



## PURDUE TO REPRESENT BIG TEN IN 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOTOR CITY BOWL

*Boilermakers Are First Big Ten Team in Motor City Bowl Since 2003*

**DETROIT-** The Motor City Bowl announced that the Purdue University Boilermakers will face the MAC Champion Central Michigan Chippewas on Wednesday, December 26 (7:30 p.m., ESPN) in Detroit. Motor City Bowl officials extended the bid to Purdue on Sunday evening, following the BCS selection show. The 2007 Motor City Bowl is presented by Big Three automakers Ford, GM, and Chrysler.

Purdue brings a 7-5 record into the Motor City Bowl and the Big Ten Conference's second highest scoring offense. Purdue is the first Big Ten team to compete in the Motor City Bowl since Northwestern lost to Bowling Green in 2003.

"We're very happy to welcome the Purdue Boilermakers to the Motor City Bowl," said Motor City Bowl Executive Director Ken Hoffman. "Purdue has a rich football tradition and is one of the Big Ten's perennial powers. This year, with the MAC Champion and a Big Ten opponent, we have the makings of one of the best matchups in our 11-year history. We expect to have one of the bowl's largest crowds, if not a new attendance record."

The Big Ten Conference's number two scoring offense averaged 32.9 points per game and is paced by the Big Ten's leading receiver and kick returner Dorien Bryant and quarterback Curtis Painter. The defense is led by defensive back Vinson Terrell, defensive end Cliff Avril, and linebacker Anthony Heygood.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Motor City Bowl will be played before a prime-time national television audience on ESPN, and is the only bowl game scheduled for that day. The game will be in downtown Detroit's Ford Field for the sixth consecutive season, after five years at the Pontiac Silverdome. Last year, Central Michigan defeated the Sun Belt Conference Co-Champion Middle Tennessee State 31-14 before a record 54,113 fans.

The Motor City Bowl is the Midwest's only major college football bowl game. Gates will open at 5:30p.m. on game day. Pre-game festivities will begin at 6:45p.m.

The MAC is 6-4 in the Motor City Bowl. The Big Ten is 0 - 1 in the Motor City Bowl.

Tickets are now on sale at TicketMaster outlets or by calling 248-645-6666. Tickets are also on sale at the Ford Field Box Office and at the participating universities' athletic ticket offices.

The Motor City Bowl website is located at [www.motorcitybowl.com](http://www.motorcitybowl.com).

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