



**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>Thursday, Sept. 28</b>	
Texas @ Iowa State (ESPN)	7 pm
<b>Friday, Sept. 29</b>	
Nebraska @ Illinois (FS1)	7 pm
<b>Saturday, Sept. 30</b>	
Maryland @ Minnesota (FS1)	11 am
Northwestern @ #10 Wisconsin (ABC)	11 am
Indiana @ #4 Penn State (BTN)	2:30 pm
Baylor @ Kansas State (ESPN2)	2:30 pm
Iowa @ Michigan State (FOX)	3 pm
#11 Ohio State @ Rutgers (BTN)	6:30 pm
#15 Oklahoma State @ Texas Tech (FOX)	7 pm

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# WEEKLY NOTES

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#### AT A GLANCE

##### BIG TEN

Week 5 season features six games, beginning Friday night when Nebraska visits Illinois in the Big Ten opener for the Fighting Illini. Maryland is at Minnesota in the first league game for both, while Northwestern opens its Big Ten season at Wisconsin.

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

##### BIG 12

Six programs are in action, with Texas' visit to Iowa State on Thursday kicking things off. Oklahoma, TCU, Kansas and West Virginia are on bye weeks.

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

#### BARKLEY SETS PENN STATE MARK

Penn State running back Saquon Barkley amassed a school-record 358 all-purpose yards in the Nittany Lions' win at Iowa. Not only did Barkley eclipse the previous Penn State record held by Curt Warner (341 at Syracuse on Oct. 17, 1981), but his total was also the 10th-highest all-purpose yardage total in Big Ten history and the highest since Nov. 15, 2014, when Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon had 408 all-purpose yards against Nebraska.

#### TCU SHINES AFTER OSU WIN

In the aftermath of TCU's 44-31 victory at Oklahoma State, the Horned Frogs were named the Football Writers Association of America National Team of the Week. The Davey O'Brien Award also announced TCU's Kenny Hill as its National Quarterback of the Week. The senior passed for 228 yards and a touchdown.

#### GETTING IT DONE ON BOTH SIDES

The Big Ten currently features two programs that rank among the top 20 nationally in both total offense and defense (Penn State and Wisconsin). Three more conference squads stand among the top 20 nationally in total defense (Michigan, Michigan State and Minnesota).

#### SWEET SERMON FOR SOONERS

Oklahoma freshman RB Trey Sermon was named the Big 12 Newcomer of the Week. Sermon rushed for a career-high 148 yards and two touchdowns, all in the fourth quarter of the Sooners' 49-41 win at Baylor.

#### IN THE NEWS

Jared Stansbury (@JaredStansbury) of *Cyclone Fanatic* writes that Texas coach and former Iowa State OC Tom Herman knows exactly what to expect when he leads his team into Ames for a nationally televised game Thursday night. Read more [here](#).

Bob Asmussen (@BobAsmussen) of the *Champaign News-Gazette* reminds us the last time Illinois played a game, Chayce Crouch was the starting quarterback. Nothing has changed. Get the rest [here](#).

Carlos Silva (@CMSilvaJr) of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* writes that the Texas Tech defense faces stiff test and jump in competition against No. 15 Oklahoma State this weekend. More [here](#).

Luke Srodulski (@LSrodulski) of *Land of 10* details the gift LJ Scott had waiting for him when he walked into Michigan State's running backs room earlier this week: a football sitting in front of his seat. Click [here](#) the find out the rest.

#### 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.