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2009 WAC FOOTBALL PRESEASON COACHES' POLL ANNOUNCED

SALT LAKE CITY – Boise State has been named the favorite in the 2009 Western Athletic Conference football coaches poll announced today at the league’s football preview being held in Salt Lake City. It’s the first time Boise State has been picked to win the WAC by the coaches since the 2006 season. Nevada was picked second, its highest selection since the poll began in 2005. Fresno State and Louisiana Tech tied for third.

Boise State finished last season with a 12-1 record and won the WAC regular season title with a perfect 8-0 mark. The Broncos lost a one-point contest to TCU in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, snapping its 12-game winning streak.

Nevada was 7-6 last year and finished tied for second in the WAC with a 5-3 record in conference play. The Wolf Pack played in the Roady’s Humanitarian Bowl last season, their fourth consecutive bowl appearance. Nevada returns last year’s WAC Offensive Player of the Year in junior quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

Louisiana Tech posted its best finish in the WAC standings since the 2001 season, tying for second place. The Bulldogs were 8-5 overall and won the Independence Bowl by beating Northern Illinois, 17-10. Fresno State also advanced to a bowl game last year, playing in the New Mexico Bowl, and was 7-6 overall.

Boise State received 64 points from the nine WAC coaches while Nevada was in second with 55 points. Fresno State and Louisiana Tech tied for third with 45 points. Hawai’i was selected fifth with 36 points followed by San Jose State with 34 points. Utah State was voted seventh with 21 points followed by New Mexico State (13) and Idaho (11).

The following is the complete 2009 WAC football coaches’ poll (coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams):

Rank	Team (1st Place Votes)	Points
1.	Boise State (8)	64
2.	Nevada (1)	55
3.	Fresno State	45
	Louisiana Tech	45
5.	Hawai’i	36
6.	San Jose State	34
7.	Utah State	21
8.	New Mexico State	13
9.	Idaho	11

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