



Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl
 Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017
 12:30 p.m. (CT)/1:30 p.m. (ET)
 Cotton Bowl Stadium
 Dallas, Texas



Year: 8th (Began in 2011)

TV: ESPN

Radio: Heart of Dallas Bowl Network

Teams: Big Ten (home) vs. Big 12 (visitor)

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 4

	Times CT
Illinois @ Purdue (BTN)	11 am
#7 Penn State @ #24 Michigan State (FOX)	11 am
#4 Wisconsin @ Indiana (ABC)	11 am
Baylor @ Kansas	11 am
Kansas State @ Texas Tech	11 am
Maryland @ Rutgers (BTN)	2:30 pm
Northwestern @ Nebraska (BTN)	2:30 pm
#3 Ohio State @ Iowa (ESPN)	2:30 pm
#14 Iowa State @ West Virginia	2:30 pm
#8 Oklahoma @ #11 Oklahoma State	3 pm
Texas @ #10 TCU	6:15 pm
Minnesota @ Michigan (FOX)	6:30 pm

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WEEKLY NOTES

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AT A GLANCE

BIG TEN

Five schools — Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin — have clinched bowl berths by reaching six victories. Iowa and Northwestern can join that group with its next win.

Big Ten Standings [here](#).

BIG 12

Only league with four teams tied for the top spot with identical records of 4-1 and all currently ranked in the top 14 of the AP Poll. Three of the four (Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and TCU) suffered its only loss of the season to each other.

Big 12 Standings [here](#).

BADGERS STILL PERFECT

At 8-0 this season, Wisconsin is also one of five remaining undefeated schools in the FBS. The Badgers are off to their best start since 2004, when they won their first nine, and they have extended their school record with 11 consecutive Big Ten wins, surpassing their previous record of nine across the 2006-07 and 2010-11 seasons.

CYCLONES MAKING HISTORY

Iowa State is the first team since LSU in 2011 to beat two Top 5 teams in a calendar month in the regular season after its October wins at No. 3 Oklahoma and versus No. 4 TCU. The Cyclones previously only had one Top 5 win in school history.

PADDY MELTS MICHIGAN

Northwestern LB Paddy Fisher had 17 tackles, including 14 solo stops, in the Wildcats' triple-OT win over Michigan State, the most solo tackles by an FBS player this year and the second-most in school history behind Tim McGarigle's 15 against Wisconsin in 2005. Fisher, who had a career-high 18 tackles on Sept. 9 at Duke, is one of three FBS players with multiple 17-tackle games this season.

RUNNING LEAGUE?

While known for its prolific passing offenses, the Big 12 had five teams rush for more than 170 yards last week, including four individual 100-yard rushers: Rodney Anderson (Oklahoma) 181; J.D. King (Oklahoma State) 142; Alex Barnes (K-State) 128; Tre King (Texas Tech) 113.

IN THE NEWS

Berry Tramel (@BerryTramel) of the *Daily Oklahoman* lets us know why Oklahoma's win over Ohio State will continue to be important in the College Football Playoff rankings. The Sooners debuted higher than the Buckeyes in the first poll. Read more about it [here](#).

Matt Charboneau (@MattCharboneau) of the *Detroit News* writes that Michigan State remains upbeat with a looming gauntlet ahead that includes Penn State and Ohio State. Find out why [here](#).

Greg Woods (@GregWWoods) of the *Manhattan Mercury* writes that Kansas State needs to lean on its special teams against Texas Tech this weekend, just as the Wildcats did in their win over Kansas. Get the rest of the story [here](#).

Andy Greder (@AndyGreder) of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* writes that Minnesota wants to take the spookiness out of Wolverines defense in this week's clash at highly-favored Michigan. Click [here](#).

TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the 2017 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl are now on sale at www.heartofdallasbowl.com. Tickets range from \$25 for a general admission seat, to \$75 for a reserved lower bowl seat and \$125 for a mid-field chair back seat.

Fans will again be able to help thank first responders by "Sponsoring a Responder." Fans can choose to purchase "additional" tickets for \$15 that will be distributed to first responder members and their families. These generous ticket sponsors will be recognized during the game on Dec. 26.

HIGHER CAUSE

The Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl is the first bowl game in the country to honor First Responders. Groups honored include firefighters, police and EMS personnel; with tributes during each quarter, and presentations throughout the event. The pre-game fan fest also brings together first responder groups from all over North Texas, with a tailgate outside Cotton Bowl Stadium, showcasing hardware from participating units and community organizations.