RB, Junior (MWC Offensive Player of the Week)**

The fleet footed running of Nate Scott led Wyoming to a 31-10 victory over Central Michigan. The Weed, Calif., native's two touchdown runs included a Mountain West Conference and Wyoming school record 95-yard gallop. In compiling the highest rushing output by a Cowboy in six years, Scott averaged 9.6 yards per carry and accounted for 192 of Wyoming's 311 rushing yards.

#### **Rick Crowell, Colorado State, LB, Senior (MWC Defensive Player of the Week)**

Crowell turned in a career performance with a 19-tackle, 16 solo stop, effort in Colorado State's 13-10 defeat at Arizona State. Crowell made his presence felt behind the line of scrimmage with a sack and tackle for loss, for minus 26 yards. In two starts this season the Chula Vista, Calif., native has tallied 30 tackles.

#### **Holmon Wiggins, New Mexico, PR, Junior (MWC Special Teams Player of the Week)**

Wiggins earns Player of the Week accolades for the second time this season, having been named Offensive Player of the Week following the season-opener. Wiggins set-up the Lobos game-winning touchdown in a 16-13 triumph over New Mexico State with a 77-yard, fourth-quarter punt return to the Aggie 1-yardline. The return was the second longest in Mountain West Conference history and ranks fourth on the UNM all-time list.

### LAST WEEK

Three Mountain West Conference teams captured their first wins of the 2000 season this past Saturday. UNLV used a 31-point second quarter, the most points in a single quarter in Rebel football history, to secure a 38-0 shutout of North Texas in its 2000 home opener. Sophomore QB Jason Thomas scored three touchdowns (two passing and one rushing) for the second straight game. Wyoming used a strong rushing performance from junior RB Nate Scott to defeat Central Michigan, 31-10, in its 2000 home opener. Scott rushed for 192 yards and two touchdowns on 20 attempts, including a 95-yard score which is a new Mtn. West single game record for longest rushing play from scrimmage. New Mexico also captured its first win of the season with a 16-13 win at in-state rival New Mexico State. Junior tailback Holmon Wiggins had a 77-yard punt return late in the fourth quarter that help set up a Jared Baxter 1-yard TD plunge for the win. Colorado State suffered its first setback of the year at Arizona State, 13-10. The Sun Devils sealed the upset with a 41-yard field goal with four seconds remaining in the game for the victory. Utah lost its third straight game to a Pac-10 opponent, 38-21, at home to Washington State. Junior WR Cliff Russell recorded his second 100-yard-plus receiving game of the year (131 yards). Last Thursday, BYU fell to Mississippi State, 44-28, in Provo. Senior WR Jonathan Pittman recorded his third two touchdown receiving game of his career with 39 and 19-yard scores.

### CONFERENCE PLAY HEATS UP WITH TWO TELEVISION GAMES

Two conference games are on the slate this week as Air Force plays at Utah on ABC this Saturday at 5 p.m. (MT). The Falcons are currently 1-0 in league play, while this will be the Utes conference opener. ESPN-Plus begins its conference coverage when BYU hosts UNLV at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Cougars are 0-1 in Mtn. West play, while the Rebels enter their first league game of the season.



**AIR FORCE FALCONS**  
2-0, 1-0 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 23 at Utah

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ Air Force has started each of the last six seasons 2-0. The last time the Falcons failed to begin a season 2-0 was in 1994, when they opened the year 0-3.
- ★ The Falcons will try for their third 3-0 start to a season in the past four seasons this Saturday at Utah.
- ★ Air Force passed for 203 yards and rushed for 186 in the 31-23 victory over BYU. The last time the Falcons passed for more yards than they rushed for in a game was 1989 vs. Notre Dame (pass 306, rush 168).
- ★ QB Mike Thiessen's four TD passes vs. BYU tied a school record (Paul Stein vs. Arizona in 1965 and Rich Haynie vs. Arizona State in 1972).
- ★ Air Force has scored in nine consecutive quarters dating back to the 1999 season finale at New Mexico.
- ★ The Falcons had two receivers with multiple TDs vs. BYU, a first in the option era which started in 1980. WR Ryan Fleming had a career-high 145 yards and two TDs on five receptions.

**Key Stat:** Air Force has forced six turnovers in its first two games.



**BYU COUGARS**  
1-3, 0-1 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. UNLV

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ The Cougars are 1-3 for the first time since 1992. They will try to avoid an 0-2 conference start this week vs. UNLV. The last time BYU started a conference season 0-2 was in 1975.
- ★ BYU extended its NCAA-record streak to 316 games without being shutout. The current streak dates back to Sept. 27, 1975.
- ★ QB Bret Engemann threw for over 200 yards for the second consecutive game.
- ★ Senior WR Margin Hooks currently ranks fifth in the nation with a streak of 28 straight games with a reception.
- ★ WR Jonathan Pittman scored his third two-touchdown receiving game of his career vs. Mississippi State.
- ★ Three of Mississippi State's touchdowns last week were scored by the defense.

**Key Stat:** BYU has turned the ball over 14 times, while forcing just three turnovers.



**COLORADO STATE RAMS**  
2-1, 0-0 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 30 at Nevada

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ In the 13-10 loss to Arizona State, Colorado State scored just 10 points in a game for the first time since Oct. 16, 1999 vs. SDSU. The Rams also lost that contest 17-10. CSU has lost five games in a row and 13 of the last 15 contests when it scores less than 14 points in a game. Its two wins came vs. Wyoming (14-7) in 1997 and Air Force (8-5) in 1993.
- ★ Colorado State gave up six sacks in the game vs. the Sun Devils. The Ram offense gave up a total of nine sacks all last season.
- ★ CSU had 10-penalties for 88 yards vs. ASU, more than doubling its penalty total for the first two games. The last time the Rams committed 10 or more infractions in a game was on Oct. 9, 1999 at Fresno State.
- ★ Senior QB Matt Newton recorded his second 200-yard passing game of the season vs. Arizona State with 225 yards.
- ★ Senior WR Frank Rice tallied his second 100-yard-plus receiving game of the year with 113 yards on three receptions vs. ASU.
- ★ Colorado State had its seven-game regular-season win streak snapped at ASU.
- ★ The 10 points put on the board by the Rams at Arizona State was the lowest total vs. a non-conference opponent since a 65-9 loss at Nebraska in 1996.

**Key Stat:** Colorado State advanced past the Arizona State 40 yard line just twice in the game, with both drives resulting in scores.



