



**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
Illinois @ Iowa (BTN)	11 am
#4 Penn State @ Northwestern (ABC)	11 am
Texas Tech @ Kansas (FS1)	11 am
Iowa State @ #3 Oklahoma (FOX)	11 am
#23 West Virginia @ #8 TCU (FS1)	2:30 pm
Minnesota @ Purdue (ESPN2)	2:30 pm
Charleston Southern @ Indiana (BTN)	2:30 pm
Maryland @ #10 Ohio State (FOX)	3 pm
Kansas State @ Texas (FS1)	6 pm
Michigan State @ #7 Michigan (ABC)	6:30 pm
#9 Wisconsin @ Nebraska (BTN)	7 pm

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# WEEKLY NOTES

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**AT A GLANCE**

**BIG TEN**

Six games are on the docket this weekend, including five divisional matchups. Indiana also plays host to Charleston Southern in the final nonconference game for a Big Ten team this year. The Hoosiers were originally scheduled to host Florida International on Sept. 16, but the game was cancelled due to the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

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

**BIG 12**

The top 25 matchup of West Virginia at No. TCU highlights this week's four conference games. ESPN College GameDay will be in Forth Worth for the first time since 2009. Baylor and Oklahoma State have byes.

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

**FIRSTS FROM BARKLEY**

Penn State's Saquon Barkley recorded his first career kickoff return and passing touchdowns Saturday vs. Indiana. He became the first Big Ten player and sixth FBS player since 1996 to do that in the same game. He added 56 rushing yards and 51 receiving yards to become the first player in the last 20 years with 50 rushing yards, 50 receiving yards, a passing TD and kick return TD in a single game.

**SOONER STREAKS**

Oklahoma's nation-leading win streak is at 14 going into this week's game against Iowa State. The Sooners also lead the country with 13 straight true road victories. Their next road test is at K-State on Oct. 21.

**STILL PERFECT**

Three Big Ten teams remain undefeated on the season, as Penn State has won its first five games and both Michigan and Wisconsin are 4-0. The Nittany Lions are 5-0 for the first time since 2008, when the team started 9-0. Both the Wolverines and Badgers are 4-0 for the second consecutive season.

**SLINGING IT AROUND**

Six Big 12 quarterbacks rank in the top 15 in passing yards per game. Texas Tech's Nic Shimonek (394.5) is second followed by: 3. OSU's Mason Rudolph (381.8), 7. WVU's Will Grier (343.5), 9. OU's Baker Mayfield (332.3), 14. KU's Peyton Bender (306.8) and 15. ISU's Jacob Park (295.3).

**IN THE NEWS**

Mitch Vingle (@MitchVingle) of the *Charleston Gazette-Mail* writes that West Virginia is out to flip the script in Saturday's Top 25 showdown at TCU. More to the point, beating a ranked foe hasn't been easy for the Mountaineers this century. Read more [here](#).

Nick Baumgardner (@NickBaumgardner) of the *Detroit Free Press* writes that Michigan-Michigan State a huge game for everyone, not just new Wolverines quarterback John O'Korn. Get the rest [here](#).

Greg Woods (@GregWWoods) of the *Manhattan Mercury* writes that K-State kicker Matthew McCrane found redemption with perfect outing against Baylor. More [here](#).

Jason Galloway (@Jason\_Galloway) of the *Wisconsin State Journal* reminds us that the Badgers and Cornhuskers stand as the only two Big Ten West teams with undefeated conference records. Saturday's winner jumps into the drivers' seat. Click [here](#).

**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.