

# THE PERFECT PLAYOFF PLAN 16

## No Cupcake Rule

### Everybody loves Cupcakes but are they good for FBS football?

*A Cupcake is any team from the Mid-Major Conferences (Group of Five) that has been relegated to an unequal status in the FBS selection process for CFP Bowl invitations.*

For the 2014 start of the new College Football Playoff (CFP) former BCS, a Selection Committee chose the 4 Playoff Teams using the strength of schedule as one factor in their deliberations along with other unnamed secret factors. Let's not fight about that right now.

This puts the non-conference schedule in the spotlight for the Power 5 Conferences. Now the Conference Commissioners and School Athletic Directors are concerned about "filling up" on Cupcakes and not being able to compete for one of the 4 Playoff spots, if other conferences only play Power 5 Conference teams to improve their strength of schedule.

### *The No Cupcake Rule:*

*Every member of the new Major College Football Division (MCFD) will have equal status and be a member of a football only conference with an automatic invitation to the National Championship Playoff Series (NCPS) & access to the Post-Season Bowl Competition (PSBC).*

#### Identified need:

Just as the No Patsy Rule is needed to correct the basic problem of inflated records built on meaningless wins over FCS teams to garner that 6<sup>th</sup> win for Bowl invitations. Likewise the **No Cupcake Rule** is needed to correct the unfair treatment of teams and conferences from the Group of Five that destroys any chance of an Undisputed National Champion.

#### Regular Season Implications of this Rule:

Since the former Cupcake teams in the Mid-Major Football Conferences will be incorporated into equal size and equal strength conferences with equal standing for the **NCPS** & **PSBC** there will be no need to avoid playing these former Cupcakes and relegating them to playing only other former Cupcakes during the Regular Season. Every team will play the same Strength of Conference Schedule and for the first time every regular season game will count.

#### Summary of Benefits for a 16 Team Playoff:

The **No Cupcake Rule** will eliminate any question of the legitimacy of the wins for any team that qualifies for the National Championship Playoff Series (**NCPS**) while providing fair criteria for invitations to Post-Season Bowl Competition (**PSBC**) games.