

*Palm Beach County Sports Commission Presents*

# LOU GROZA

## COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD

*College Football's Top Kicking Award*



### LOU GROZA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PLACE KICKER AWARD

#### “STARS OF THE WEEK”

10/25/2010



**Derek DePasquale**

Mississippi State



**Kevin Goessling**

Fresno State



**Alex Henery**

Nebraska

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”.

Mississippi State senior Derek DePasquale kicked his first five field goals of the season to lead the 24<sup>th</sup> ranked Bulldogs to a 29-24 win in Starkville, Mississippi Saturday. A native of The Woodlands, Texas, DePasquale connected twice from 29 yards and from 28, 39 and 43 yards. He has missed four games this season sharing the place kicking duties on the team. His five field goal performance ties the Bulldog school record and the win makes Mississippi State bowl eligible for the first time since 2007.

2009 Lou Groza semi-finalist Kevin Goessling kicked a career-high four field goals Saturday in Fresno State's 33-18 Western Athletic Conference victory at San Jose State. It marked the first time a Bulldog hit four in a game since 2002. The Placentia, California native connected from 29, 37, 43 and 44 yards out, and extended his school record for

successful PATs to 116 straight. Goessling has connected on 11 of his 13 attempts this season.

Nebraska's Alex Henery has not missed a kick of any kind this season. With his three field goals in the Cornhuskers 51-41 defeat of Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Oklahoma last Saturday, he improved to 9 of 9 field goals and 35 of 35 PATs. Henery continued to add to his legend as the best kicker in NU history, connecting from 32, 45 and 52 yards. His 59 field goals are the most in school history. The senior from Omaha was also a perfect 6-for-6 on PATs to finish the day with 15 points. The 2009 Groza semi-finalist also handles punting duties and set up the game's opening touchdown by running 27 yards for a first down on a fake punt.

The Lou Groza Award finalists will be honored at the 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.espncollegefootballawards.com) to find the latest college football awards news, including show details, previous winners, fan voting, a photo gallery and video highlights.