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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"

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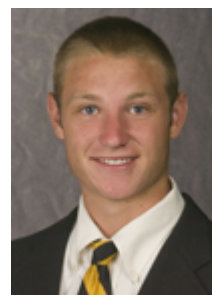
Matt Hogan

Houston



Dustin Hopkins

Florida State



Mike Meyer

Iowa

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."

University of Houston senior Matt Hogan set Conference USA and school records with his six field goal performance in the Cougars' 39-17 defeat of UAB on Saturday in Houston. Beyond the record-setting six field goals, Hogan tacked on three PATs, totaling a school record 21 points. The Keller, Texas native kicked a career long 52-yard field goal, his third from 50 yards or longer this season. He also connected from 29, 27 and twice from 23 yards. Hogan has scored 58 points on the season, leading the Cougars and placing him in the top ten in kick-scoring nationally.

Dustin Hopkins kicked his way into the history books at both Florida State University and the Atlantic Coast Conference in the Seminoles' 51-7 rout of Boston College in Tallahassee on Saturday night. The senior from Houston, Texas kicked field goals of 51, 38 and 26 yards and added six extra points to score 15 points and become the all-time leading scorer for both the university and the conference with 402 career points. That total puts him fifth on the NCAA's all-time scoring list. His 76 points lead the nation in kick-scoring and he leads all scorers at Florida State. Hopkins was a 2011 Lou Groza Award finalist and has notched a Star of the Week

selection for the second straight week.

University of Iowa junior Mike Meyer's 42-yard field goal in the second overtime gave the Hawkeyes a 19-16 Big Ten Conference victory over Michigan State in East Lansing on Saturday. He converted a 27 yard try in the first overtime and scored from 28 and 23 yards during regulation, the second time this season he has kicked four field goals in a game. Meyer has made 14 of his 15 attempts this year, including his last 13. His lone PAT extended his school record to 68 in a row. The Dubuque, Iowa native is second in the nation in field goals made per game. His 54 points lead all Hawkeye scoring.

The Lou Groza Award will be presented as part of the Home Depot ESPN College Football Awards in Orlando, Fla. on Thursday, December 6th. The three finalists will be feted at the 21st Annual Lou Groza Awards Banquet on Tuesday, December 4th 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.

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.

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.