

With the conclusion of rivalry week this past weekend, eight teams are jockeying for four positions in the 2023 college football playoffs. This has unfolded what is being called on social media a "chaos situation" for the college football playoff committee and we will take a deeper dive into what this chaos situation is here on the College Football Update.

This so-called chaos situation which is being deemed by many on social media is as it sounds a chaos situation for the selection committee of the college football playoffs with this year being the last iteration of the four-team playoff. The committee has quite a handful currently considering that they are having to decide between eight teams for four spots with an expansion coming next year going from four to twelve. Many are saying this would have been the year for the twelve-team playoff since there has been so much talent shown throughout the college football season however that is not the case and with the four-team playoff, that means that this is very much a chaos situation. What exactly is the chaos situation many may ask, this year you're seeing, in college football it is known as the power five, five of the biggest conferences in division 1 football each crowning a conference champion.

Now the problem with this is that there are only four playoff spots but there are five conference champions. Usually in past years one conference champion is automatically ruled out due to their strength of schedule, the eye test or their just not that good of a team compared to the other four. However, this is not the case and to make matters worse this year there are actually eight total teams competing for a conference championship that could very well make the playoff AND teams that may not win the championship could make a very viable case as to why they deserve to be in the playoff. With that being said, here's what's at stake.

With the power five conferences being the Big 10, the ACC, the SEC, the Big 12 and the Pac 12, you have five conference champions coming out from that as well as three teams that are looking from the outside in that may not be playing in conference games or are playing in conference games that might as well lose and still have a viable case.

First let's take a look at the SEC, the SEC is looking at back to back champion Georgia looking for a 3-peat playing against a notorious and storied program of Alabama in the SEC championship, now this game has left a lot of questions as Alabama goes into this game 11-1 as their sole loss came in week 2 against Texas and the undefeated back to back national champion coming in at 12-0. Now many are saying that if Georgia were to lose this and Alabama

were to win the conference championship that the SEC is automatically getting a bid and Alabama would be in, however why would they leave Georgia out with a back to back championship and potential 3-peat on the line that has been one of the biggest questions, does Georgia still deserve a spot with Alabama winning.

Moving onto the ACC, the ACC is actually very very simple, it's going to be Florida State taking on Louisville, Louisville even with them being on their loss last week to unranked Kentucky they do not have a chance in this playoff, however undefeated Florida State does. If Florida State were to win, the ACC has got an automatic spot and Florida State would be in.

Moving on to the Big 10, after the crazy ending to what is known as "The Game" between #2 Ohio State and #3 Michigan with Michigan pulling off the 30-24 win with a last-minute interception by Michigan to seal the game, Michigan heads to the Big 10 championship against #17 Iowa. Many are predicting Michigan to blow them out and to take the Big 10 championship away and to lock up a playoff spot with that.

However, this is not really where the issue stems from; this issue is mainly coming from the Big 12 and the Pac 12. The Big 12 sees Texas playing in the Big 12 championship and many are making a case that they deserve a spot, with their big win coming against ranked Alabama in week 2, many are staying that if they were to win the Big 12 championship that they deserve a spot in the playoff alongside Michigan and Florida State, however there are many that don't see it as that as Texas is seen to not have as crazy of a schedule and there only big win coming from their defeat of Alabama. So many are also saying that Texas would be on the outside, however if Alabama wins over Georgia this would very much say that Texas deserves a spot over both of them since Texas beat Alabama and Alabama beat Georgia. But if Georgia were to win then Texas would be on the out.

Lastly moving over to the Pac 12, Pac 12 sees undefeated Washington against one loss Oregon, now Oregon's only loss this season came from when Washington beat them earlier in the regular season and we will see a rematch of that said game. With Washington being undefeated, they win the PAC 12 championship, they have an automatic slot as many are saying. Washington deserves to be in there and so that is exactly what should happen if they were to win the game. If Oregon were to win and knock off and get their revenge against Washington many also make a case that Oregon should get the spot and knock Washington out some people have also said that PAC 12 deserves to have 2 as both Washington and Oregon look

to be more impressive than some of the other teams in contention. Now however I don't personally agree with that as the SEC just has stronger teams between Georgia and Alabama compared to Washington and Oregon but who knows.

Ohio State also still has somewhat of a case even though they lost to Michigan and will not be playing in the Big 10 championship. People think that Ohio State would be a better team compared to Texas however we don't really know.

So with that being said the chaos situation is as follows, if Alabama pulls off the upset in the SEC championship up against Georgia, Alabama goes in at 12-1 as well as Georgia at 12-1. Florida State knocks off Louisville in the ACC, they have a lock, Michigan knocks off Iowa, they have a lock, there's 2 spots right there taken. You then get left with the Pac 12 coming from the winner of Oregon Washington and then you have the Big 12 winner in Texas. If Texas wins, Oregon wins and Alabama wins you are then left with a 12-1 Texas, a 12-1 Oregon, a 12-1 Washington, a 12-1 Georgia and a 12-1 Alabama. 5 teams competing for 2 spots, then the question comes back to who has the best eye test. I personally think Georgia gets in even if Alabama wins, Georgia just seems to be the more impressive team this year and with that being said even though Georgia may not have won the SEC, I just think they are a more impressive team compared to Alabama, however many people would be very upset if the loser of the SEC championship gets in over the winner and that would then put Texas in.

The only way Texas gets in is if it ends up being Alabama Texas and I don't see that happening, I think you end up seeing the Pac 12 winner goes, the SEC winner the ACC and the big 10, I don't see the Big 12 getting a bid into the playoffs unless Alabama wins that's the only way I see Texas, I think they're not as impressive compared to some of the other teams, time will tell. Conference championships are this weekend on Friday and Saturday and then we will see the selection show that following Tuesday and only time will tell. I hope you guys enjoyed this iteration of the college football update and we will see you on the next one.