



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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Big 12 Spring Meetings - First Day Recap - The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado -

Points of Discussion

- Presentations by bowl partners
- Discussion and question-and-answer sessions with Big 12 television partners (ESPN/ABC and FSN)
- Football officiating
- Formats for the Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship

Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe:

On Cost-Containment.....

"We touched on cost-containment, but is something our Athletics Directors have been tracking for a while. One result of those discussions was our football and basketball coaches not meeting in Colorado Springs. We will talk more about it in our Joint Council meeting. The future of our in-person meetings is part of that discussion."

On the Big 12 Bowl Relationships.....

"We are blessed and fortunate to have so many great bowls and cities that are interested in us. We're in a great situation."

"I don't think we will have much change in our bowl partners, just possibly in the order of selection."

On changes to the Bowl Championship Series.....

"We went through the exercise last year as part of the new contract. It is our feeling that we did this and there should not be an adjustment to it in the four-cycle that was agreed upon."

Missouri Director of Athletics Mike Alden:

On football officiating.....

"Officials are evaluated on a regular basis. It is done in a very timely manner. There is significant support for Walt Anderson (Coordinator of Football Officials) and the Big 12 officiating program."

On the Bowl Championship Series.....

"We are committed to the system"

Note: Missouri serves as chair and spokesperson for the administrative and coaches' groups this season.

Notes of Interest

- The release of the 2009 schedule of college football games slated for ESPN/ABC is anticipated in early June.
- A further discussion of the Big 12 football tiebreaker guidelines is expected on Wednesday.

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