



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 |
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| Saturday, Oct. 28 | |
| Rutgers @ Michigan (BTN) | 11 am |
| #5 Wisconsin @ Illinois (ESPN) | 11 am |
| Texas @ Baylor (ESPNU) | 11 am |
| #11 Oklahoma State @ #22 West Virginia (ABC) | 11 am |
| Kansas State @ Kansas (FS1) | 2 pm |
| #4 TCU @ #25 Iowa State (ABC) | 2:30 pm |
| Indiana @ Maryland (BTN) | 2:30 pm |
| #16 Michigan State @ Northwestern (ESPN) | 2:30 pm |
| #2 Penn State @ #6 Ohio State (FOX) | 2:30 pm |
| Minnesota @ Iowa (FS1) | 5:30 pm |
| Nebraska @ Purdue (BTN) | 6:30 pm |
| Texas Tech @ #10 Oklahoma (ABC) | 7 pm |

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WEEKLY NOTES

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AT A GLANCE

BIG TEN

Three teams are tied atop the East Division standings as Michigan State, Ohio State and Penn State are each 4-0 in conference play. The Buckeyes will host the Nittany Lions on Saturday, while the Spartans will visit Northwestern.

Big Ten Standings [here](#).

BIG 12

Two AP Top 25 matchups are on the slate with No. 25 Iowa State hosting undefeated No. 4 TCU and No. 11 Oklahoma State traveling to No. 22 West Virginia.

Big 12 Standings [here](#).

RACING TO 1000

With 126 rushing yards on Saturday, Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor matched the FBS freshman record for fewest games needed to reach 1,000 yards. The others: Florida's Emmitt Smith (1987), San Diego State's Marshall Faulk (1991), Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson (2004), North Texas' Jamario Thomas (2004) and Wisconsin's P.J. Hill (2006). Taylor, Smith, Faulk, Peterson and Thomas did it as true freshmen.

DOWN TO THE WIRE

Three more Big 12 games were decided in the final seconds this past Saturday with Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and West Virginia all recording road wins. OU scored a game-clinching touchdown at K-State with 7 seconds remaining for a 42-35 decision. WVU recorded a sack on a two-point conversion attempt with 17 seconds left to hold off Baylor 38-36 while OSU nipped Texas in overtime 13-10.

ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR SAQUON

Saquon Barkley became the first Penn State player and fourth in the Big Ten with 3,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards in his career, but the first Big Ten player to amass these totals in just his third season.

STINGY FROGS

TCU's 21 yards of total defense against Kansas last week set a Big 12 record, and are the fewest allowed by an FBS defense this season and the fewest against an FBS opponent since at least 1996. The Horned Frogs have not allowed a touchdown in their last two games.

IN THE NEWS

Mitch Vingle (@MitchVingle) of the *Charleston Gazette-Mail* writes that West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen believes his Mountaineers are in a "good place" despite their narrow escape against Baylor. Read more [here](#).

Steve Batterson (@SBatt79) of the *Quad City Times* writes that Iowa LB Bo Bower wants his Hawkeyes to bring home the bacon - literally - in the battle with Minnesota for Floyd of Rosedale. Slice it up [here](#).

John Werner (@JohnWernerTrib) of the *Waco Tribune-Herald* writes that Bears coach Matt Rhule is leaning toward starting Zach Smith at QB against Texas despite that shot in the arm freshman Charlie Brewer gave the Bears last week. More [here](#).

Dave Molinari (@MolinariPG) of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* writes that Penn State knows how dangerous Ohio State's J.T. Barrett can be going into Saturday's showdown atop the Big Ten East Division. 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.