**NEW MEXICO LOBOS**  
1-3, 0-0 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. Northern Arizona

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ The Lobos are 1-3 and got in the victory column for the first time last Saturday with a dramatic 16-13 victory at New Mexico State. The triumph ended a three-game losing streak in all games, a three-game road losing streak and a six-game skid in non-conference road games dating to the 1997 season at Utah State.
- ★ New Mexico scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to defeat New Mexico State, 16-13, last Saturday. It was their largest fourth quarter output since a 14 point performance vs. Northern Arizona last season.
- ★ The Lobos have scored in every quarter this season, except the third. Their opponents haven't had much luck in the third quarter either, as only Texas Tech was able to put 10 points on the scoreboard.
- ★ Tailback Holmon Wiggins 77-yard punt return vs. NMSU ranks as the fourth longest in school history.
- ★ New Mexico got just two turnovers in its first two contests, but had three against New Mexico State after recovering two fumbles and intercepting a pass.
- ★ New Mexico has won just 3-of-12 road games since 1998.

**Key Stat:** After failing on 13 third-down tries against Oregon State, the Lobos converted 7 of 17 against the Aggies.



**SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS**  
0-3, 0-0 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 23 at Oregon State

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ SDSU has yet to score a point in the fourth quarter this season and has been outscored 24-0 by its opponents in the final quarter.
- ★ The Aztec defense has been stout coming out of the half in each of their three games this season, allowing just three points.
- ★ San Diego State has begun a season 0-3 for the second time in the past three seasons. In 1998, San Diego State opened the season with three consecutive losses (Wisconsin 14-26, at USC 6-35 and Arizona 16-35), but won seven of its final eight regular-season games and advanced to the Las Vegas Bowl. That Aztec team finished 7-5 overall and 7-1 in the Western Athletic Conference.
- ★ The Aztecs have been hit hard by the injury bug this season. They have lost five starters for the year (OL Chris Williams and Zach LaMonda, TE Gray McNeill, DE Akbar Gbaja-Biamila and QB Jack Hawley).
- ★ SDSU is 11-46-3 all-time vs. Pac-10 members and has lost seven in a row dating back to a 33-9 win over California in 1995.
- ★ The Aztecs have scored just 23 points in three contests this season. That is the lowest three-game scoring total for SDSU since 1980 when it managed just 21 point in losses to Hawai'i, Oklahoma State and Wyoming.

**Key Stat:** SDSU has scored just two touchdowns in three games.



**UNLV REBELS**  
1-1, 0-0 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 23 at BYU

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ The Rebels ended their six-game losing streak with their 38-0 win over North Texas last week. UNLV also ended its 12-game home losing streak.
- ★ The 38-0 shutout by UNLV over North Texas was the first for the Rebels in 17 years (13-0 over Cal State Fullerton) and first at home since 1978 (27-0 over UTEP).
- ★ QB Jason Thomas notched his second three touchdown game of the season vs. the Eagles. He has thrown for two TDs and rushed for another in both contests.
- ★ Jason Thomas currently ranks 17th in the nation in passing efficiency, 21st in total offense (250 yards per game), and is tied for ninth with Drew Brees of Purdue in points responsible for with 18.0 per game.
- ★ UNLV senior Nate Turner is fourth in the country in receiving yards with 114.5 per game
- ★ Senior kicker Ray Cheetnay nailed a 48-yard field goal against North Texas. It was the longest field goal for UNLV since Nick Garritano's 54-yarder vs. Nevada on Nov. 19, 1994.

**Key Stat:** UNLV's defense had three different players record at least three QB sacks vs. North Texas Texas. The defense also tallied eight tackles for loss, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and three pass break-ups.



**UTAH UTES**  
0-3, 0-0 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. Air Force

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ Utah has opened a season 0-3 for the first time since 1986 when they started 0-7. The Utes have also lost the first two home games of a season for the first time since 1995 when they opened the year with losses to Oregon and Stanford.
- ★ The longest losing streak for the Utes under coach Ron McBride is four games set in 1990.
- ★ The Utes have yet to score in the first quarter this season.
- ★ The Utah defense had been solid on third down this season, allowing its opponents to convert 12 percent (3-of-25) of its attempts before the Washington State game. The Cougars converted 8-of-16 third down conversions last Saturday.
- ★ Utah's WR/KR Steve Smith has had two kick returns for touchdowns called back this season.

**Key Stat:** Utah has made just one of eight FG attempts in 2000.



**WYOMING COWBOYS**  
1-2, 0-0 MWC  
Next Game: Sept. 23 vs. Nevada

**What You Should Know:**

- ★ The Cowboy defense limited Central Michigan to 43 yards rushing. The last time a Cowboy defense had that kind of effort came last season vs. BYU when they held the Cougars to 29 yards rushing, Nov. 13, 1999.
- ★ Wyoming rushed for 321 yards vs. Central Michigan. It was the Cowboys' first 300-yard rushing game since 1995 when they rushed for 307 vs. Fresno State.
- ★ Nate Scott's 192 yards rushing was Wyoming's best by an individual since 1994. His 95-yard touchdown run was a school record that had stood since 1984.
- ★ Aaron Elling kicked three field goals and is now 4-for-4 this season. He leads the team in scoring with 17 points.
- ★ Wyoming scored 18 points in the fourth quarter. The last time the Cowboys scored that many was last Nov. 6, when they scored 23 in the fourth at Utah.
- ★ Senior punter Tom Waring ranks fourth in the nation with a 45.8 yard per punt average. In the win over Central Michigan, Waring punted eight times for an average of 48.3, including a long of 68 yards. He also placed two punts inside the 10-yard line.

**Key Stat:** Wyoming has now won 11 straight non-conference games at home dating back to the opening game of the 1993 season when it lost to Oregon State.



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**CURRENT MWC HEAD  
COACHING RECORDS**

**Air Force - Fisher DeBerry**  
 Overall: .....128-69-1 (17th season)  
 School: .....128-69-1 (17th season)

**BYU - LaVell Edwards**  
 Overall: .....252-98-3 (29th season)  
 School: .....252-98-3 (29th season)

**Colorado State - Sonny Lubick**  
 Overall: .....80-47 (12th season)  
 School: .....59-28 (8th season)

**New Mexico - Rocky Long**  
 Overall: .....8-19 (3rd season)  
 School: .....8-19 (3rd season)

**San Diego State - Ted Tollner**  
 Overall: .....63-55-1 (11th season)  
 School: .....37-35 (7th season)

**UNLV - John Robinson**  
 Overall: .....108-44-4 (14th season)  
 School: .....4-9 (2nd season)

**Utah - Ron McBride**  
 Overall: .....71-49 (11th season)  
 School: .....71-49 (11th season)

**Wyoming - Vic Koenning**  
 Overall: .....1-2 (1st season)  
 School: .....1-2 (1st season)

**MTN. WEST LEADER BOARD  
(THROUGH SEPT. 17)**

**200-Yard Passing Games**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>High</u>	
Bret Engemann, So., BYU	2	416	(Virginia)
Matt Newton, Sr., Colorado State	2	327	(Colorado)
Charlie Peterson, Jr., BYU	1	268	(Miss. State)
Darnell Arceneaux, Sr., Utah	1	219	(Wash. State)
Jack Hawley, Sr., San Diego State	1	219	(Arizona State)
Mike Thiessen, Sr., Air Force	1	203	(BYU)

