



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>Saturday, Oct. 14</b>	
Rutgers @ Illinois (BTN)	11 am
#17 Michigan @ Indiana (ABC)	11 am
Kansas @ Iowa State	11 am
#24 Texas Tech @ West Virginia (ESPNU)	11 am
#6 TCU @ Kansas State (FS1)	11 am
Baylor @ #14 Oklahoma State (FS1)	2:30 pm
#12 Oklahoma vs. Texas (ESPN)	2:30 pm
Northwestern @ Maryland (ESPN2)	2:30 pm
Purdue @ #7 Wisconsin (BTN)	2:30 pm
#9 Ohio State @ Nebraska (FS1)	6:30 pm
#21 Michigan State @ Minnesota (BTN)	7 pm

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# WEEKLY NOTES

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#### AT A GLANCE

##### BIG TEN

Two league teams remain undefeated on the season. Penn State is 6-0 for the first time since 2008, when the team started 9-0. Wisconsin is 5-0 for the first time since winning their first six games in 2011.

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

##### BIG 12

The State Fair of Texas is the backdrop for a matchup of the Big 12's two most successful programs, as Oklahoma plays Texas for the 112th time Saturday. The game will be played in Dallas for the 89th straight year.

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

#### CAREER DAY FOR TAYLOR

Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor rushed for a career-high 249 yards and two touchdowns in Wisconsin's to a victory at Nebraska to become the second true freshman in program history to record multiple 200-yard rushing games and the first since Ron Dayne in 1996. Taylor's 249 rushing yards were the most by a Badger in a road game since Melvin Gordon rushed for 259 yards at Northwestern in 2014.

#### IOWA STATE RECOGNIZED

Iowa State was named the Football Writers Association of America National Team of the Week following its victory over previously-unbeaten at No. 3 Oklahoma. The Cardinal and Gold were an easy nod for after their first win in Norman since 1990 and the first victory over an AP top-5 opponent on the road. ISU also snapped an 18-game losing streak against OU.

#### SPARTY TAKETH AWAY

Michigan State forced five Michigan turnovers (two fumbles, three interceptions), the most by a Spartan team since 2015. Safety David Dowell had a career game, collecting two interceptions, a fumble recovery and a career-high seven tackles.

#### NEW FACES IN RED RIVER RIVALRY

This season marks the first since 1947 that both Oklahoma (Lincoln Riley) and Texas (Tom Herman). The 1947 game marked the first year of the Bud Wilkinson era at OU and the debut season for Blair Cherry at UT. Wilkinson's Sooners lost to Cherry's Horns 34-14 in 1947 but won the next three.

#### IN THE NEWS

Tyler Palmateer (@TPalmateer83) of the *Norman Transcript* writes that Oklahoma called a players-only meeting in the aftermath of last week's stunning loss to Iowa State. The aim was to identify what went wrong and what can be done to save a once promising season from falling apart. Read more [here](#).

Rich Exner (@RichExner) of Cleveland.com writes that Ohio State is still on this list of 24 teams still in hunt for the college football playoffs. Check out the entire list [here](#).

Carlos Mendez (@CAlexMendez) of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* tells the tale of TCU quarterback Kenny Hill receiving one of the best awards in college football — a handwritten note from Kansas State coach Bill Snyder. More [here](#).

Graham Couch (@Graham\_Couch) of the *Lansing State Journal* writes that if Michigan State wants to be a player in the Big Ten race, it begins at Minnesota. 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.