

THE PERFECT PLAYOFF PLAN

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**) the 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. And if the Power 5 Conferences only play other Power 5 teams to improve their strength of schedule then the Group of Five teams will not qualify for the Playoff due to their low 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 invitations 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 get that 6th win for a 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 from the Group of Five Conferences will be incorporated into one of the new equal size, strength and status Major College Football Division conferences, every team will play the same level of competition so every Regular Season game will count toward qualifying for the National Championship Playoff or a Post Season Bowl game. No team will be relegated to Cupcake status and excluded from playing a strong schedule.

The **No Cupcake Rule** will eliminate any question of the legitimacy of the wins for teams from the new **Major College Football Division** giving every team a fair shot at the Playoff.

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