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LOU GROZA

COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD

College Football's Top Kicking Award



LOU GROZA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD

“STARS OF THE WEEK”

10/17/2011



Michael Hunnicutt

Oklahoma



Coleman Petersen

Utah



Blair Walsh

Georgia

College football's top kicking award, the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award sponsored by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission recognizes three of the top kickers each week from FBS division teams as the “Stars of the Week”.

It was a career night for freshman kicker Michael Hunnicutt as he went a perfect 4-for-4 on field goals and added five extra points in Oklahoma's 47-17 victory over Kansas University in Lawrence on Saturday. The Richardson, Texas native connected from 36, 27, 20 and 19 yards out, and his 17 point total equaled the team record for kick-scoring in a single game. The Sooners are still undefeated on the season, with Hunnicutt leading the team in scoring with 56 points. Hunnicutt has made 10 of his 11 field goal tries this season and all 26 of his PAT attempts.

The University of Utah relied on the accurate leg of junior place-kicker Coleman Petersen to play a major role in the school's 26-14 victory over the Pitt Panthers in Pittsburgh on Saturday. The Sandy, Utah native converted all four of his field goals, with a career-long 45-yarder in the fourth quarter joining successful attempts from 39, 34 and 23 yards. He also converted the extra points after Utah's two touchdowns. The four field goals tie Petersen for the

second-most in a game in school history. Despite not attempting a field goal in Utah's two previous games, Petersen has converted 8 of his 10 field goal attempts on the season, with his 41 points scored good for second on the team.

Former Lou Groza Award finalist Blair Walsh was the difference in Georgia's 33-28 defeat of Vanderbilt University in SEC action on the road Saturday. The senior from Boca Raton, Florida opened the scoring in the game with a 53-yard field goal. He has made 10-of-16 tries from 50 yards or longer in his career, including a career-long of 56 yards earlier this season. By adding successful tries from 44, 36 and 28 yards, as well as three PATs, Walsh set a career-high with 15 points, moving him into second place on Georgia's career points list with 365. Walsh was one of 20 Groza semi-finalists in 2010 and was one of the three finalists for the coveted honor in 2009.

The Lou Groza Award will be presented as part of The Home Depot College Football Awards Show in Orlando, Florida on Thursday December 8th. The three finalists will be honored at the 20th Annual Lou Groza Awards Banquet on Tuesday December 6th at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. For more information on the Groza Award and the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, visit www.palmbeachsports.com.

National College Football Awards Association

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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 Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame and the Kids Fitness Festival of the Palm Beaches. For more information on the Palm Beach County Sports Commission go to www.PalmBeachSports.com.