

## The BCS Know How Newsletter

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Welcome to the mid-bowl season BCS Know How Newsletter, where you can read short recaps of all of the most exciting games from the bowl season thus far, with many more exciting match ups to come.

### Utah 35 vs. Navy 32 -- Poinsettia Bowl

Coming off a season in which they broke a 40+ year losing streak to Notre Dame, the Midshipmen of Navy were excited to receive the bid to the first bowl game of the season. And their excitement was only matched by the performances both teams put up during the game. Trailing late, but pinned in their own territory, Navy was forced to go for it on fourth down, and failed, allowing the Utes to score an easy TD. But with less than two minutes left, Navy was able to drive the field quickly, score a touchdown to bring the score to within three, and then proceeded to recover an onside kick. But a final drive interception brought the hopes of the Navy to an end, completing the first bowl game of the season that truly set the tone for the games to come.

### BYU 17 vs. UCLA 16 – Las Vegas Bowl

Brigham Young, considered by many to be the second best non-BCS conference football team in the nation, came into the Vegas Bowl as huge favorites over the disappointing UCLA Bruins. But the Bruins put up quite a fight, bringing the game down to the final seconds, in which the UCLA kicker was blocked on his attempt to give the Bruins a victory, allowing BYU to claim victory and stake as the best “mid-major” school not named Hawaii.

### East Carolina 41 vs. Boise State 38 – Hawaii Bowl

Just the next day, the third best non-BCS conference school according to the BCS standings and human polls, Boise State entered Hawaii with hopes of ending their somewhat disappointing season on a high note. In what was considered one of the biggest mismatches of the entire bowl season, the Broncos were to face the East Carolina Pirates on the big Island. But crazily enough, in this season of upsets, the Pirates pulled out to an early lead, and were able to hold off a furious comeback from the Chris Peterson kids and Ian Johnson, and hold on for victory.

### Purdue 51 vs. Central Michigan 48 – Motor City Bowl

In a rematch of an early season meeting between the two teams, which Central Michigan was the victor, the Boilermakers of Purdue and the Chippewas of CMU faced off to decide the Motor City Bowl. In a game that saw Curtis Painter vie for the all time bowl passing yards record, the game was in fact decided on a field goal at the end of regulation, as the Purdue kicker was true from 40 yards out, giving the Boilermakers redemption for that early season loss.

Mississippi State 10 vs. UCF 3 – Alamo Bowl

In a game hyped as the day Kevin Smith would break Barry Sanders' record for single season rushing yards, the Mississippi defense stepped it up big time. In a game that didn't see its first touchdown until two minutes remained in the game, the Bulldogs, led by Sylvester Croom finished up a very surprising and strong season by holding Smith to 119 yards on the ground and kept Sanders' record alive, but more importantly, stopped him from getting to the endzone. The Bulldogs capitalized on some weak tackling down the stretch by Central Florida and scored to seal the victory.