



**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

	Times CT
<b>Friday, Sept. 8</b>	
Ohio @ Purdue (FS1)	7 pm
#11 Oklahoma State @ South Alabama (ESPN2)	7 pm
<b>Saturday, Sept. 9</b>	
Northwestern @ Duke (ESPNU)	11 am
Iowa @ Iowa State (ESPN2)	11 am
Towson @ Maryland (BTN)	11 am
Florida Atlantic @ #9 Wisconsin (BTN)	11 am
Cincinnati @ #8 Michigan (ABC)	11 am
East Carolina @ West Virginia (FS2)	11 am
Charlotte @ #19 Kansas State	11 am
Western Michigan @ Michigan State (BTN)	2:30 pm
Eastern Michigan @ Rutgers (BTN)	2:30 pm
Indiana @ Virginia (ACCNE)	2:30 pm
Pittsburgh @ #4 Penn State (ABC)	2:30 pm
San José State @ Texas (LHN)	2:30 pm
#23 TCU @ Arkansas (CBS)	2:30 pm
Central Michigan @ Kansas	3 pm
Nebraska @ Oregon (FOX)	3:30 pm
#5 Oklahoma @ #2 Ohio State (ABC)	6:30 pm
UT San Antonio @ Baylor	7 pm
Western Kentucky @ Illinois (BTN)	7 pm
Minnesota @ Oregon State (FS1)	9 pm

# WEEKLY NOTES

Sept. 6, 2017

#### AT A GLANCE

##### BIG TEN

All 14 schools are in action this week kicking off Friday night with Purdue opening its home schedule against Ohio. Three other programs will play their home openers on Saturday, with Maryland entertaining Towson, Michigan playing host to Cincinnati and Ohio State welcoming Oklahoma.

**Big Ten Standings** [here](#):

##### BIG 12

Nine of the 10 conference programs are in action this week, starting with No. 11 Oklahoma State heading to South Alabama on Friday night. Texas Tech is off.

**Big 12 Standings** [here](#):

#### HAPPY RETURNS

Two Big Ten students made noteworthy returns to the gridiron on Saturday. Illinois receiver Mike Dudek came back from two knee injuries to see his first action since 2014 in the Fighting Illini's 24-21 win over Ball State, with Dudek catching a 16-yard TD. Michigan State cornerback Tyson Smith capped his recovery from an offseason stroke with a 38-yard interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter of the Spartans' 35-10 win over Bowling Green.

#### BACK IN A BIG WAY

Kansas redshirt-junior LB Joe Dineen Jr. returned to the field for the first time in nearly a year after missing the majority of the 2016, leading the Jayhawks to a 38-16 win over Southeast Missouri State. Dineen posted a game-high 15 tackles in the win on his way to being named the Big 12's Defensive Player of the Week.

#### GOOD FROM 50 ... TWICE

Michigan freshman Quinn Nordin became the first Wolverine to kick two 50-yard field goals in the same game, converting from 50 and 55 yards in Saturday's win over Florida. The 55-yard field goal also was the longest collegiate kick in AT&T Stadium history.

#### MAKE THAT 150 FOR GP

A season-opening 63-0 victory over Jackson State gave TCU coach Gary Patterson his 150th career victory. He ranks second nationally behind Kansas State's Bill Snyder (203) for most wins by a head coach at his current school.

#### IN THE NEWS

Tim May (@Tim\_MaySports) of the *Columbus Dispatch* writes Urban Meyer and his No. 2 Buckeyes immediately started zeroing in on No. 7 Oklahoma after their shakey win over Indiana. Read more [here](#):

Randy Peterson (@RandyPete) of the *Des Moines Register* gives us a rundown of the matchups Iowa State must win in its rivalry showdown with Iowa. Get the all [here](#):

Sam McKewon (@SWMcKewonOWH) of the *Omaha World-Herald* writes Nebraska coach Mike Riley is concerned about the air quality at Oregon this weekend due wildfires in the area. Possibility of moving the date/time of the game has been mentioned. More [here](#):

Carlos Mendez (@CAlexMendez) of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* previews No. 23 TCU heading to Arkansas in what promises to be litmus test for the Horned Frogs. The Hogs won last year in Fort Worth in double OT. Read how this match shapes up [here](#):

#### TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the 2017 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl will be on sale soon at [www.heartofdallasbowl.com](http://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.

#### HOLIDAY CHEER IN BIG D

The eighth annual Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl will be played on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium on the grounds of Fair Park. This year's Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl featuring teams from the Big Ten and Big 12 is slated to kick off at 12:30 p.m. CT (1:30 p.m. ET), and televised nationally on ESPN.

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