

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”

9/12/2011



Mike Meyer

University of Iowa



Robert Randolph

University of Virginia



Will Oliver

University of Colorado

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”.

It was a four field goal day in vain for University of Iowa sophomore kicker Mike Meyer in the Hawkeyes' 44-41 triple overtime loss to Iowa State in Ames. Meyer was successful on all four field goal attempts, including a career-best 50-yarder in the third quarter. The Dubuque, Iowa native also connected from 42, 34, and 20 yards and converted three extra points. Meyer led Iowa in scoring with 73 points as a freshman in 2010. In his first two games this season, Meyer has yet to miss a kick, hitting all six field goal tries and all seven PAT's.

Will Oliver set a University of Colorado record for freshman kickers with his 52-yard boot against the University of California in the Buffalos' 36-33 overtime loss to the Bears in Boulder. The Los Angeles, California native also connected from 32, 27 and 22 yards and added three extra points. The four-for-four day is the first by a Colorado kicker since 2005 Groza Award runner-up Mason Crosby was perfect on four attempts in the 2004 Houston Bowl.

University of Virginia senior Robert Randolph's 23-yard field goal with just two seconds left on the clock gave the

Cavaliers a 34-31 come-from-behind victory over the Indiana Hoosiers in Bloomington, Indiana. It was the first game-winning field goal in Randolph's career, and gave UVA their first win of a road opener since 2005. The Naples, Florida native also scored from 44, 42 and 23 yards for a perfect four-for-four day on field goals and converted two extra points. Randolph was a Lou Groza Award semi-finalist in 2009.

The Lou Groza Award will be presented as part of The Home Depot College Football Awards in Orlando, Florida on Thursday December 8th. The three finalists will be honored at the 20th Annual Lou Groza Awards Banquet on Tuesday December 6th 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.

National College Football Awards Association

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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.