

College Football Stakeholders Prefer Expansion Of Playoff To 12 Teams, Per Report



According to a report by Yahoo Sports' Pete Thamel, college football stakeholders – which includes athletic directors, media executives and university officials – appear to prefer the College Football Playoff expanding to 12 teams over eight.

The reasoning behind this preference, which would triple the current four-team setup, would be to allow for automatic bids of Power Five conference winners. It would, under this expansion, allow for one automatic bid for the best Group of Five champion.

There has been no official decision made on the future expansion of the playoff, but that could change in the coming months when a four-person group that has been tasked with looking into the idea of expansion meets with the CFP management committee on July 17 and 18.

If the playoff had started at 12 teams, Ohio State would have been in every year, as the Buckeyes have never ranked below No. 7 in the final poll. They would have also been the Big Ten champion in 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Assuming no byes, Ohio State would have played Iowa State in the opening round of the playoff last season. If the first four seeds earned a bye, the Buckeyes would have faced the winner of Florida and Iowa State.

If you are curious what this would have looked like in 2020:

Alabama (SEC)
Clemson (ACC)
Ohio State (B1G)

Notre Dame
Texas A&M
Oklahoma (Big 12)
Florida
Cincinnati (G5)
Georgia
Iowa State
Indiana
Oregon (Pac-12)

Coastal Carolina was 12 and would've been bounced by a 4-2 champ
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