

# BIG EAST BOWL LINEUP

BIG EAST FOOTBALL

## The Lineup

In addition to the Bowl Championship Series, the BIG EAST Conference also has agreements with a number of other postseason bowl games. The conference's new lineup, which began in the 2010 season, has the BIG EAST paired against three of the other five automatic-qualifying Bowl Championship Series conferences in the postseason, giving the BIG EAST its strongest bowl partnerships in its history.

The BIG EAST announced a four-year agreement with Florida Citrus Sports and the Champs Sports Bowl to send a team to the Orlando, Fla., game beginning in the 2010 season.

The Champs Sports Bowl will have the first selection from the BIG EAST after the league's BCS representative has been determined. The BIG EAST's opponent in the Champs Sports Bowl will be from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Champs Sports Bowl will have the opportunity to select Notre Dame, in place of a BIG EAST team, once during the four-year agreement.

The BIG EAST has extended its agreement with the Belk Bowl in Charlotte, N.C., through the 2013 season as well. The Belk Bowl (previously known as the Meineke Car Care Bowl) will have the BIG EAST's third selection, after the BCS and Champs Sports Bowl.

The BIG EAST has been aligned with the Belk Bowl since the inception of the game in 2002. The game has averaged more than 62,000 fans and was named one of the five best startups in sports in the previous five years by Sports Business Journal.

The 2010 season featured the introduction of a new bowl game in New York City when the BIG EAST participated in the first New Era Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium. The New Era Pinstripe Bowl pits the fourth overall selection from the BIG EAST against a team from the Big 12 Conference. In the event that the Big 12 is unable to supply a team for the game, Notre Dame could step in as the opponent of the BIG EAST's representative.

The BIG EAST completed its bowl lineup in April 2010 by renewing deals with the BBVA Compass Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., and the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla. The conference also announced a new agreement with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. The BIG EAST will send teams to two of those three games in each of the 2010-13 seasons.

The BBVA Compass Bowl pairs a BIG EAST team against an opponent from the Southeastern Conference at Legion Field in Birmingham. BIG EAST teams are a combined 5-0 in the BBVA Compass Bowl.

If a BIG EAST team is chosen for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, the conference's representative would face either the Conference USA champion or an opponent from the Southeastern Conference.

The Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl will be played for the fourth time in 2011 with the BIG EAST scoring wins in each of the first three games. The BIG EAST will face Conference USA at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.



B.J. Daniels led USF past Clemson in Charlotte, N.C., last year in what is now known as the Belk Bowl.

## Champs Sports Bowl

Florida Citrus Bowl • Orlando, Fla.

Dec. 29, 2011 • ESPN



vs.



## Belk Bowl

Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 27, 2011 • ESPN



vs.



## New Era Pinstripe Bowl

Yankee Stadium • Bronx, N.Y.

Dec. 30, 2011 • ESPN



vs.



## BBVA Compass Bowl

Legion Field • Birmingham, Ala.

Jan. 7, 2012 • ESPN



vs.



## AutoZone Liberty Bowl

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium • Memphis, Tenn.

Dec. 31, 2011 • ESPN



vs.



or



## Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg

Tropicana Field • St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dec. 20, 2011 • ESPN



vs.