**300-Yard Passing Games**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>High</u>	
Bret Engemann, So., BYU	1	416	(Virginia)
Matt Newton, Sr., Colorado State	1	327	(Colorado)

**100-Yard Rushing Games**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>High</u>	
Nate Scott, Jr., RB, Wyoming	1	192	(Central Mich.)
Cecil Sapp, So., RB, Colorado State	1	119	(E. Tenn. St.)
Jason Thomas, So., QB, UNLV	1	107	(Iowa State)
Kevin Brown, Sr., RB, UNLV	1	103	(N. Texas)
Mike Thiessen, Sr., QB, Air Force	1	101	(CS-Northridge)

**100-Yard Receiving Games**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>High</u>	
Jonathan Pittman, Sr., BYU	1	161	(Virginia)
Ryan Fleming, Jr., Air Force	1	145	(BYU)
Cliff Russell, Jr., Utah	2	141	(Arizona)
Nate Turner, Sr., UNLV	1	140	(Iowa State)
Frank Rice, Sr., Colorado State	2	113	(Colorado)

**Multiple Touchdown Games - Rushing**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>High</u>	
Brian McDonald, Jr., BYU	1	3	3	(Virginia)
Jeremi Rudolph, Sr., UNLV	1	2	2	(N. Texas)
Cecil Sapp, So., Colorado State	1	2	2	(E. Tenn. St.)
Nate Scott, Jr., Wyoming	1	2	2	(Central Mich.)

**Multiple Touchdown Games - Passing**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>High</u>	
Matt Newton, Sr., Colorado State	1	4	4	(Colorado)
Mike Thiessen, Sr., Air Force	1	4	4	(BYU)
Darnell Arceneaux, Sr., Utah	1	2	2	(Wash. State)
Rudy Caamano, So., New Mexico	1	2	2	(Oregon State)
Bret Engemann, So., BYU	1	2	2	(Virginia)
Charlie Peterson, Jr., BYU	1	2	2	(Miss. State)
Jay Stoner, Sr., Wyoming	1	2	2	(Auburn)
Jason Thomas, So., UNLV	2	2	2	(Iowa State/N. Texas)

**Multiple Touchdown Games - Receiving**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Highs</u>	
Ryan McGuffey, Fr., WR, Wyoming	1	2	2	(Auburn)
Frank Rice, Sr., WR, Colorado State	1	2	2	(Colorado)
Ryan Fleming, Jr., WR, Air Force	1	2	2	(BYU)
Qualario Brown, Sr., RB, Air Force	1	2	2	(BYU)
Nate Turner, Sr., WR, UNLV	1	2	2	(Iowa State)
Jonathan Pittman, Sr., WR, BYU	1	2	2	(Miss. State)
Cliff Russell, Jr., WR, Utah	1	2	2	(Wash. State)



2000 NATIONAL POLLS

Associated Press Top 25

(Sept. 17)

Table with 5 columns: Rk, School, Rec, Pts, Pvs. Lists top 25 schools including Nebraska, Florida St, Florida, Kansas St, Virginia Tech, UCLA, Wisconsin, Washington, USC, Michigan, Clemson, Miami Fla, Tennessee, Ohio St, Texas, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, TCU, Illinois, Auburn, Purdue, So Mississippi, Michigan St, Georgia, and Mississippi St.

MWC teams receiving votes: Air Force - 11 (35th), CSU - 5 (39th)

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

(Sept. 17)

Table with 5 columns: Rk, School, Rec, Pts, Pvs. Lists top 25 schools including Nebraska, Florida St, Florida, Virginia Tech, Kansas St, Wisconsin, Washington, UCLA, USC, Michigan, Clemson, Ohio St, Tennessee, Miami Fla, Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Notre Dame, TCU, Michigan St, Purdue, Auburn, So Mississippi, Georgia, and Mississippi St.

MWC teams receiving votes: Colorado State - 33 (28th), Air Force - 15 (35th)

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

The Mountain West Conference has forged a partnership with Nevada Sports Network, Las Vegas, for a weekly radio show, dubbed "This Week in the Mountain West." The show is being produced through a joint effort by the Nevada Sports Network, formerly Elmore Sports Network, Las Vegas, and the Talk America Radio Network, also of Las Vegas. The Talk America Radio Network spans more than 400 affiliates nationwide.

Program content will showcase football and basketball, highlighting the latest news from around the conference. The weekly show will also feature interviews with coaches, student-athletes and special guests, and provide updates on each of the 19 sports and 18 championships sponsored by the Mountain West Conference.

"This Week in the Mountain West" will join the Big Ten, SEC and Big 12 conferences as weekly national radio shows dedicated to highlighting the latest news throughout their respective conferences. The 30-minute show will discuss the past week in football and basketball throughout the season, and feature in-depth analysis of upcoming games in the conference.

"This Week in the Mountain West" will be picked up by radio stations across the country, including Armed Forces Radio and Cable Radio Network. The broadcast will be fed on CD-Rom and ISDN in a 30-minute format. Parties interested in broadcasting the show should contact Alex Shelton at the Nevada Sports Network (702-269-6518) or Dan Butterly at the Mountain West Conference (719-533-9513). The following is a list of current clearances:

Table with 3 columns: Radio Station (city), \*Potential Listeners, ^Time of broadcast (local). Lists stations like Armed Forces Radio, Cable Radio Network, KALL 910 AM, KATD 990 AM, KCBL 1340 AM, KFBC 1240 AM, KGME 1360 AM, KGU - The Ball, KIIIX 600 AM, #KKOB 770 AM, KOGO 600 AM, KPLY 1270 AM, KRLV 1340 AM, KVET 98.1 FM, KVOR 740 AM, KBAD 920 AM, KOWB (Laramie), WJOX 690 AM, WBOB 1160 AM, WHEN 620 AM, and WHBQ 506 AM.

\* source: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C. 20233

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^Broadcast times yet to be determined by radio station at time of release. Check local listings or call the radio station for broadcast time. Times may vary week to week depending on game times.



