

News

Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Winner Announced



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OK State Place-Kicker Dan Bailey Wins the Lou Groza Award

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. (December 10, 2010) – During last night's live The Home Depot College Football Awards, the Palm Beach County Sports Commission announced Oklahoma State place-kicker Dan Bailey as the winner of the 2010 national Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award.

"I am honored to be the recipient of this year's Lou Groza Award," said Bailey. "I'd like to thank the Lou Groza Committee and the Palm Beach County Sports Commission for this opportunity. Coach (Joe) DeForest has done a great job with the special teams here and you have to give credit to everyone involved with our special teams whenever any single player gets an individual honor."

Bailey, a senior from Mustang, Oklahoma, enjoyed a successful season making 24 of his 28 field goal attempts and 65 of 66 PATs. His 137 total points are the most of any FBS player this season. He booted eight field goals of 40 yards or more during the regular season. Included in that total is a pair of 52-yarders during the Cowboys' win at Louisiana and a dramatic 40-yarder as time expired in Oklahoma State's 38-35 win over Texas A&M. His 358 career points are the Oklahoma State record. He also owns the school record with 196 extra-point conversions, including another record of 182 in a row.

Bailey beat out Southern Mississippi's Danny Hrapmann and Notre Dame's David Ruffer for the award. Hrapmann tied for the national lead with 26 field goals made, while Ruffer went 15-for-15 as the only kicker in the country to end the season without a missed field goal on with least ten attempts.

Bailey is the first Cowboy to win the Groza in the 19 year history of the award and the second kicker from the Big 12 Conference, joining Kansas State's Martin Gramatica (1997). The national panel of voters is comprised of college football media, FBS division coaches, past winners and conference officials.

About the National College Football Awards Association

The Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award (www.LouGrozaAward.com) is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA). The NCFAA was founded in 1997 as a coalition of the major collegiate football awards to protect, preserve and enhance the integrity, influence and prestige of the game's predominant awards. The NCFAA encourages professionalism and the highest standards for the administration of its member awards and the selection of their candidates and recipients. For more information, visit the association's official Web site, www.NCFAA.org.

About the Palm Beach County Sports Commission

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is a private, not-for-profit organization contracted by Palm Beach County to promote and market the County as a sports and sports tourism destination. The Commission brings sporting events and activities to the County, enhances economic impact, stimulates bed tax revenues (primarily in the off-season), and maximizes utilization of County facilities. The Commission offers a full range of event service support, corporate partnerships, sponsorships and a local membership program that support its goals. Local, regional, national and international marketing efforts are ongoing by the Commission with sports organizations and event owners. The Commission also produces sports-related programs for the residents of Palm Beach County including the annual Lou Groza Awards program, the Sports Hall of Fame and the Kids Fitness Festival. For more information on the Palm Beach County Sports Commission go to www.PalmBeachSports.com.