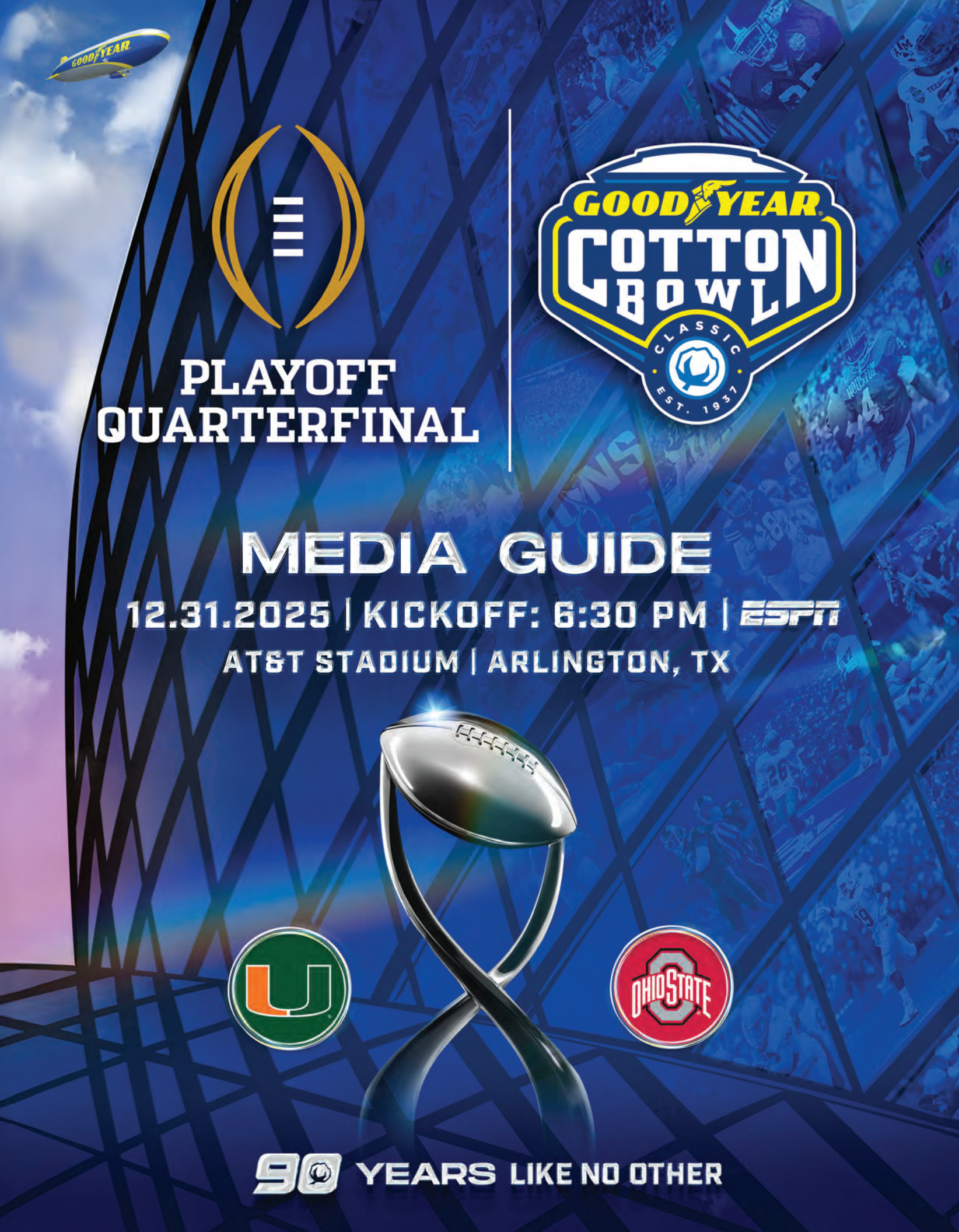

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