**Regular Season Home Attendance Figures**

Team	G	Total	Avg.	High
BYU	1	60,278	60,278	60,278
Air Force	2	95,443	47,722	50,166
Utah	2	80,166	40,083	41,352
San Diego State	2	57,710	28,855	30,931
New Mexico	2	52,920	26,460	30,830
Colorado State	1	25,122	25,122	25,122
Wyoming	1	19,050	19,050	19,050
UNLV	1	16,544	16,544	16,544
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>407,233</b>	<b>33,936</b>	<b>60,278</b>

**Regular Season Road/Neutral Sites Attendance Figures**

Team	G	Total	Avg.	High
Wyoming	2	145,401	72,701	76,128
Colorado State	2	119,377	59,689	67,466
BYU	3	157,972	52,657	60,435
Utah	1	45,300	45,300	45,300
San Diego State	1	44,973	44,973	44,973
New Mexico	2	65,325	36,663	42,238
UNLV	1	35,408	35,408	35,408
Air Force	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>613,756</b>	<b>51,143</b>	<b>76,128</b>

**MWC vs. Nonconference Opponents**

Conference	W	L	Pct.
ACC	1	1	.500
Big 12	1	3	.250
Big East	0	0	.000
Big Ten	0	1	.000
Big Sky	1	0	.000
Big West	2	1	.667
Independents	0	0	.000
MAC	1	0	1.000
Mid-American	0	0	.000
Pac-10	0	7	.000
SEC	0	2	.000
WAC	0	0	.000
Other	1	0	1.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>.318</b>

**Mountain West Conference Record Book**

**Single Game Records -Team**

**Most First Downs**  
38 by Air Force vs. Cal State-Northridge

**Offensive Plays**  
94 by Air Force vs. Cal State-Northridge

**Rushing Yards**  
583 yards by Air Force vs. Cal State-Northridge

**First Downs Rushing**  
30 by Air Force vs. Cal State-Northridge

**Total Yards**  
698 yards by Air Force vs. Cal State-Northridge

**Margin of Victory**  
49 points by Air Force vs. Cal State-Northridge

**Single Game Records -Individual**  
**Receiving Yards**  
161 yards by Jonathan Pittman, Sr., WR, BYU at Virginia, Sept. 2, 2000

**Longest Punt**  
78 yards by Cort Moffitt, So., P, New Mexico at Texas Tech, Aug. 26, 2000

**Sopomore Passing Record**  
447 yards by Bret Engemann, BYU at Virginia, Sept. 2, 2000

**Longest Rushing Play**  
95 yards by Nate Scott, Jr., RB, Wyoming vs. Central Michigan, Sept. 16, 2000

**Sagarin Ratings**

The Mountain West Conference is ranked 7th in the latest Sagarin Ratings (Sept. 17). Below is a list of Mtn. West teams in order of ranking

Rk.	Team	Rating	W	L	Sched (Rank)	vs. top 10	vs. top 30
24	Air Force	82.30	2	0	58.19 (117)	0 0	0 0
31	Colorado St.	79.76	2	1	69.44 (58)	0 0	0 1
39	BYU	77.20	1	3	87.68 (3)	0 2	0 3
67	Wyoming	71.28	1	2	77.51 (18)	0 0	0 2
74	San Diego St.	66.28	0	3	78.78 (14)	0 0	0 2
76	Utah	65.39	0	3	73.67 (38)	0 0	0 1
91	UNLV	61.42	1	1	61.59 (93)	0 0	0 0
105	New Mexico	58.43	1	3	65.94 (71)	0 0	0 0

**Non-conference Records**

Team	vs. Ranked Opp.	vs. BCS	vs. Div I opp.	Overall
Air Force	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
BYU	0-1	1-2	1-3	1-3
Colorado State	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-1
New Mexico	0-0	0-2	1-3	1-3
San Diego State	0-1	0-3	0-3	0-3
UNLV	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1
Utah	0-0	0-3	0-3	0-3
Wyoming	0-0	0-2	1-2	1-2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>2-14</b>	<b>6-16</b>	<b>8-16</b>

**MWC RED ZONE NUMBERS**

Team	Times		Total Scores	TDs (Rush/Pass)	FGs	Opponents			
	Inside 20	Total				Inside 20	Scores	TDs (Rush/Pass)	FGs
Air Force	10	9	9	2 (4/2)	3	4	4	3 (1/2)	1
BYU	14	11	11	3 (5/3)	3	13	11	3 (5/4)	2
Colorado State	8	7	7	6 (4/2)	1	7	7	5 (3/2)	2
New Mexico	8	5	5	5 (3/2)	0	9	8	7 (2/5)	1
San Diego State	5	4	4	2 (1/1)	2	15	10	9 (4/5)	1
UNLV	5	4	4	3 (3/0)	1	6	4	1 (1/0)	3
Utah	8	1	1	1 (1/0)	0	7	6	4 (3/1)	2
Wyoming	4	3	3	2 (0/2)	1	7	9	7 (5/2)	0



## **Week 4 Game Previews**

**Air Force at Utah**  
Saturday, September 23  
Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,634 Cap.)  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
5 p.m. (MT), ABC

### **GAME NOTES**

Air Force and Utah will face each other for the 17th time this Saturday. The Falcons and Utes have met on seven occasions during the past decade with Utah holding a 4-3 edge. Each team recorded a blowout win (AFA 52-21 in 1990; Utah 41-24 in 1993) in the '90s, while the other five contests were decided by seven points or less.

### **THE SERIES**

Air Force leads 10-6. Last Game: Utah 21, Air force 15, Oct. 14, 1999 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

### **THE COACHES**

Fisher DeBerry has compiled a 128-69-1 overall record in 16-plus seasons at the helm of the Falcons. DeBerry is 8-5 all-time vs. Utah, but has lost four of the last five meetings vs. the Utes. Utah head coach Ron McBride has compiled a 71-49 overall record in 10-plus seasons at the helm of the Utes. McBride is 4-3 vs. Air Force.

### **Players to Watch - Utah (0-3, 0-0 MWC)**

Passer: T.D. Croshaw (3 GP, 46-16-0, 34.8 Pct, 235 Yds, 0 TD, Longest Pass - 33 Yds)  
Darnell Arceneuax (3 GP, 76-41-4, 53.9 Pct, 515 Yds, 2 TD, Longest Pass - 49 Yds)  
Rusher: D'Shaun Crockett (2 GP, 32 Att., 91 Yds, 2.8 Avg Per Rush., 0 TD, Longest Rush - 20 Yds)  
Receiver: Cliff Russell (3 GP, 21 Rec., 317 Yds, 15.1 Avg Per Rec., 2 TD, Longest Rec. - 48 Yds)  
Tackler: Jason Kaufusi (3 GP, 11-12-23, 1 Sack, 4 TFL, 1 PBU)

### **Players to Watch - Air Force (2-0, 1-0 MWC)**

Passer: Mike Thiessen (2 GP, 828-18-0, 64.3 Pct, 278 Yds, 4 TDs, Longest Pass - 53 Yds)  
Rushing - (2 GP, 26 Att., 121 Yds, 4.7 Avg Per Rush., 1 TD, Longest Rush - 34 Yds)  
Rusher: Scott Becker (2 GP, 19 Att., 122 Yds, 6.4 Avg Per Rush., 0 TD, Longest Rush - 19 Yds)  
Receiver: Ryan Fleming (2 GP, 7 Rec., 170 Yds, 24.3 Avg Per Rec., 2 TD, Longest Rec. - 53 Yds)  
Tackler: C.J. Zanotti (2 GP, 2-11-13, 1 Sack, 2 TFL, 1 PBU)

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**UNLV at BYU**  
Saturday, September 23  
Cougar Stadium (65,000 Cap.)  
Provo, Utah  
1 p.m. (MT), ESPN+Plus

### **GAME NOTES**

UNLV travels to BYU on Saturday. The Rebels and Cougars will play each other for the eighth time with the Cougars holding a 6-1 advantage in the series. BYU has won four in a row vs. UNLV by an average of 29 points per game. The lone Rebel victory over BYU came in 1981 in Provo (45-41). The win was also UNLV's only victory over a ranked opponent.

