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Sugar Bowl bitter over alliance

□ The game in New Orleans no longer gets the SEC Champion.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It used to be so easy for the Sugar Bowl. The Southeastern Conference champion played the highest ranked team the bowl could attract, sometimes with the national championship at stake.

Not anymore Since the bowl alliance took over, the only thing known for sure is that the Sugar Bowl won't decide this year's national title. And with no automatic bid for any conference, making the selection is tougher than ever

Now we start off not knowing

With only a few games left in the regular season, Mathieu said he still doesn't know which teams will be playing in New Orleans on

The Fiesta Bowl is expected to have a 1-2 showdown between Nebraska and Florida. The Orange Bowl and Sugar Bowl, which make up the rest of the alliance, then get to pick from a pool of teams that include Notre Dame and the champions or co-champs of the Atlantic Coast (Florida State), Big East (Virginia Tech or Miami) and Southwest (the Texas-Texas A&M winner) con-

two picks, the Orange selects

'We're in a reactive mode to the Orange bowl on both picks," Mathieu said. "They have the first move and then we get what's left. We can't control our destiny.'

However, the Sugar Bowl can control the Orange Bowl's

No. 22 Miami, although No. 8 Florida State also may be under consideration.

Florida State and Texas, if the

College Bowl lineup

Nevada (9-2) vs. Toledo (10-0-1) Las Vegas, Dec. 14, 9 p.m. (ESPN ALOHA

Washington (7-3-1) vs. lowa (7-4) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

who either of the two teams will be," said Sugar Bowl executive director Troy Mathieu.

After the Fiesta gets the first third and fifth. The Sugar gets the No. 4 and No. 6 selections.

The Orange Bowl apparently wants No. 6 Notre Dame and

Division I-A game:

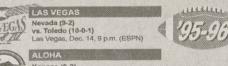
Kansas (9-2)
vs. UCLA (7-4)
Honolullu, Dec. 25, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Texas (9-1-1)-Texas A&M (8-2) loser vs. Michigan (9-3) San Antonio, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

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The Sugar seems to favor



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Air Force (8-4)
vs. Texas Tech (8-3)
Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 27, 9 p.m. (ESPN)

INDEPENDENCE LSU (6-4-1) vs. Michigan State (6-4-1) Shreveport, La., Dec. 29, 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas State (9-2) San Diego, Dec. 29, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

CARQUEST Syracuse (8-3) vs. North Carolina (6-5) Miami, Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

PEACH Virginia (8-4) vs. Alabama (8-3), Arkansas (8-3) or Georgia (6-5) Atlanta, Dec. 30, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Longhorns beat Texas A&M. However, Virginia Tech also is believed to be on the Sugar's list.

If the Orange decides it wants

a Notre Dame-Florida State game, that complicates things for the Sugar Bowl. If the Sugar wants Virginia

Tech, that complicates things for a Notre Dame-Miami Orange Bowl because only one Big East team can play in the alliance.

'Some people assume we'll make our pick to mess up the Orange, but they're mistaken," Mathieu said. "We're in the business of making our own plans, not trying to affect another bowl."

But what if the Orange takes Miami with its first pick? Or what if, to head off the Sugar Bowl, the Orange picks Florida State? If that happens, Mathieu admits the Sugar would be interested in Notre Dame with its huge television and crowd appeal.

Miami (8-3) or Virginia Tech (9-2) vs. Clemson (8-3) Jacksonville, Fla., Jan., 1, 1 p.m. (NBC

Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2) Dallas, Texas, Jan. 1, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Miami, Fla., Jan. 1, 8 p.m. (CB.

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"Every bowl is always interested in Notre Dame," Mathieu said. No. 13 Virginia Tech doesn't have the national appeal of the other schools, but the Hokies are

still a possibility for the Sugar Bowl, Mathieu said. They bring an attribute every bowl likes — they travel well, Mathieu said. "In other words they bring people to our city and have a positive impact on the economy. That's why bowls are

set up."
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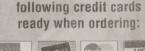


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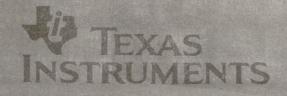
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