

# EARLY CHRISTMAS TRASH: RUNNING WITH THE DEVILS

Well, you might not know it, but there is a HUGE bowl game tonight! Yes, it is the Granddaddy The All Except All The Others, the Maaco Las Vegas Bowl. From, of all places, Las Vegas! And in this fascinating game, my team, the Arizona State Sun Devils have the pleasure of getting their asses whipped up one side and down the other, by my team, the Boise State Broncos.

We have talked about both of these teams enough this year that there is nothing shocking to report for tonight's game. Boise is 11-1, with only a one point last second loss to a very good TCU team blemishing their record. Kellen Moore and crew are well coached by Chris Peterson and their defense is bigger and faster than given credit for. The Devils also have a very good quarterback, Brock Osweiler and a couple of excellent receivers. Their running game and middle and deep defense are all very spotty and suspect though. They had good personnel in those areas, but were decimated by injuries in practice before the season started. ASU has a problem with speed, and Boise has got that in spades. The only hope is that the Devils pull one out of their rear for coach Dennis Erickson in his final game. I would not bet a plug nickel on that though. Game starts at 8 pm EST and is on ESPN.

Also tonight is the NFL Network Thursday offering, this week with Houston at the Indianapolis NotQuitePeytons. The Colts are coming off their first win of the year, and actually played a solid game last week. But the Texans have been holding their own and growing with rookie TJ Yeats taking over at QB for the injured Matts Schaub and Leinart. If Indy can play tough defense, they might have a chance at home. But I doubt it, Houston's running game, led by Arian foster, is too much.

We will likely scare up some new Trash for Saturday's NFL extravaganza, but for now hoop it up here!