### **THE SERIES**

BYU leads 6-1. Last Game: BYU 29, UNLV 0, Oct. 23, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nev.

### **THE COACHES**

LaVell Edwards is in his 29th season at BYU and has compiled a 252-98-3 overall record. Edwards is 6-1 vs. UNLV. John Robinson is in his second season at UNLV and is 4-9 overall. Robinson is 0-1 in his career vs. BYU. Prior to UNLV, Robinson coached at Southern California for 12 years (1976-82, '93-97) and the NFL's Los Angeles Rams for nine years (1983-91) prior to his arrival at UNLV. His college coaching record stands at 107-44-4, while his NFL record was 79-74.

### **Players to Watch - UNLV (1-1, 0-0 MWC)**

Passer: Jason Thomas (2 GP, 36-15-1, 41.7 Pct, 319 Yds, 4 TD, Longest Pass - 57 Yds)  
Rushing (2 GP, 31 Att., 181 Yds, 5.8 Avg Per Rush., 2 TD, Longest Rush - 45 Yds)  
Rusher: Jeremi Rudolph (2 GP, 27 Att., 139 Yds, 5.2 Avg Per Rush., 2 TD, Longest Rush - 31 Yds)  
Receiver: Nate Turner (2 GP, 11 Rec., 229 Yds, 20.8 Avg Per Rec., 3 TD, Longest Rec. - 57 Yds)  
Tackler: Randy Black (2 GP, 8-6-14, 2 TFL, 2 INT, 1 PBU)

### **Players to Watch - BYU (1-3, 0-1 MWC)**

Passer: Bret Engeman (3 GP, 109-64-5, 58.7 Pct, 821 Yds, 3 TD, Longest Pass - 70 Yds)  
Rusher: Brian McDonald (4 GP, 49 Att., 242 Yds, 4.9 Avg Per Rush., 4 TD, Longest Rush - 37 Yds)  
Receiver: Margin Hooks (4 GP, 22 Rec., 252 Yds, 11.5 Avg Per Rec., 1 TD, Longest Rec. - 25 Yds)  
Tackler: Justin Ena (4 GP, 16-24-40, 1 Sacks, 5 TFL, 2 PBU)



## Week 4 Game Previews

### Northern Arizona at New Mexico

Saturday, September 23  
University Stadium (31,218 Cap.)  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
6 p.m. (MT)

#### GAME NOTES

New Mexico and Northern Arizona meet for the 27th time on Saturday and the fifth time in the past six seasons. The Lobos have won 18 straight vs. NAU, with four coming via shutout. In the 1990's, UNM has won each of the four contests by an average of 23.5 points per game. New Mexico posted its largest shutout in school history vs. NAU in 1911 when it won 108-0 in Albuquerque. The game was called after three quarters due to darkness. The Lumberjacks are 2-0 on the year after a 49-26 win over Cal State-Northridge last week.

#### THE SERIES

New Mexico leads 23-3. Last Game: New Mexico 45, Northern Arizona 14, Sept. 18, 1999 in Albuquerque, N.M.

#### THE COACHES

New Mexico's Rocky Long is in his third season at the helm of the Lobos and is 8-19 in his two-plus seasons in Albuquerque. Prior to his days at New Mexico, Long was the defensive coordinator for UCLA. Jermone Soures is in his third season at Northern Arizona and has posted a 16-9 overall record. His Lumberjacks went 8-4 overall last season and 6-2 in the Big Sky.

#### Players to Watch – Northern Arizona (2-0, 1-0 Big Sky)

Passer: Preston Parsons (2 GP, 81-44-2, 54.3 Pct, 607 Yds, 3 TD, Longest Pass - 50 Yds)  
Rusher: Marcus King (2 GP, 56 Att., 357 Yds, 6.4 Avg Per Rush., 7 TD, Longest Rush - 61 Yds)  
Receiver: Sidney Smith (2 GP, 15 Rec., 193 Yds, 12.9 Avg Per Rec., 2 TD, Longest Rec. - 26 Yds)  
Tackler: Ray Perryman (1 GP, 3-4-7, 1 TFL)

#### Players to Watch – New Mexico (1-3, 0-0 MWC)

Passer: Rudy Caamano (4 GP, 48-25-3, 52.1 Pct, 230 Yds, 2 TD, Longest Pass - 21 Yds)  
Rusher: Jared Baxter (4 GP, 53 Att., 224 Yds, 4.2 Avg Per Rush., 2 TD, Longest Rush - 32 Yds)  
Receiver: Larry Davis (4 GP, 4 Rec., 57 Yds, 14.3 Avg Per Rec., 1 TD, Longest Rec. - 19 Yds)  
Tackler: Mike Barnett (3 GP, 17-16-33, 4 Sacks, 7 TFL, 1 Fumble Recovery)

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### San Diego State at Oregon State

Saturday, September 23  
Reser Stadium (35,362 Cap.)  
Corvallis, Ore.  
3:30 p.m. (PT)

#### GAME NOTES

San Diego State and Oregon State meet for just the third time this Saturday in Corvallis, Ore. The Aztecs have lost three in a row, while the Beavers currently own an 12-game non-conference regular season winning streak and a four-game winning streak at Reser Stadium. Oregon State's 12-game non-conference regular season winning streak is the longest since winning 20 straight from 1928 through 1933.

#### THE SERIES

San Diego State leads 2-0. Last Game: San Diego State 25, Oregon State 0, Sept. 13, 1975 in Corvallis, Ore.

#### THE COACHES

Ted Tollner is in his seventh season at the helm of the Aztecs and 11th overall as a head coach. He is 37-35 at SDSU and 63-55-1 lifetime. Before coming to SDSU in 1994, Tollner was the head coach at Southern California (1983-86). He is 2-0 vs. the Beavers with both victories coming while at USC. Dennis Erickson is in his second season in Corvallis after leading the Beavers to a 7-5 record in '99 and its first bowl game since 1964. Erickson is 4-1 as a head coach vs. San Diego State.

