

*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”

10/10/2011



**Donnie Carona**

Texas Tech



**Chandler Catanzaro**

Clemson



**Mathew Sims**

Northern Illinois

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".

Texas Tech senior place-kicker Donnie Carona was a bright spot in the Red Raiders' 45-40 loss to Texas A&M in Lubbock Saturday. Carona had a career night and also put his name in the school record book. The Beaumont, Texas native connected on a school-record four field goals and added four extra points for 16-point performance. He nailed two attempts from 49 yards out, with both of those kicks marking the second longest of his career. He also scored from 27 and 30 yards out. The last time a Red Raider kicked four field goals in a game was 1998.

It was also a career game for Clemson sophomore kicker Chandler Catanzaro. His perfect 5-for-5 performance helped the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked and undefeated Tigers to a 36-14 victory over Boston College in Death Valley. The Greenville, South Carolina native connected on field goals of 47, 42, 38, 20 and 18 yards. He is now 5-of-6 on field goals of 40+ yards this season and 11-of-15 on kicks of that length for his career. He also contributed 3 PATs. Catanzaro has made 10 of the 12 field goals he has attempted this season and has yet to miss an extra point try.

Sophomore place-kicker Mathew Sims was a perfect 4-for-4 on field goals as Northern Illinois defeated Kent State 40-10 at Huskie Stadium in Dekalb, Illinois on Saturday. The Hannibal, Montana native scored from 44, 34, 32 and 31 yards to bring his season total in field goals made to 10-of-13 which is among the top ten in the nation. It was his second consecutive four field goal performance and the first 4-for-4 day of his career. His 56 points leads the Huskies in scoring and tie him for 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in kick scoring.

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

### **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](http://www.PalmBeachSports.com).