

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"

11/7/2011



**Drew Alleman**

Louisiana State



**Jack Griffin**

Florida International



**Quinn Sharp**

Oklahoma 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 teams as the "Stars of the Week." This week the performances of three of the twenty semi-finalists are highlighted.

The kickers scored all the points in what was ballyhooed as the "Game of the Century" at Tuscaloosa, Alabama on Saturday. LSU junior Drew Alleman's 25 yard field goal in overtime was the difference in the Tigers' 9-6 nipping of the Alabama Crimson Tide in a classic defensive struggle to maintain their number one ranking. The Lafayette, Louisiana native also scored from 19 and 30 yards out. He has made 13 of his 15 attempts on the season and is 38 of 39 in extra point tries. His 77 points lead LSU in scoring and is in the top fifteen among kickers nationally.

Florida International's Jack Griffin has jumped into the national lead in field goals made with his 3-for-3 performance in the Golden Panthers' 10-9 loss to Western Kentucky in Bowling Green on Saturday. The junior from Naples, Florida connected from 43, 40 and 34 yards to account for all FIU scoring in the game. He is now 18-of-21 on field goals and

has made all 23 extra point attempts. With 77 points, he is the FIU scoring leader and is in the top fifteen nationally in kick-scoring. Griffin has now found himself among the Lou Groza Award "Stars of the Week" for three consecutive weeks.

Junior kicker Quinn Sharp's 3 field goals were the difference in Oklahoma State's 52-45 victory over Kansas State in Big 12 action at Stillwater on Saturday. The Mansfield, Texas native connected from 40, 29 and 19 yards while adding 5 PATs. The win keeps the Cowboys in the national championship picture as they moved into the #2 spot in the BCS rankings, with Sharp's leg playing a big part. His 101 points lead the nation in kick-scoring and rank seventh among all players. Sharp is 15-of-17 on field goals and as a result of his team's high powered offense, he has added 56 of 57 extra point tries.

The presentation of the Lou Groza Award will be featured on The Home Depot College Football Awards live on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN. The show, hosted by ESPN's Chris Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Desmond Howard 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.

#### **National College Football Awards Association**

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](http://ncfaa.org).

#### **About the Palm Beach County Sports Commission**

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is a private, not-for-profit organization contracted by Palm Beach County to promote and market the County as a sports and sports tourism destination. The Commission brings sporting events and activities to the County, enhances economic impact, stimulates bed tax revenues (primarily in the off-season), and maximizes utilization of County facilities. The Commission offers a full range of event service support, corporate partnerships, sponsorships and a local membership program that support its goals. Local, regional, national and international marketing efforts are ongoing by the Commission with sports organizations and event owners. The Commission also produces sports-related programs for the residents of Palm Beach County including the annual Lou Groza Awards program, the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame and the Kids Fitness Festival of the Palm Beaches. For more information on the Palm Beach County Sports Commission go to [www.PalmBeachSports.com](http://www.PalmBeachSports.com).