#### Players to Watch – San Diego State (0-3, 0-0 MWC)

Passer: Lon Sheriff (2 GP, 36-19-2, 52.8 Pct, 156 Yds, 0 TD, Longest Pass - 23 Yds)  
Rusher: Larry Ned (2 GP, 47 Att., 132 Yds, 2.8 Avg Per Rush., 1 TD, Longest Rush - 22 Yds)  
Receiver: J.R. Tolver (3 GP, 13 Rec., 134 Yds, 10.3 Avg Per Rec., 0 TD, Longest Rec. - 19 Yds)  
Tackler: Will Demps (3 GP, 16-11-27, 4 TFL, 2 PBU, 1 Forced Fumble)

#### Players to Watch – Oregon State (2-0, 0-0 Pac-10)

Passer: Jonathan Smth (2 GP, 57-25-2, 43.9 Pct, 210 Yds, 1 TD, Longest Pass - 17 Yds)  
Rusher: Ken Simonton (2 GP, 70 Att., 384 Yds, 5.5 Avg Per Rush., 5 TD, Longest Rush - 43 Yds)  
Receiver: T.J. Houshmandzadeh (2 GP, 11 Rec., 101 Yds, 9.2 Avg Per Rec., 1 TD, Longest Rec. - 16 Yds)  
Tackler: Darnell Robinson (2 GP, 16-4-20, 2 Sacks, 3 TFL, 1 PBU, 2 Fumble Recoveries)



## Week 4 Game Previews

**Nevada at Wyoming**  
Saturday, September 23  
War Memorial Stadium (33,500 Cap.)  
Laramie, Wyo.  
2 p.m. (MT)

### GAME NOTES

Wyoming welcomes Nevada to Laramie this Saturday. It will be the fourth meeting between the Cowboys and Wolfpack.

### THE SERIES

Wyoming leads 2-1. Last Game: Wyoming 34, Nevada 30, Oct. 11, 1997 in Reno, Nev.

### THE COACHES

Vic Koenning is in his first season at the helm of the Cowboys. He spent the past three seasons as the Wyoming defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach. Chris Tormey is also in his first season at Nevada. As a head coach the past five years at his alma mater, Idaho, he guided the Vandals to their first bowl game in school history, the 1998 Humanitarian Bowl, and claimed a victory over favored Southern Mississippi. In his first year in Moscow, he took Idaho to the 1995 NCAA-AA playoffs. Prior to that, he was part of three straight Rose Bowl squads with the University of Washington, including the 1991 national championship team.

### Players to Watch – Wyoming (1-2, 0-0 MWC)

Passer: Jay Stoner (2 GP, 53-30-1, 56.6 Pct, 227 Yds, 2 TDs, Longest Pass - 21 Yds)  
Rusher: Nate Scott (3 GP, 34 Att., 253 Yds, 7.4 Avg Per Rush., 2 TD, Longest Rush - 95 Yds)  
Receiver: Ryan McGuffey (3 GP, 12 Rec., 105 Yds, 8.8 Avg Per Rec., 2 TD, Longest Rec. - 24 Yds)  
Tackler: Patrick Chukwurah (3 GP, 9-8-17, 2 Sacks, 4 TFL, 1 Forced Fumble)

### Players to Watch – Nevada (0-2, 0-1 WAC)

Passer: David Neill (2 GP, 69-27-3, 39.1 Pct, 332 Yds, 1 TD, Longest Pass - 41 Yds)  
Rusher: Adrien Dugas (2 GP, 20 Att., 43 Yds, 2.2 Avg Per Rush., 1 TD, Longest Rush - 11 Yds)  
Receiver: Mike Crawford (2 GP, 12 Rec., 151 Yds, 12.6 Avg Per Rec., 0 TD, Longest Rec. - 35 Yds)  
Tackler: Josh Smith (2 GP, 18-5-23)

### MWC BOWL TIE-INS

The Mountain West Conference has two guaranteed bowl berths in 2000. The conference champion is slated for the AXALiberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 29. The game will be aired on ESPN starting at 1:30 P.M. (ET) vs. the champion of Conference USA. The Las Vegas Bowl has the second choice from the MWC vs. an at-large opponent in a game scheduled for Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. (PT) on ESPN2.

### LAVELL EDWARDS TO CALL IT QUILTS AFTER 2000 SEASON

LaVell Edwards, the seventh-winningest coach in the history of college football, announced on Thursday, Aug. 17, that he will retire as Brigham Young University's head coach at the conclusion of the 2000 season. Edwards, who will be 70 in October, has compiled a 252-98-3 overall record in 28-plus seasons with the Cougars. His teams have won 20 conference titles and have appeared in 22 bowl games. In 1984, he was named National Coach of the Year after BYU finished the season 13-0 and won the National Championship. He needs just four victories to pass Tom Osborne as the sixth-winningest college football coach in history. He entered the 2000 season with the third-most wins (251) and the third-best winning percentage (.723) among active coaches.

### POST SEASON AWARD CANDIDATES

**DOAK WALKER  
AWARD CANDIDATES**  
Scotty McKay, Sr., RB, Air Force  
Larry Ned, Sr., RB, San Diego State

**NAGURSKI WATCH LIST**  
Patrick Chukwurah, LB, Wyoming  
Rick Crowell, LB, Colorado State  
Chris Hoke, DT, BYU  
Jared Lee, S, BYU  
Kautai Oleveo, LB, Utah

**JIM THORPE WATCH LIST**  
Jared Lee, Sr., DB, BYU  
Andre Dyson, Sr., DB, Utah  
Kevin Thomas, Jr., DB, UNLV

### MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**Offense**  
Aug. 28 - Holmon Wiggins, Jr., RB, UNM  
Sept. 4 - Bret Engemann, So., QB, BYU  
Sept. 4 - Matt Newton, Sr., QB, CSU  
Sept. 11 - Mike Thiessen, Sr., QB, AFA  
**Defense**  
Aug. 28 - Justin Ena, Jr., LB, BYU  
Sept. 4 - Will Demps, Jr., SS, SDSU  
Sept. 11 - Andre Dyson, Sr., DB, Utah  
**Special Teams**  
Aug. 28 - Vladimir Borombozin, Jr., PK, UNM  
Sept. 4 - Dallas Thompson, Sr., PK/P, AFA  
Sept. 11 - Pete Rebstock, Jr., WR/KR/PR, CSU



