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# WSU heads to sunny El Paso

■ With just two losses, Washington State officially accepts a bid to attend the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas

**By Jon Naito**  
Daily Evergreen (Washington State U.)  
(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. — The faint hopes for a Fiesta Bowl berth disappeared for Washington State on Tuesday.

The Cougars (9-2, 6-2 Pac-10) — No. 13 in the latest Bowl Championship Series standings — were released from consideration for a BCS bowl Tuesday, freeing WSU to officially accept a bid to attend the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 31.

"We're very excited," WSU Athletics Director Jim Sterk said. "In each of our programs we want to

compete on a national level year-in, year-out."

WSU was offered an invitation to the Sun Bowl on Nov. 20, but could not officially accept the bid until it was released from BCS consideration.

The Sun Bowl will be the eighth bowl appearance in WSU's history. The Cougars' last appearance in a bowl was the 1998 Rose Bowl.

On Tuesday, WSU coach Mike Price was in San Diego on a recruiting visit and was unavailable for comment.

Who WSU will face has yet to be determined.

The fifth-place team in the Big Ten will fill the other slot. The most likely candidates are Purdue, Iowa, Michigan State and Penn State.

"Purdue is kind of the leader today," Sterk said. "The opponent hasn't been nailed down yet, but we're

ready to roll and start making preparations.

"It's good for our institution — we'll have national exposure on CBS and with a Big Ten opponent, we should have a great game."

A match-up with Purdue would reunite Price with Boilermaker coach Joe Tiller.

Tiller was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in Price's first two years at WSU, and the two teams run similar one-back, spread offenses.

WSU's payout from the bowl will be \$1 million.

That money, along with all the money from the bowl payouts from the other Pac-10 bowl teams will go into a pool and then split among all member schools.

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## Civil War

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only got three more days. That's right down the road now, baby."

Yep, just three days until the Ducks can finally play the game they've anticipated for three weeks.

"It's felt like two months," line-backer David Moretti said.

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti has done his best to control his team's emotions since the Bruins game, but even he has admitted to wishing the game would come sooner.

Bellotti described Monday and Tuesday's practices as "very awesome" and was excited to see his team come back from their five-day Thanksgiving break with a "real hunger to play football."

He was also glad their hunger for food over the holiday didn't cause them to get a little out of shape.

"They did a nice job of watching TV and watching their weight," Bellotti said. "It was a tremendous relief on Monday to know that we're finally going to play this

week. But I have to make sure they get through today's practice, because they were pretty antsy yesterday."

The players have filled their time by resting their bodies and letting all their bruises subside. They've tried to pace themselves through practice. They've watched more film on the Beavers than probably all of their previous opponents combined.

Now, all they want to do is play. And while Saturday at 1:38 p.m. is the exact kickoff time, any day and time would do at this point.

"We could play right now in the parking lot if that's what need be," defensive end Seth McEwan said. "We've been going over this stuff over and over. It's second nature to us now. It's time to strap it up and get it going."

So while the rest of their fellow students spend their nights in the library or in computer labs during Dead Week, the Ducks have been focusing on the Beavers. When the Civil War was moved back to Dec. 1 to accommodate television, some University professors voiced com-

plaints because it is the weekend before finals.

"I know I got study groups, and because of practice I have to miss them," Smith said. "But I'll take care of that stuff next week. This Oregon State game is big."

Defensive tackle Chris Tetteron had a different attitude. "There's nothing else on my mind," he said. "Not even finals."

For the time being, Oregon is studying the playbooks and game film and patiently waiting as the calendar slowly makes its way to December.

"You want to just play and get it over with," Moretti said. "This delay is killing me. But our intensity has been there all week, and it'll be there Saturday."

So will Cameron and her fellow Duck Shop employees. Starting at 10:30 a.m., when all the motor homes begin lining up, she'll begin bracing herself for the pregame rush of customers.

"It's great," she said. "I love it."

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## Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 29). You'll be a voracious learner this year, but not everything you learn will work when you try it. Book smarts are important, but what happens when you're put to the test in real life? Anticipate breakdowns. Have backup plans ready. You'll learn more from the mistakes you make than from anything else, so don't be afraid to goof up. Just do it, if you can, in a safe setting. You're becoming a master.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Don't deplete your savings to get something you want badly. Remember the old adage about not putting all of your eggs in one basket.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Everybody may think you can't win, but don't give up. Hold out for what you want or what you think you're worth. Right now, you're stubborn enough to succeed. Make them think you'll walk if you don't get your way. Besides, tomorrow's a good day for finding a better job.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Proceedings may grind to a halt when others bog down in arguments. Don't try to give them facts when they've already made up their minds. Wait until tomorrow. You have a better chance of getting through then.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Continue to cut out frills and keep down expenses. You're good at this, and conditions are right for it. It'll be easy to decide what to keep, what to throw away, what to get and what to do without.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - The interrogation isn't over yet. No need to squirm. You're looking good. Just tell the truth, and if you don't know the answer, say so. A couple of good guesses could work for you, but don't push your luck. Stay respectful.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Think you could get the day off? One way or the other, office matters may have to wait. You'll be out

late doing errands, so don't make a date for tonight.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Duty calls. You may have to postpone a social engagement because of chores that must be done. Decisions must be made, money must be spent, bills must be paid. Get together with friends tomorrow.


**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Seems like something's always happening, to steal those precious moments. You know, the ones when you and your sweetheart are together, blissfully not talking. Schedule something special for Sunday. Meanwhile, get all that other stuff finished!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Don't make any dates for tonight. You may have to work late. Get together with your sweetheart over the weekend and share some quality time together. Right now, too many things need fixing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Don't make a date for tonight - too many complications. Everything will take longer than expected, and most of it is more expensive than anticipated. Don't buy costly gifts for your loved ones now. First, replenish your resources.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You're trying everything, but the problem persists. Pushing harder won't work this time. In fact, this situation may require an answer you don't have. Don't worry. By tomorrow, the problem may have solved itself.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Traveling still looks problematic. Can you get what you need some other way? Have it delivered? Even that could be a hassle. How about just doing without it for one more day? Information you receive could have errors, too. Be inquisitive, and double-check things.



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