



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

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<b>Saturday, Sept. 23</b>	
UNLV @ #10 Ohio State (BTN)	11 am
West Virginia @ Kansas (ESPNU)	11 am
Texas Tech @ Houston (ABC/ESPN2)	11 am
UCF @ Maryland (FS1)	2 pm
Rutgers @ Nebraska (BTN)	2:30 pm
Georgia Southern @ Indiana (BTN)	2:30 pm
#16 TCU @ #6 Oklahoma State (ESPN)	2:30 pm
#8 Michigan @ Purdue (FOX)	3 pm
#3 Oklahoma @ Baylor (ESPN)	5:30 pm
#4 Penn State @ Iowa (ABC)	6:30 pm
Notre Dame @ Michigan State (FOX)	7 pm

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# WEEKLY NOTES

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#### AT A GLANCE

##### BIG TEN

Three conference matchups highlight a seven-game slate. Rutgers visits Nebraska, Michigan travels to Purdue and Penn State heads to Iowa in the Big Ten opener for all six. Four squads enjoy bye weeks: Illinois, Minnesota, Northwestern and Wisconsin.  
**Big Ten Standings** [here](#).

##### BIG 12

Seven programs are in action, highlighted by No. 16 TCU at No. 6 Oklahoma State. Texas, Kansas State and Baylor are off.  
**Big 12 Standings** [here](#).

#### ROAD DOMINANCE

Purdue posted its largest road win in more than 18 years on Saturday with a 35-3 win at Missouri. The last time the Boilermakers won by a margin of that size on the road was Sept. 4, 1999 (47-13 at Central Florida), and it was the fewest points Purdue allowed in a road game since Oct. 25, 1997, when the Boilermakers registered a 48-3 win at Illinois.

#### SHOWDOWN IN STILLWATER

No. 16 TCU's trip to No. 6 Oklahoma State marks the fourth time in six seasons that the Horned Frogs play in Stillwater. Upon entering the Big 12 in 2012, TCU inherited Texas A&M's league schedule in which the Aggies owed the Cowboys an extra home game. TCU played at Oklahoma State in 2012 and 2013, before hosting the Cowboys for the first time in 2014. The game features the all-time winningest coaches at both schools: Gary Patterson (152) for TCU, Mike Gundy (107) for OSU.

#### J.T. PASSES BREES

Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett was responsible for three touchdowns (two passing, one rushing) in the Buckeyes' 38-7 win over Army West Point on Saturday, setting the Big Ten career record in that category with 107, one more than Purdue's Drew Brees registered from 1997-2000.

#### SWEET AS A ROSE

Texas Tech senior quarterback Nic Shimonek was named the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week on Tuesday following his 543-yard, six-touchdown performance against Arizona State.

#### IN THE NEWS

Graham Couch (@Graham\_Couch) of the *Lansing State Journal* writes that Michigan State will learn will its learn true character, along with its flaws against Notre Dame. Read more [here](#).

Mark Cooper (@Mark\_CooperJr) of the *Tulsa World* explains why Jordan Brailford sets an example for the rest of Oklahoma State's defense. Get the rest [here](#).

Ben Jones (@Ben\_Jones88) of StateCollege.com writes that it's hard to argue with Penn State's methods so far this season, but it's also hard not to imagine how much better this offense could get if the receivers are only just getting started. More [here](#).

Sean Manning (@SeanManning\_DP) of the *Morgantown Dominion Post* lets us know that WVU defensive end Ezekiel Rose doesn't have to look over his shoulder like he did the last two seasons when he was at East Mississippi Community College team, a program featured in the Netflix original series "Last Chance U." Click [here](#) for more.

#### TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the 2017 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl are now on sale 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.

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.