**2000 MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE**

*(National and regional broadcasts as of September 18, 2000)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>	<u>TV</u>	<u>Nat./Reg.</u>
Sat., Aug. 26	BYU vs. Florida State (Advantedge Pigskin Classic, Jacksonville, Fla.)	FSU 29-3	ABC	national
Sat., Aug. 26	New Mexico at Texas Tech (Transamerica Hispanic College Fund Classic)	TT 24-3	Fox Sports Net SW College Sports SE	regional
Thur., Aug. 31	Wyoming at Auburn	Auburn 35-21	ESPN %	national
Thur., Aug. 31	Arizona State at San Diego State	ASU 10-7	ESPN2	national
Sat., Sept. 2	BYU at Virginia	BYU 38-35 ot	ABC %	regional
Sat., Sept. 2	Colorado vs. Colorado State (at Mile High Stadium, Denver)	CSU 28-24	ESPN2	national
Sat., Sept. 2	Arizona at Utah	Arizona 17-3	ESPN2	national
Sat., Sept. 9	Utah at California	Cal 24-21	Fox Sports Bay Area	regional
Sat., Sept. 9	Wyoming at Texas A&M	A&M 51-3	Fox Sports Net %	national
Sat., Sept. 9	Illinois at San Diego State	Illini 49-13	ESPN2	national
Thur., Sept. 14	Mississippi State at BYU	MSU 44-28	ESPN	national
Sat., Sept. 23	UNLV at BYU	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
Sat., Sept. 23	Air Force at Utah	5 p.m. MT	ABC	regional
Sat., Sept. 30	Air Force at UNLV	4 p.m. PT	ABC	regional
Sat., Sept. 30	BYU at Syracuse	8 p.m. ET	ESPN2 %	national
Sat., Oct. 7	New Mexico at Colorado State	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
Sat., Oct. 7	San Diego State at Wyoming	5 p.m. MT	ABC	regional
TBA	TBA	TBA	ESPN2	national
Sat., Oct. 14	Utah at SDSU or Air Force at Wyoming	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
Sat., Oct. 21	San Diego State at BYU	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
Thur., Oct. 26	Wyoming at BYU	6 p.m. MT	ESPN	national
Sat., Oct. 28	Air Force at Notre Dame	12:30 p.m. CT	NBC %	national
Sat., Oct. 28	Colorado St. at San Diego St. or Utah at New Mexico	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
Thur., Nov. 2	BYU at Colorado State	6 p.m. MT	ESPN	national
Sat., Nov. 4	UNLV at Utah or San Diego St. at New Mexico	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
TBA	TBA	TBA	ESPN2	national
Sat., Nov. 11	Utah at Wyoming or New Mexico at UNLV	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
Thur., Nov. 16	Wyoming at Colorado State	6 p.m. MT	ESPN	national
Sat., Nov. 18	San Diego State at Air Force	1 p.m. MT	ESPN+Plus	regional
Fri., Nov. 24	BYU at Utah	4 p.m. MT	ESPN	national
Thur., Dec. 21	Las Vegas Bowl	5 p.m. PT	ESPN2	national
Fri, Dec. 29	AXALiberty Bowl	12:30 p.m. CT	ESPN	national

% - Appearance as part of opponent conference TV package.

The remaining ESPN2 games and the option weeks (listed above) in the ESPN+Plus schedule will be announced during the season (e.g., six-day or 12-day picks). Several additional appearances will take place via local TV packages (e.g., SportsWest Productions, KJZZ-TV) and nonconference opponent TV exposures.

**2000 MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL ON ESPN+PLUS**

<u>Market</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Albuquerque, N.M.	KRQE-TV	Phoenix, Ariz.	KUSK-TV
Boise, Idaho	KTRV-TV	Pocatello, Idaho	KFXP-TV
Casper, Wyo.	KLWY-TV	Portland, Ore.	KOIN-TV
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	KWKB-TV	Reno, Nev.	KREN-TV
Cheyenne, Wyo.	KWYF-TV	Salt Lake City, Utah	KJZZ-TV
Colorado Springs, Colo.	KXRM-TV	San Diego, Calif.	4 San Diego
Denver, Colo.	KPXC-TV	Seattle, Wash.	KTWB-TV
Detroit, Mich.	WADL-TV	Tucson, Ariz.	KTTU-TV
Grand Junction, Colo.	KFQX-TV	Twin Falls, Idaho	KXTF-TV
Kansas City, Mo.	Metro Sports	Wichita, Kansas	KWCV-TV
Las Vegas, Nev.	KFBT-TV	Yuma/El Centro, Calif.	KECY-TV
Memphis, Tenn.	TV Memphis		



# 2000 Mountain West Conference Schedule/Results

## AIR FORCE FALCONS (2-0, 1-0 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
9/2	W 55-6	Cal State-Northridge (KXRM/KXTU)	50,166
9/9	W 31-23	BYU* (KXRM/KXTU, KSL)	45,277
9/23		at Utah* (ABC Regional)	
9/30		at UNLV* (ABC Regional)	
10/7		Navy (KXRM/KXTU)	
10/14		at Wyoming*	
10/21		New Mexico* (KXRM/KXTU, KRQE)	
10/28		at Notre Dame (NBC)	
11/4		at Army	
11/11		Colorado State*	
11/18		San Diego State* (ESPN+)	

## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS (0-3, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
8/31	L 7-10	Arizona State (ESPN2)	30,931
9/9	L 13-49	#21/21 Illinois (ESPN2)	26,779
9/16	L 3-17	at Arizona	44,973
9/23		at Oregon State (Fox Sports NW)	
10/7		at Wyoming* (ABC Regional)	
10/14		Utah*	
10/21		at BYU* (ESPN+)	
10/28		Colorado State*	
11/4		at New Mexico*	
11/18		at Air Force* (ESPN+)	
11/25		UNLV* (TBD, 4 San Diego)	

## BYU COUGARS (1-3,0-1 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
8/26	L 3-29	vs. #2/2 Florida State (ABC)	54,260
9/2	W 38-35	at Virginia (ABC Regional)	60,435
9/9	L 23-31	at Air Force* (KXRM/KXTU, KSL)	45,277
9/14	L 28-44	Mississippi State (ESPN)	60,278
9/23		UNLV* (ESPN+)	
9/30		at Syracuse (ESPN2)	
10/6		Utah State (KSL)	
10/21		San Diego State* (ESPN+)	
10/26		Wyoming* (ESPN)	
11/2		at Colorado State* (ESPN)	
11/18		New Mexico* (KSL, KRQE)	
11/24		at Utah* (ESPN)	

## UNLV REBELS (1-1, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
9/9	L 22-37	at Iowa State (KFBT)	35,408
9/16	W 38-0	North Texas	16,544
9/23		at BYU* (ESPN+)	
9/30		Air Force* (ABC Regional)	
10/7		Nevada (TBD)	
10/14		at Colorado State* (KTVD/KTVS, KLAS)	
10/21		Wyoming* (TBD, KGWN)	
10/28		at Ole Miss	
11/4		at Utah*	
11/11		New Mexico*	
11/25		at San Diego State* (TBD, 4 San Diego)	
12/2		at Hawai'i	

