

How about a 4-team playoff. My proposal is this: [1] Add a 5th BCS bowl (preferable in Texas since that state has 9 Div-1 programs). [2] Give access to the top finisher from the non-BCS conferences (Based on the BCS ranking system) combined an automatic bid to a BCS bowl. [3] On a rotating basis, 2 of the 5 BCS bowl games host the first 2 playoff games. [4] The qualifiers for the playoff would go according to the BCS rankings with an automatic bid going to any team that finishes undefeated with a minimum of 10 wins vs Div-1 teams and is ranked in the top 15 of the BCS rankings. (In the event 5 teams go undefeated, then the top 4 according to the BCS rankings play in the playoff) [5] Then about a week and a half later, the national championship game would be played at a pre-determined venue.

There are many reasons to like this proposal. First off, it gives the BCS conferences no more excuses such as student athletes missing too much class time. What class time would be missed, this would all take place during the month long Christmas break. They say that the best from the mid-majors is at best middle of the pack in a BCS conference throughout the course of a season. Now they can prove it by sending some of the best from the BCS conferences up against the best mid-major. This also keeps a strong emphasis on the regular season. Once in a great while you might see a 2 loss team creep into the top 4 with a hot finish but not often. Also, this would make the BCS conferences schedule some of the better mid-major teams. Couldn't you just hear Lee Corso saying "Uh-oh, 2 mid-majors are looking to sneak into the top 15 undefeated because no BCS teams would put them on the schedule"!!!

I pretty much know that this email will never get anywhere. I guarantee I could get this done if you get me to one of your discussions.