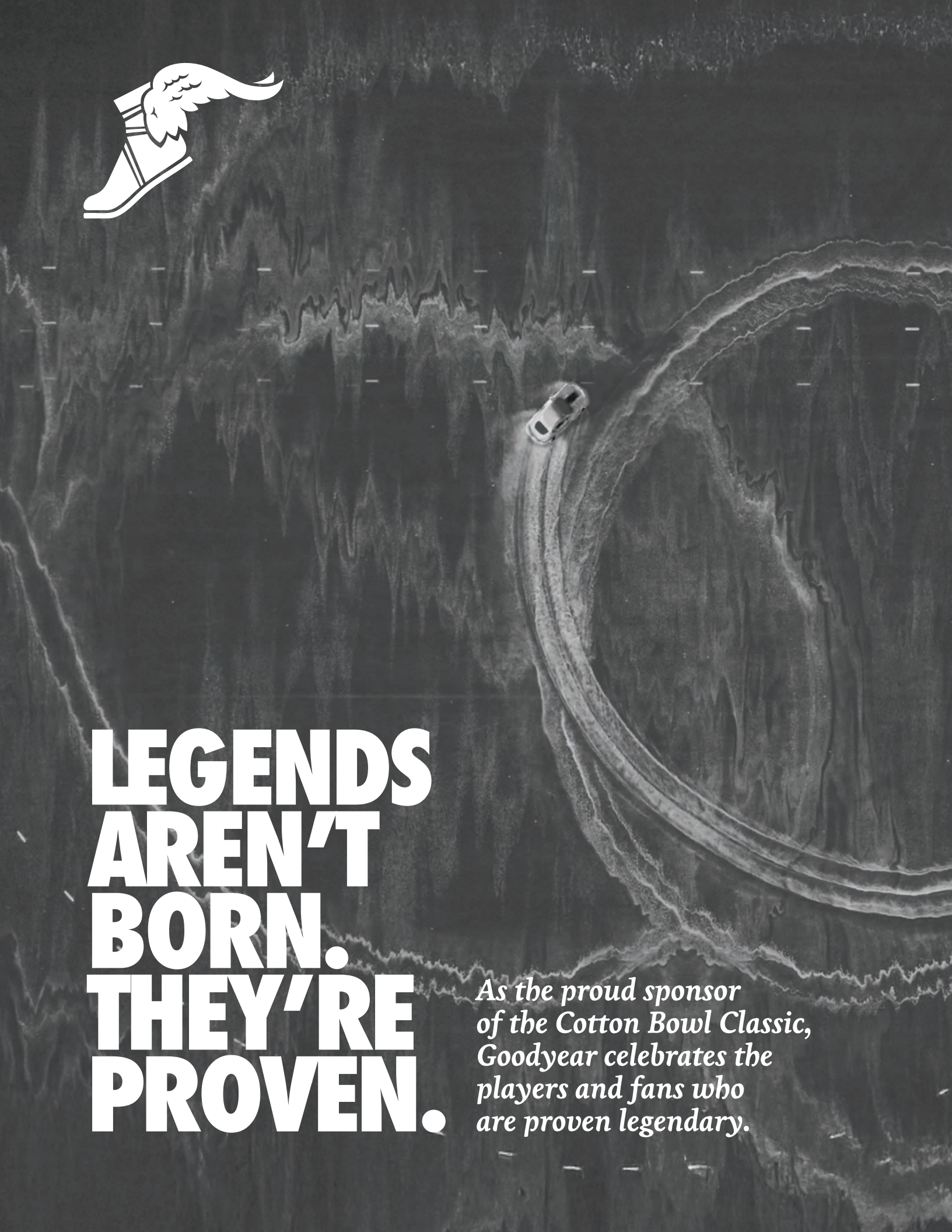