## COLORADO STATE RAMS (2-1, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
9/2	W 28-24	vs. #24/25 Colorado (ESPN2)	67,466
9/9	W 41-7	East Tennessee State (KTVD/KTVS)	25,122
9/16	L 10-13	at Arizona State (KTVD)	51,911
9/30		at Nevada (KTVD/KTVS)	
10/7		New Mexico* (ESPN+)	
10/14		UNLV* (KTVD/KTVS, KLAS)	
10/21		at Utah*	
10/28		at San Diego State*	
11/2		BYU* (ESPN)	
11/11		at Air Force*	
11/16		Wyoming* (ESPN)	

## UTAH UTES (0-3, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
9/2	L 3-17	Arizona (ESPN2)	41,352
9/9	L 21-24	at California (Fox Sports Bay Area)	43,500
9/16	L 21-38	Washington State (KJZZ)	38,814
9/23		Air Force* (ABC Regional)	
9/30		at Utah State (KSL)	
10/14		at San Diego State*	
10/21		Colorado State*	
10/28		at New Mexico*	
11/4		UNLV*	
11/11		at Wyoming*	
11/24		BYU* (ESPN)	

## NEW MEXICO LOBOS (1-3, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
8/26	L 3-24	at Texas Tech (Fox Sports SW/KRQE)	42,238
9/2	L 14-31	Boise State	22,090
9/9	L 20-28	Oregon State	30,830
9/16	W 16-13	at New Mexico State	23,087
9/23		Northern Arizona	
9/30		Wyoming* (KRQE, KGWN)	
10/7		at Colorado State* (ESPN+)	
10/21		at Air Force* (KXRM/KXTU, KRQE)	
10/28		Utah*	
11/4		San Diego State*	
11/11		at UNLV*	
11/18		at BYU* (KSL, KRQE)	

## WYOMING COWBOYS (1-2, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attn
8/31	L 21-35	at Auburn (ESPN)	76,128
9/9	L 3-51	at Texas A&M (Fox Sports Net)	69,273
9/16	W 31-10	Central Michigan	19,050
9/23		Nevada (KGWN)	
9/30		at New Mexico* (KRQE, KGWN)	
10/7		San Diego State* (ABC Regional)	
10/14		Air Force*	
10/21		at UNLV* (TBD, KGWN)	
10/26		at BYU* (ESPN)	
11/11		Utah*	
11/16		at Colorado State* (ESPN)	

\*\*\*Rankings from polls the week of the game\*\*\*

**WHERE THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE  
RANKS NATIONALLY (TOP 35)  
(through games of September 17, 2000)**

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

**RUSHING**

<i>National Leader: LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU</i>	209.5
39. Jason Thomas, UNLV	90.5
40. Cecil Sapp, Colorado State	89.0
44. Nate Scott, Wyoming	84.3

**PASSING EFFICIENCY**

<i>National Leader: John Tuman, Pitt</i>	195.7
17. Jason Thomas, UNLV	147.2
22. Matt Newton, Colorado State	142.1

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Jared Lorenson, Kentucky</i>	362
21. Jason Thomas, UNLV	250

**RECEPTIONS PER GAME**

<i>National Leader: Brian Robinson, Houston</i>	9.67
33. Margin Hooks, BYU	5.5
33. Nate Turner, UNLV	5.5

**RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME**

<i>National Leader: Boo Williams, Arkansas</i>	141
4. Nate Turner, UNLV	114.5
9. Cliff Russell, Utah	105.67

**INTERCEPTIONS**

<i>National Leader: Demerist Whitfield, N. Ill.</i>	1.5
38. Randy Black, UNLV	.5
38. Kurt Duffy, AFA	.5
38. Joel Buelow, AFA	.5

**PUNTING**

<i>National Leader: Brooks Barnard, Maryland</i>	49.44
4. Tom Waring, Wyoming	45.84
14. Dallas Thompson, Air Force	44.64
27. Cort Moffitt, New Mexico	43.03
48. Justin Sisco, SDSU	41.00

**PUNT RETURNS**

<i>National Leader: Aaron Lockett, Kansas State</i>	37.6
13. Pete Rebstock, Colorado State	17.00
17. Scotty McKay, Air Force	15.00
25. Troy Mason, UNLV	12.83
40. Ryan McGuffey, Wyoming	10.80

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

<i>National Leader: Julius Jones, Notre Dame</i>	46.0
29. Jeremi Rudolph, UNLV	24.67
36. Brandon Ratcliff, New Mexico	23.6
40. Paul Peterson, BYU	23.22

**FIELD GOALS**

<i>National Leader: Alex Walls, Tennessee (6-6)</i>	3.00
19. David Adams, Air Force (3-5)	1.50
39. Owen Pochman, BYU (5-6)	1.25
40. Nate Tandberg, San Diego State (3-6)	1.00
40. Ray Cheetany, UNLV (2-3)	1.00

**SCORING**

<i>National Leader: Eric Crouch, nebraska</i>	18.0
24. Nate Turner, UNLV	9.0
24. Qualario Brown, AFA	9.0
24. Dave Adams, AFA	9.0

**ALL-PURPOSE YARDS**

<i>National Leader: LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU</i>	212
19. Steve Smith, Utah	152.33

**TEAM LEADERS**

**RUSHING OFFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Nebraska</i>	389.5
2. Air Force	384.5
9. UNLV	255.5

**PASSING OFFENSE**

<i>National Leader: N.C. State</i>	376.3
12. BYU	294.3
27. Colorado State	257.0
30. Utah	250.0

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Air Force</i>	543.5
32. UNLV	417.0
42. Colorado State	399.0

**SCORING OFFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Kansas State</i>	52.3
8. Air Force	43.0
40. UNLV	30.0

**RUSHING DEFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Louisville</i>	19.5
44. Air Force	125
50. UNLV	129

**PASS DEFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Clemson</i>	83
17. Utah	143.67
23. New Mexico	154.25
37. Air Force	168.5
40. San Diego State	172.67

**TOTAL DEFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Clemson</i>	160
33. Air Force	293.5
35. Utah	299.67

**SCORING DEFENSE**

<i>National Leader: Clemson</i>	5.3
26. Air Force	14.5

**TURNOVER MARGIN**

<i>National Leader: Clemson</i>	3.00
3. Air Force	2.50
23. San Diego State	1.00
44. UNLV	.5

**NET PUNTING**

<i>National Leader: Maryland</i>	53.83
13. Air Force	40.82
10. New Mexico	40.10
26. BYU	39.23

**PUNT RETURNS**

<i>National Leader: Fresno State</i>	38.0
22. Air Force	14.0

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

<i>National Leader: TCU</i>	47.67
15. New Mexico	25.63
34. UNLV	22.60