



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
Friday, Sept. 15	
Illinois @ #22 South Florida (ESPN)	7 pm
Saturday, Sept. 16	
Northern Illinois @ Nebraska (FS1)	11 am
Air Force @ #7 Michigan (BTN)	11 am
Kansas @ Ohio (ESPNU)	11 am
Delaware State @ West Virginia	11 am
Iowa State @ Akron (CBSSN)	11 am
#9 Oklahoma State @ Pittsburgh (ESPN)	11 am
Baylor @ Duke (AACNE)	11:30 am
Middle Tennessee @ Minnesota (BTN)	2:30 pm
Morgan State @ Rutgers (BTN)	2:30 pm
Florida Intl @ Indiana (BTN)	2:30 pm
North Texas @ Iowa (ESPN2)	2:30 pm
#10 Wisconsin @ BYU (ABC)	2:30 pm
SMU @ #20 TCU (ESPNU)	2:30 pm
Purdue @ Missouri (SECN)	3 pm
Army @ #8 Ohio State (FOX)	3:30 pm
Tulane @ #2 Oklahoma	5 pm
Bowling Green @ Northwestern (BTN)	6:30 pm
Georgia State @ #5 Penn State (BTN)	6:30 pm
#18 Kansas State @ Vanderbilt (ESPNU)	6:30 pm
Arizona State @ Texas Tech	7 pm
Texas @ #4 USC (FOX)	7:30 pm

WEEKLY NOTES

Sept. 13, 2017

AT A GLANCE
BIG TEN

Eleven schools will continue their nonconference schedules this weekend, with eight programs playing at home. After opening with a pair of wins, both Maryland and Michigan State will be the first Big Ten schools to go on a bye week in 2017.
Big Ten Standings [here](#).

BIG 12

All 10 programs are in action, highlighted by Texas visiting No. 4 USC in a rematch of the 2005 National Championship Game.
Big 12 Standings [here](#).

FOOTBALL & CRAB CAKES

Maryland has opened the 2017 season by scoring at least 50 points in its first two games for the first time in program history and posting back-to-back 50-point games for the first time since Nov. 17 and Nov. 24, 1951 (53-0 vs. N.C. State and 54-7 vs. West Virginia). The Terrapins opened their home schedule Saturday with a 63-17 win over in-state rival Towson, recording the most points by a Maryland squad since Nov. 25, 1954 (a 74-13 win over Missouri).

SOONERS MAKE STATEMENT

Oklahoma scored the nation's best road win of the young season, going to Columbus and upending Ohio State 31-16. For giving first-year coach Lincoln Riley a signature win, the Sooners have earned the Football Writers Association of America National Team of the Week honor for games of the weekend of Sept. 9.

LIONS LOOK GOOD AT 30

Penn State extended its streak of consecutive 30-point games to nine in a row with a 33-14 win over Keystone State rival Pittsburgh on Saturday at Beaver Stadium. It's the Nittany Lions' longest streak of 30-point games since a 15-game streak during the 1993 and 1994 seasons.

ERTZ SPINNING IT FOR K-STATE

Kansas State QB Jesse Ertz has gotten off to a hot start by setting a new single-game school record for passer rating (319.8) in the opener while completing 70.3-percent of his passes through two games. He enters the week ranked fourth nationally in passing efficiency and yards per completion.

IN THE NEWS

Jeff Potrykus (@JayPo1961) of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* writes that the video review of Wisconsin's victory over Florida Atlantic provided UW's offensive staff the opportunity to reaffirm the value of executing fundamentals. Read more [here](#).

Kirk Bohls (@KBohls) of the *Austin American-Statesman* opines that through two games this season, Texas is still searching for an identity. Get the whole column [here](#).

Mike Carmin (@CarminJC) of the *Lafayette Journal & Courier* writes the Purdue's defense needs to play at a different level, especially with more pressure on the quarterback. Being able to hit Missouri's Drew Lock is an element to watch in Saturday's matchup in Columbia. More [here](#).

Kendrick Marshall (@KD_Marshall) of the *Tulsa World* points out that Pittsburgh may not necessarily be the test Oklahoma State needs after two blowout wins. The Cowboys have to be careful not to overlook the Panthers. Read more [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.

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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