Palm Beach County Sports Commission Presents



LOU GROZA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PLACE KICKER AWARD

"STARS OF THE WEEK"



Derek Dimke

Illinois



Danny Hrapmann

Southern Miss



Josh Jasper

LSU

College football's top kicking award, the Lou Groza Collegiate Place Kicker Award sponsored by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission recognizes three of the top kickers each week from FBS division (Div 1A) teams as the "Stars of the Week." This week, the performances of three of the twenty semi-finalists are highlighted.

University of Illinois junior Derek Dimke connected twice on field goals from 43 yards, added another from 44, and was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra point attempts in a wild triple-overtime 67-65 loss to Michigan in Ann Arbor on Saturday. The Rockford, Ill. native improved to 18-of-21 field goals made on the year, and he has not missed on 28 PATs. His 82 points lead the Fighting Illini in scoring. He is averaging two field goals per game, which ties him for second in the nation, along with fellow semi-finalist Dan Bailey of Oklahoma State.

Danny Hrapmann has moved into the national lead in field goals made with his performance in the University of

Southern Mississippi's 46-30 defeat of Tulane in New Orleans. The redshirt junior connected from 33, 34 and 49 yards in front of friends and family in his hometown. He has made 21 of his 23 field goal tries and all 33 of his PATs. Hrapmann also leads the nation, averaging 2.33 field goals per game and is just three shy of setting a school record for field goals made in a season. His 97 points lead the Golden Eagles in scoring.

LSU senior Josh Jasper's three field goals were vital to the Tiger's 24-21 defeat of Alabama in Baton Rouge on Saturday. The Memphis, Tenn. native hit from 35, 39 and 45 yards out, as the loss virtually crushed the Crimson Tide's SEC championship hopes. Jasper has made 17 of his 21 field goal tries this season. His 72 points lead all LSU scorers. After nine games, Jasper's rate of 1.89 field goals per game ranks fifth in the nation.

The Lou Groza Award finalists will be honored at the 19th Annual Lou Groza Awards Banquet on Tuesday, December 7 at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. For more information on the Groza Award and the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, visit www.palmbeachsports.com.

The presentation of the Lou Groza Place-Kicker Award will be featured on *The Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards* live on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. ET on ESPN. The show, hosted by ESPN's Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit will feature the live presentation of nine player awards, along with the recipients of Disney's Spirit Award; The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award, the NCFAA (National College Football Awards Association) Contributions to College Football Award; and student-athletes selected to the Walter Camp All-America Team. Fans can visit the show's dedicated Web site at www.espncollegefootballawards.com to find the latest college football awards news, including show details, previous winners, fan voting, a photo gallery and video highlights.

The Lou Groza Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA). The NCFAA was founded in 1997 as a coalition of the major collegiate football awards to protect, preserve and enhance the integrity, influence and prestige of the game's predominant awards. The NCFAA encourages professionalism and the highest standards for the administration of its member awards and the selection of their candidates and recipients. For more information, visit the association's official website, ncfaa.org.