

Hyundai Sun Bowl

Cougars, Hurricanes to face off

Washington State, Miami will get their day in the sun in bowl game on Dec. 26

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Washington State University and the University of Miami are 2,480 miles apart, but the Hyundai Sun Bowl is going to bring them together.

The 8-4 football teams will meet Dec. 26, the Sun Bowl Association announced Sunday, a game that brings always-entertaining Cougar coach Mike Leach to town to face one of college football's brand names.

"We have a program with national prominence and another one that really

came on at the end of the year and was in a lot of people's picture," Sun Bowl executive director Bernie Olivas said. "I didn't think we'd get the opportunity to get (Washington State) but the Holiday Bowl and Foster Farms passed on them. With Mike Leach it's a good draw as well. We're excited."

The bowl did have a decision to make, as No. 22 Utah with a 9-3 record was available. Utah's last appearance in El Paso was in 2011, while Washington State is making its first appearance since coach

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Mayor Oscar Leaser, left, and Sun Bowl Association Football Selection Committee Chairman John Fulmer announce the teams for this year's Hyundai Sun Bowl.
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Hanukkah

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BEGINS



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Rabbi Yisroel Greenberg prepares to light the giant Menorah Sunday outside Chabad Lubavitch. Sunday at sunset was the start of the eight-day Jewish holiday.