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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”

9/26/2011



Brian Davis

Arkansas State



Danny Hrapmann

Southern Miss



Ross Krautman

Syracuse

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.”

Arkansas State sophomore kicker Brian Davis set a new ASU and Sun Belt Conference record with six field goals as the Red Wolves defeated the Central Arkansas Bears 53-24 Saturday night at ASU Stadium. He connected from 24, 32, 33, 34, 21 and 33 yards, and converted all five of his extra points to set an ASU and SBC scoring record by a kicker with 23 points on the night. His performance moved the Brentwood, Tennessee native into the top five in the nation in field goals made.

Senior Danny Hrapmann's dozen points were crucial to the University of Southern Mississippi's 30-24 road victory over the University of Virginia on Saturday afternoon. He split the uprights from 43, 31 and 27 yards and added three extra-point conversions to move into third place all-time among Golden Eagle kickers with 196 career points. He put

a little icing on the cake with a 31-yard rush on a fake punt. The New Orleans native was one of the three finalists for the 2010 Lou Groza Award and was the kicker on the Walter Camp Foundation All-America Team.

Just four games into his sophomore season, Syracuse University kicker Ross Krautman moved into ninth-place on the Orange all-time field goal list thanks to his second career 4-for-4 performance. His 27-yard field goal in overtime was the game-winner in the 33-30 victory over the University of Toledo on Saturday. It was, however, a kick that Krautman didn't make that proved newsworthy, as the Big East Conference announced after the game that the extra point to tie the game 30-30 should have been ruled a miss. The Franklin Lakes, New Jersey native converted from 33, 31 and 29 yards in regulation.

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.