



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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Saturday, Oct. 21	
Purdue @ Rutgers (BTN)	11 am
Iowa @ Northwestern (ESPN2)	11 am
Maryland @ #5 Wisconsin (FOX)	11 am
Iowa State @ Texas Tech (FS1)	11 am
#10 Oklahoma State @ Texas (ABC)	11 am
Illinois @ Minnesota (BTN)	2:30 pm
Indiana @ #18 Michigan State (ABC)	2:30 pm
#9 Oklahoma @ Kansas State (FOX)	3 pm
#19 Michigan @ #2 Penn State (ABC)	6:30 pm
#23 West Virginia @ Baylor (FS1)	7 pm
Kansas @ #4 TCU (FOX)	7 pm

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WEEKLY NOTES

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AT A GLANCE

BIG TEN

The league features two of the eight remaining undefeated teams in the FBS. Penn State is 6-0 for the first time since 2008, when the Nittany Lions started 9-0. Wisconsin is 6-0 for the first time since 2011.

Big Ten Standings [here](#).

BIG 12

Three teams ranked are the top 10 of the AP Poll for the first time since Nov. 22, 2015 with No. 4 TCU, No. 9 Oklahoma and No. 10 Oklahoma State. The Horned Frogs began the season receiving votes.

Big 12 Standings [here](#).

JACKSON TOPS ALL AT NORTHWESTERN

Northwestern running back Justin Jackson became the school's all-time leading rusher with a four-yard carry in the first half at Maryland, passing Damien Anderson. Jackson went on to finish with 171 yards and two touchdowns against the Terrapins, as Northwestern improved to 19-4 when Jackson surpasses 100 rushing yards.

THROW IT TO WASHINGTON

Oklahoma State WR James Washington's 235 receiving yards against Baylor were the most for a Big 12 wideout since he snagged 296 against Pitt last season. Washington became just the fifth player in Big 12 history to catch 235 or more yards in multiple games in a career.

RIVALS REACH 500

Both Michigan and Ohio State reached the 500-win plateau in Big Ten play on Saturday. The Wolverines improved to 500-203-18 in conference play since 1896, while the Buckeyes are now 500-173-24 since joining the conference in 1913. Wisconsin is third all-time with 367 Big Ten victories dating back to 1896.

STREAK ENDS FOR BAKER

Oklahoma QB Baker Mayfield threw a school-record 200 consecutive passes without an interception before his streak was snapped Saturday against Texas. The Sooners were one of the last four teams to go without a pick and are now tied for third nationally with their one interception on the year.

IN THE NEWS

Jason Elmquist (@JElmquistSW) of the *Stillwater News Press* writes that Oklahoma State's James Washington may be one of the best receivers in Division I football, but teammate Marcell Ateman is trying his best to keep pace. Read more [here](#).

Don Markus (@SportsProf56) of the *Baltimore Sun* writes that in winning three of its first four games, the Maryland defense bent more than broke. In losing its last two games, the Terps simply got demolished defensively. Find out why [here](#).

Ken Corbitt (@KenCorbitt) of the *Topeka Capital-Journal* explains that if Kansas State running backs want to get involved more effectively in its offense, more snaps would help. More [here](#).

Bob Flounders (@BobbyFlo7) of PennLive writes that Penn State's offensive line is bracing for the challenge from Michigan defenders Maurice Hurst and Rashan Gary. Click [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.

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.