



AUGUST 20, 2025

AN EARLY START!

Hope you are all staying cool as we await autumn's relief (it's coming soon.....right?).

After putting on another fantastic golf outing, the big news for us this summer is that we just announced two future Vegas Kickoff Classic matchups this week and will have more exciting future games to reveal in the coming weeks.

Although there is no VKC for us to host this season, your hometown Rebels have been hard at work after their earliest start to training camp in history. I've been out to see the guys working hard in the heat and am excited for Saturday's game at Allegiant Stadium vs. Idaho State. It will mark the Las Vegas debut of legendary head coach Dan Mullen who looks to keep the good times rolling at UNLV after two record-setting seasons under Barry Odom. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. and we hope to see you there wearing your Rebel Red!

Surely, it's going to be another wild season these next four months as we conclude our contract with our longtime conference partners and look forward to what is ahead.

Yes, college football is back. And we can't wait!

John Saccenti
Executive Director



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2025 LVBOWL WILL FEATURE BIG TEN & CURRENT/FORMER PAC-12

The 2025 Las Vegas Bowl will feature a team from the Big Ten against a former Pac-12 team. All Big Ten teams are eligible for the bowl game as well as all former and current Pac-12 teams.

CURRENT PAC-12 MEMBERS

Oregon State • Washington State



FORMER PAC-12 MEMBERS

Arizona • Arizona State • California
Colorado • Oregon • Stanford
UCLA • USC • Utah • Washington



EARLY LAS VEGAS BOWL PREDICTIONS

While practices are just getting underway, multiple media outlets are already looking into their crystal ball for their 2025 bowl projections. Here's a look at several SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl projections.

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HUDDLE UP

This year's SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl is still four months away, but the Las Vegas Bowl Huddle is hard at work improving the lives of teachers and students in our local schools.

The Huddle is working closely with the College Football Playoff Foundation and Extra Yard for Teachers to grant \$1,000 to two local teachers. These grants will be presented on September 16.

Also on September 16, grant submissions for the Extra Yards for Teachers leadership and sports programs will launch with up to \$40,000 in total grants available. The deadline to submit for these grants will be Oct. 31. Please tell all teachers about this program.

In addition, the Huddle is collecting school supplies for teachers through September 10. If you can assist, please purchase these supplies through Amazon and have them delivered to the Las Vegas Bowl office at 680 Pilot Rd., Suite D, Las Vegas NV 89119. Donations will be accepted through Sept. 10.

ESPN EVENTS ANNOUNCES FUTURE VEGAS KICKOFF CLASSIC MATCHUPS

ESPN Events has announced a pair of future Vegas Kickoff Classic games at Allegiant Stadium that will feature matchups of top FCS programs from the Big Sky Conference and Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Two Vegas Kickoff Classic games will now be contested during Labor Day weekend in 2027. A historic, first-time matchup of Miami (Fla.) vs. Utah – billed as the "Battle of the U" – was previously announced and will take place on Saturday, September 4. That game will now be preceded by another neutral-site matchup earlier that weekend when 18-time national champion North Dakota State meets three-time national champion Montana State in Las Vegas.

2027

Miami vs Utah



North Dakota St. vs Montana St.



2029

Montana vs South Dakota St.



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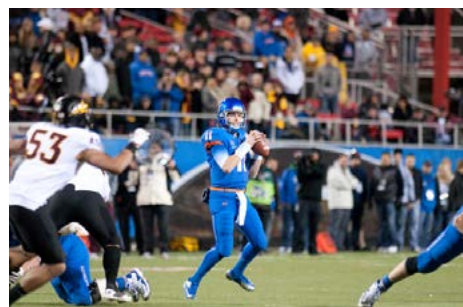
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each month, we will highlight a former standout player from the Las Vegas Bowl and what that player has accomplished since making his mark in the Las Vegas Bowl.

In 2010, **Kellen Moore** led Boise State to a 26-3 rout of Utah in the Maaco Las Vegas Bowl at Sam Boyd Stadium. Moore passed for 339 yards and two touchdowns and was named the game's MVP while guiding Chris Petersen's squad to a commanding victory over its southern rival. In recognition of his performance and career achievements, Moore was inducted into the Las Vegas Bowl Hall of Fame in 2021.






Following his career at Boise State, Moore spent six years as a backup quarterback in the NFL with Detroit and Dallas before transitioning to quarterbacks coach in Dallas in 2018. In 2019, he was promoted to offensive coordinator for the Cowboys and held that position for four seasons. After one season as offensive coordinator for the Chargers, he transitioned to Philadelphia and guided the Eagles to a win in Super Bowl LIX over Kansas City.

On Feb. 11, Moore was named head coach of the New Orleans Saints.



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