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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”

9/19/2011



Drew Alleman

Louisiana State



Caleb Sturgis

Florida



Dave Teggart

Connecticut

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”.

Louisiana State rode the leg of junior place kicker Drew Alleman to a 19-6 victory over Mississippi State in SEC action at Starkville, Mississippi on Thursday. The Lafayette, Louisiana native scored from 42, 41, 29 and 21 yards in a defensive battle that saw the third-ranked Tigers defeat the Bulldogs for the 12th straight time, and 19th in their last 20 meetings. After two years as a back-up place kicker and kickoff specialist, Alleman has taken over both duties this season.

A perfect season continues for University of Florida junior kicker Caleb Sturgis. The 15 points he scored were the difference in the Gators' 33-23 defeat of the Tennessee Volunteers in the Swamp at Gainesville on Saturday. The St. Augustine, Florida native connected on field goals of 46, 42, 30, and 28 yards and converted three extra points. He added three touchbacks, giving him six on the season. He is 9-for-9 on field goals this season and has made all 12

extra point tries.

Last season, UConn's Dave Teggart became the first kicker in Big East Conference history to connect from 50 yards or longer twice in the same game. The senior did it again Friday night in the Huskies' 24-20 loss to Iowa State in East Hartford, Connecticut. It was a night of highs and lows for the Northborough, Massachusetts native as he also snapped a string of 12 straight field goals made, dating back to last season, when he missed from 41 yards in the first quarter. The 52-yard kick tied his career high.

The Lou Groza Award will be presented as part of the ESPN Home Depot College Football Awards Show 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.