

*Palm Beach County Sports Commission Presents*

# LOU GROZA

## COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD

*College Football's Top Kicking Award*



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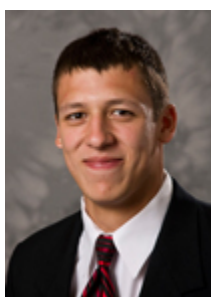
#### "STARS OF THE WEEK"

9/10/2012



**Chris Boswell**

Rice



**Quentin Breshears**

Fresno State



**Brett Maher**

Nebraska

College football's top kicking award, the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award presented 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."

Junior kicker Chris Boswell is picking up where he left off last season. The 2011 Lou Groza Award semifinalist kicked four field goals including the game-winner as time expired to give Rice University a 25-24 upset victory over the University of Kansas in Lawrence on Saturday. He converted from 47 yards, twice from 29, and the 45-yard winner to give the Owls their first victory over a Big 12 Conference opponent in school history. Boswell's game-winner not only decided the outcome, it allowed the junior from Keller, Texas to tie the school record of 33 career field goals, and the single-game mark of four, which he already shared.

Fresno State may have suffered a 42-25 defeat at the hands of the University of Oregon on Saturday at Eugene, but freshman kicker Quentin Breshears did his job every time he was called upon. He kicked field goals of 43, 39, 37 and 25 yards, and converted his only extra point attempt in his second game as the Bulldogs' starting placement specialist. The Turlock, Calif. native is the first Bulldog kicker to connect on four tries in a game since 2010 Groza semifinalist Kevin Goessling.

Senior kicker Brett Maher booted a career long 54-yard field goal to tie the game at the end of the first half, but the Cornhuskers would go on to lose a disappointing 36-30 decision to UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on Saturday. It was the fourth field goal of 50 yards or longer of his career, and Nebraska's longest ever field goal away from Memorial Stadium. Maher, who handles the punting duties as well, also converted from 43 and 40 yards and was successful on all three extra point tries. The Kearney, Neb. native was a 2011 Groza semifinalist, as well as the first player to be named both the Big Ten Conference Kicker and Punter of the Year since 2001.

The Lou Groza Award will be presented as part of the ESPNU Home Depot College Football Awards Show in Orlando, Fla. on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The three finalists will be feted at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lou Groza Awards Banquet on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. For more information on the Lou Groza Award, the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, and to vote for your favorite Star of the Week, visit [www.LouGrozaAward.com](http://www.LouGrozaAward.com).

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

The Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker 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, [www.ncfaa.org](http://www.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, the Kids Fitness Festival of the Palm Beaches and awards the annual Sam Budnyk Student-Athlete Scholarship. For more information on the Palm Beach County Sports Commission go to [www.palmbeachsports.com](http://www.palmbeachsports.com).