



CONFERENCE BREAKDOWNS

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Surprisingly, Thanksgiving weekend offers zero championship intrigue for the six BCS automatic-qualifier conferences - three have their title-game matchups set and two others are whittled down to a one-game decider on the final weekend. Save room this weekend for Friday night's WAC showdown between unbeaten Boise State and spoiler Nevada. -- JS

ACC

Georgia Tech (Coastal) and Clemson (Atlantic) have clinched berths in the ACC Championship.

BIG EAST

The Cincinnati-Pittsburgh winner Dec. 5 earns automatic BCS berth, regardless of how Pitt fares at West Virginia on Saturday.

BIG TEN

Ohio State claimed the Big Ten crown outright and its first Rose Bowl berth since 1996.

BIG 12

Texas (South) and Nebraska (North) have locked up berths in the Big 12 Championship.

PAC-10

The Oregon-Oregon St. clash Dec. 3 features a Rose Bowl invitation awaiting the winner.

SEC

Florida (East) and Alabama (West) await a showdown in the SEC Championship.

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### CONFERENCE USA

**East:** Saturday's East Carolina-Southern Miss winner earns a berth in the C-USA Championship. A USM win gives the Eagles the tiebreaker edge over both ECU and Central Florida.

**West:** Houston punches its title-game ticket Saturday with a win over Rice or an SMU loss to Tulane. SMU needs both a victory and a Houston loss.

## **MAC**

**East:** Friday's Temple-Ohio winner earns a trip to the MAC Championship to face Central Michigan.

**West:** Central Michigan has clinched the division and is assured of one of the MAC's three bowl berths.

## **MOUNTAIN WEST**

TCU wins the crown outright with a win Saturday vs. New Mexico. A loss forces the Frogs to share the title with the BYU-Utah winner. TCU holds the tiebreaker edge over both for postseason spoils.

## **SUN BELT**

Troy has clinched the New Orleans Bowl berth and can claim the title outright with a win Saturday at Louisiana-Lafayette. A loss would allow Middle Tennessee to share the crown by beating Louisiana-Monroe.

## **WAC**

Boise State earns a share of the crown by knocking off Nevada on Friday and claims it outright by beating New Mexico State on Dec. 5. A Nevada win over Boise State puts the Wolf Pack alone at the top.

