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Wyoming's 2017 Football Schedule Announced Oregon Ducks to Make First-ever Appearance in Laramie

Laramie, Wyo. (March 2, 2017) -- An exciting schedule is on tap for University of Wyoming football fans in 2017, highlighted by the first-ever appearance by the Oregon Ducks in Laramie. The annual "Border War" game versus Colorado State will be played in War Memorial Stadium in 2017, and three conference home games will feature teams that earned bowl bids a year ago in Colorado State, Hawai'i and New Mexico. Wyoming's 2017 schedule will include a rare seven home games. The only other seasons Wyoming has played a seven-game home schedule were in 1990 and 2008.

Of course, the Cowboys are coming off one of their most successful seasons in recent Wyoming history. UW captured the 2016 Mountain West Conference Mountain Division title and hosted San Diego State in the MW Championship Game. The Cowboys posted a perfect 6-0 regular-season home record in 2016, including wins over No. 13 ranked Boise State and No. 24 ranked San Diego State before falling by only three points to the Aztecs in the MW Championship Game in the first college postseason game hosted in Wyoming's War Memorial Stadium. UW finished the 2016 season with a San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl appearance.

Wyoming announced its complete 2017 schedule on Thursday in connection with the Mountain West Conference release of the 2017 conference schedule.

The Cowboys will kick off the 2017 season on Saturday, Sept. 2 on the road at Big Ten member Iowa. UW will then return home for four consecutive home games in the month of September, beginning with home opener on Saturday, Sept. 9 versus Gardner-Webb, an NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponent and member of the Big South Conference.

One of the biggest games in the recent history of War Memorial Stadium will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16 when the Oregon Ducks, will make their first appearance in the state of Wyoming. The only previous meeting between Wyoming and Oregon came in the 2014 season in Eugene. The Ducks went on to earn a spot in the Inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship Game at the end of that season and Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota was awarded the Heisman Trophy.

Mountain West Conference play will begin for the Pokes on Saturday, Sept. 23 when they host the Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors. Hawai'i is coming off a 2016 season that saw them finish second in the West Division of the Mountain West Conference with a 7-7 record. Hawai'i defeated Middle Tennessee, 52-35, in the 2016 Hawai'i Bowl. Wyoming will conclude its run of four consecutive home games on Saturday, Sept. 30 versus Texas State of the Sun Belt Conference.

UW's other three home games in 2017 are scheduled for: Saturday, Oct. 28 vs. New Mexico for Homecoming; Saturday, Nov. 4 vs. Colorado State in the 109th edition of "The Border War"; and Saturday, Nov. 18 vs. Fresno State.

Following Wyoming's only bye week on Saturday, Oct. 7, the conference road schedule for the Cowboys will begin at Utah State on Oct. 14 followed by a road game at Boise State on Oct. 21. UW's other conference road games will be played at Air Force on Nov. 11 and at San Jose State on Nov. 25 to conclude the regular season.

The 2017 Mountain West Conference Championship Game will be played on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the site of the MW divisional champion with the highest national ranking.

High ticket demand is anticipated all season for home games, but especially for the Oregon game and "The Border War" game versus Colorado State. Cowboy Joe Club members and 2017 football season-ticket holders will have an exclusive window to purchase additional single-game tickets to those two games from June 1 through June 15th. Oregon single-game tickets will be priced from \$70-\$100 (Youth: \$60), while Border War tickets will be priced from \$40-\$75 (Youth: \$25-\$30).

Should any tickets remain after the exclusive period for Cowboy Joe Club members and season-ticket holders, UW Athletics will put single-game tickets on sale to the public at a date to be determined.

For the best seat options, and to ensure tickets to all seven home games, Cowboy Fans are strongly encouraged to buy season tickets. 2017 season tickets start as low as \$149 for adults and \$89 for youth and are on sale now at GoWyo.com/tickets, in person at the University of Wyoming Athletics Ticket Office or by calling 307-766-7220. Six-month bill payment plans are also available to fans for no additional fee.

This coming season, Wyoming returns Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year **Craig Bohl**, who signed a new seven-year contract to continue to build Wyoming into a nationally-competitive program. Cowboy quarterback **Josh Allen** also returns for his junior season and will be one of the nation's top QBs in 2017. The Cowboy defense will be led by dynamic playmakers **Andrew Wingard**, who was one of 16 national semifinalists for the 2016 Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back, and 2016 Freshman All-American linebacker **Logan Wilson** of Casper, Wyo.

The game dates released on Thursday by the Mountain West are subject to change. Mountain West national television partners CBS Sports Network and ESPN will now begin their selection of television games, which may include a shift of a select number of games to Thursday or Friday nights. Those selections will be announced at a later date. Following those selections, MW regional television partner ROOT SPORTS and the Mountain West Network on Campus Insiders will make additional telecast selections. Game times will be announced at later dates as television selections are completed.

2017 University of Wyoming Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent (Special Events)</u>	<u>Time (M.T.)</u>	<u>Television</u>
Sat., Sept. 2	at Iowa	TBA	TBA
Sat., Sept. 9	GARDNER-WEBB (Hall of Fame Weekend / FanFest)	TBA	TBA
Sat., Sept. 16	OREGON (Downtown Mashup)	TBA	TBA
Sat., Sept. 23	HAWAI'I*	TBA	TBA
Sat., Sept. 30	TEXAS STATE (Celebrate Energy Day / Family Weekend)	TBA	TBA
Sat., Oct. 7	BYE Week		
Sat., Oct. 14	at Utah State*	TBA	TBA
Sat., Oct. 21	at Boise State*	TBA	TBA
Sat., Oct. 28	NEW MEXICO* (Homecoming)	TBA	TBA
Sat., Nov. 4	COLORADO STATE*	TBA	TBA
Sat., Nov. 11	at Air Force*	TBA	TBA
Sat., Nov. 18	FRESNO STATE*	TBA	TBA
Sat., Nov. 25	at San Jose State*	TBA	TBA
Sat., Dec. 2	Mountain West Championship Game+	TBA	TBA

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Games are tentative and subject to change. Game times and Televising Networks will be announced at future dates

Other Special Events at Wyoming home games will be announced when determined

*Indicates Mountain West Conference games

+The Mountain West Football Championship Game will be played at the home stadium of the divisional champion with the highest national ranking.