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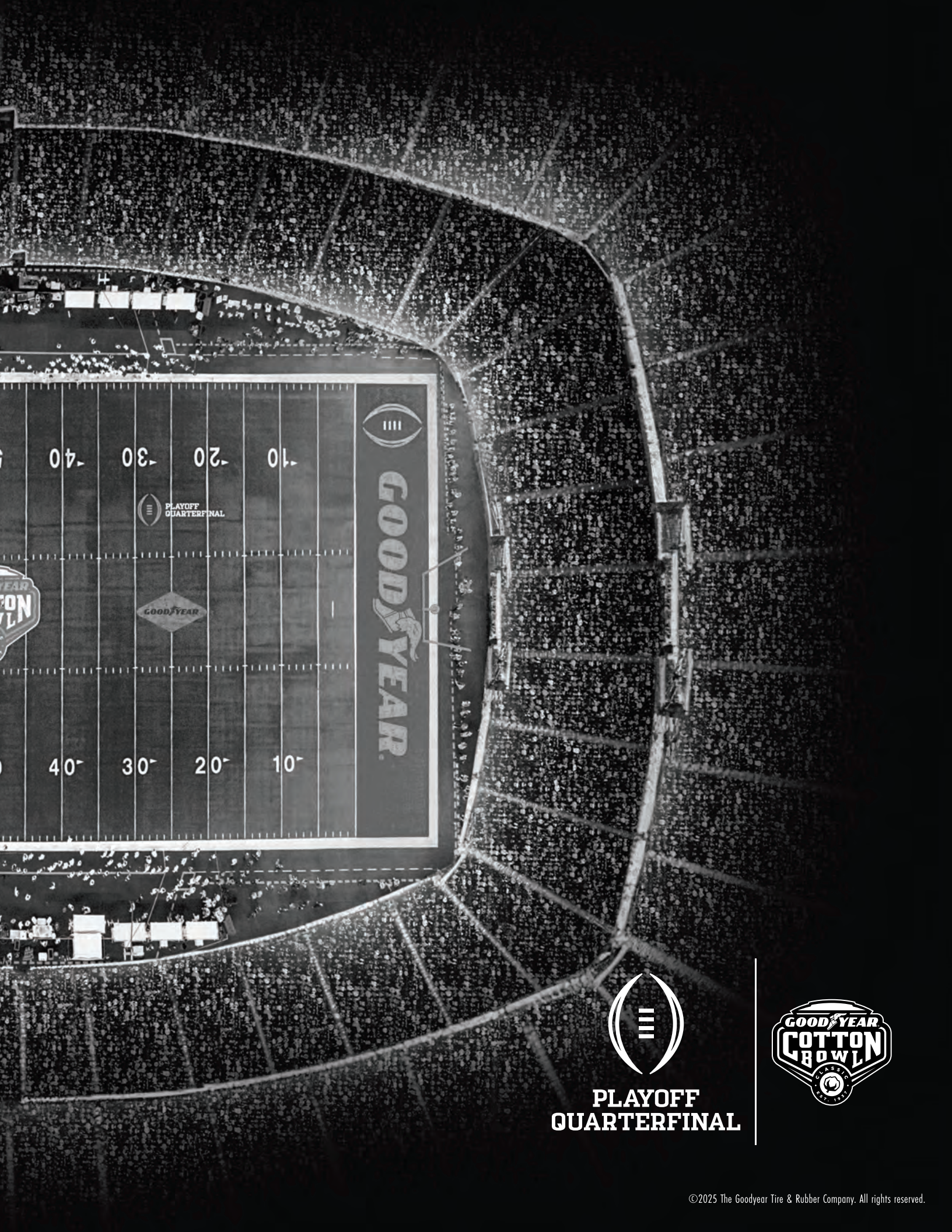


