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LOU GROZA

COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD

College Football's Top Kicking Award



LOU GROZA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PLACE KICKER AWARD

“STARS OF THE WEEK”

10/18/2010



Dan Conroy

Michigan State



Nate Freese

Boston College



Aaron Jones

Baylor

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”.

It's the second Star of the Week selection of the season for Michigan State sophomore Dan Conroy, who connected on a career-high four field goals in the Spartans' 26-6 defeat of Illinois in East Lansing on Saturday. The Spartans are perfect on the year at 7-0 (3-0) and Conroy is a perfect 13-13 in field goals, third in the nation in field goals made and the best start by a place kicker in school history. The Wheaton, Ill. native connected from 18, 32, 34 and 37 yards. Conroy chose to walk on at Michigan State rather than accept a scholarship from Western Michigan. He has since earned his scholarship from the Spartans.

Redshirt freshman Nate Freese has had a stellar beginning to his career at Boston College. He kicked four field goals in the Eagle's 24-19 loss to Florida State at Tallahassee on Saturday to improve his season to 12-for-14, tying him for the fourth highest total in the

nation. The Strongsville, Ohio native connected from 28, 33, 37 and 38 yards. After six games he is averaging two field goals per game. Freese, a bright spot on a struggling Boston College team that has lost four games in a row, is also a perfect 11-11 in PATs.

Baylor University redshirt freshman Aaron Jones is second in the nation in field goals made after his performance in Saturday's 31-25 defeat of Colorado in Boulder. He has hit 14 of his 17 attempts. Jones tied his career high with a 50-yard field goal as time expired in the first half; his previous 50-yard field goal also came as time expired in the first half versus Kansas earlier this season. The Crowley, Texas native also connected from 25 and 38 yards and added two extra points. He is a perfect 26-26 in PATs and leads the Bears in scoring with 68 points.

The Lou Groza Award will be presented as part of the ESPN Home Depot College Football Awards Show in Orlando, Florida on Thursday December 9th. The three finalists will be feted at the 19th Annual Lou Groza Awards Banquet on Tuesday December 7th 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.