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COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD

College Football's Top Kicking Award



LOU GROZA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PLACE KICKER AWARD

“STARS OF THE WEEK”

11/15/2010



Chris Hazley

Virginia Tech



Josh Jasper

LSU



Dustin Hopkins

Florida State

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.

Virginia Tech moved a step closer to clinching the ACC Coastal Division crown partly on the leg of senior kicker Chris Hazley. Hazley drilled four field goals in the Hokies' 26-10 defeat of North Carolina in Chapel Hill Saturday, including a career-long 52-yarder in the first half. He also connected from 23, 26 and 38 yards. The Westchester, Pa. native has now made 17 straight field goals after missing his first attempt of the season. The 17 straight ties a school record. His 90 points lead the Hokies in scoring.

Josh Jasper continued his late-season push for the Groza Award with his second consecutive Star of the Week

selection. The senior from Memphis, Tenn. connected on field goals of 29, 45, and 53 yards and converted all six of his PATs in the Tigers' 51-0 route of Louisiana-Monroe on Homecoming Saturday in Baton Rouge. Jasper improved to 20 of 24 field goal attempts on the season and is tied for second in the nation averaging two field goals per game. His 87 points lead the Tigers in scoring.

Florida State sophomore Dustin Hopkins went from goat to hero in a week. He drilled a career-high 55-yard field goal as time expired Saturday in the Seminoles' 16-13 defeat of Clemson in Tallahassee. Hopkins had missed a 40-yarder in last week's loss to North Carolina. The Houston, Texas native also scored from 28 and 39 yards and saw his season stats improve to 13 of 17 field goals made. Hopkins also converted Florida State's only PAT of the game, remaining perfect on his 40 extra point attempts this season. Florida State (7-3, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) remained alive in its pursuit of a berth in next month's ACC title game along with Maryland and North Carolina State.

The three finalists will be honored 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.

The presentation of the Lou Groza Place-Kicker Award will be featured on *The Home Depot 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