

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"

10/29/2012



Maikon Bonani

South Florida



Brian Davis

Arkansas State



Quinn Sharp

Oklahoma State

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." This week, all three kickers share perfect 5-for-5 field goal performances.

University of South Florida's Maikon Bonani set the school's single game record for scoring with his 18 point performance in the Bulls' heartbreaking 37-36 loss to the Syracuse University in Tampa on Saturday night. The senior from Lake Wales, Fla. connected from 47, 46, 41, 35 and 32 yards and added three extra points. The single game scoring record is just the latest to be rewritten by Bonani. He was already USF's all-time scoring leader and holds the mark for field goals in a career. A Lou Groza Award preseason watch list selection, he has made 11 of his 13 field goal tries and leads his team in scoring.

Junior kicker Brian Davis' perfect 5-for-5 performance in Arkansas State's 50-27 defeat of Louisiana in Lafayette on Tuesday night made him the only player in the Sun Belt Conference to kick five field goals in a game this season. The Brentwood, Tenn. native opened with a career long 47, then hit from 45, 29, 22 and 21 yards and hit all five extra point tries. Davis has made 13 of his 16 field goal attempts this season. He has had five multi-field goal games this season and 10 in his career. His 20 points in a game are

second-most in Red Wolves' history and his 69 points lead the team in scoring.

Oklahoma State University senior Quinn Sharp tied the school record with his 5-for-5 field goal performance in the Cowboys' 36-14 defeat of TCU in Stillwater on Saturday. The Mansfield, Texas native connected on kicks of 34, 32, 30, 27 and 22 yards and added three PATs. He has not missed an extra point in 37 attempts this season. His 82 points lead the Cowboys in scoring and are the sixth-most in the country by a kicker. His 15 field goals this season are tied for fifth-most in the nation, and he has yet to miss from within 44 yards.

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

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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, 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.