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IT'S THE GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC
On Friday, Nov. 7, 2014, Goodyear announced that it had reached an agreement with ESPN and the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association to become the bowl game's title sponsor. Founded in 1898, Goodyear has much in common with the Classic in terms of history, tradition and name recognition. With the announcement, the game's name changed to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

THE 90th CLASSIC
The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic plays its 90th edition on Friday Dec. 31, 2025. The Classic serves as a College Football Playoff Quarterfinal game for the first time and the fifth time as a CFP game having hosted four Semifinal matchups. This marks the 12th season the Classic has been a member of the College Football Playoff.

KICKOFF
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Central. Kickoff is 6:45 p.m.

CLASSIC ATTENDANCE RECORDS
Cotton Bowl Stadium: 88,175, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, Jan. 2, 2009.
AT&T Stadium: 87,025, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, Jan. 4, 2013.

STADIUM CAPACITY
Seating capacity for the Classic at AT&T Stadium is 69,277.

STADIUM ENTRANCE GATES
Stadium parking lots open at 2:30 p.m. Plazas open to all ticket holders for the start of the Goodyear Huddle Up at 3:30 p.m. AT&T Stadium opens at 4:30 p.m., two hours before kickoff.

PLAYING SURFACE
The playing field of AT&T Stadium is a Matrix Helix SoftTop synthetic turf field system. The field is 50 feet below grade level.



MEDIA OPERATIONS TRIBUTE: BIANCA GAMEZ
Every team has a person it can't do without. For our Cotton Bowl Athletic Association Media Operations Team, one of those people is definitely Bianca Gamez. She works at the core of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic media operations in the press box, making sure everything is in place to perfection and ensuring statistics and information are distributed to every corner on game day for the Classic and all college football games at AT&T Stadium. Gamez is truly a utility player, assisting with various aspects, including media hospitality and credential distribution and overall operations at the Classic's media headquarters. Every year, Gamez takes time to help prepare days before bowl week and even in the offseason with organization and strategic planning. This game marks her 26th as a treasured member of our Cotton Bowl family. So, for the 2025 College Football Playoff Quarterfinal at the 90th Classic, we honor Bianca Gamez for her many years of dedication in creating the Cotton Bowl Classic experience for the nation's media.

COTTON BOWL CLASSIC ORIGIN
In January 1936, Dallas oilman and entrepreneur J. Curtis Sanford established the Cotton Bowl Classic. During that year, Sanford applied for a copyright to the name "Cotton Bowl," then entered into an agreement with the State Fair of Texas for the rental of its stadium the following New Year's Day. The first Cotton Bowl Classic was played on Jan. 1, 1937, when TCU defeated Marquette, 16-6.

THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF
The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic was selected on April 24, 2013, as one of six bowl games to comprise the College Football Playoff. During the first 10 years of the original 12-year agreement, the Classic was part of a rotation hosting a CFP Semifinal once every three years. This season marks the second of the 12-team Playoff with the Classic hosting a CFP Quarterfinal. In this format, the top-four seeds receive a bye with first-round games contested at campus sites. Winning teams then advance to bowl sites to compete in CFP Quarterfinal and CFP Semifinal games. The two teams that emerge from the semifinals play for the CFP National Championship at a neutral site.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS
A 13-member committee appointed by the College Football Playoff selects the 12 teams to compete for the CFP National Championship. The selection and seeding of teams takes place on the first Sunday in December. Each year in this 12-team format, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic hosts either a CFP Quarterfinal or CFP Semifinal matchup.

NETWORK TELEVISION
ESPN is the television home of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. The partnership between the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association and ESPN began in 2015 during the telecast of the Classic's 79th anniversary game. Football fans from coast-to-coast watched the first nationally televised Cotton Bowl Classic in 1953 on NBC. Hall of Fame sportscaster Bill Stern handled the play-by-play commentary for the inaugural national telecast. CBS launched the Classic's color television era on Dec. 31, 1966. FOX Sports televised the game in HDTV for the first time in 2006.

NETWORK RADIO
The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic is broadcast around the world on ESPN Radio. Launched on Jan. 1, 1992, ESPN Radio broadcasts to hundreds of affiliates around the country as well as subscribers of SiriusXM Satellite Radio in the USA and Canada. The network's content is also streamed online and via mobile applications. The game's first national radio broadcast took place on Jan. 1, 1938, with Hall of Fame announcer By Samm, a native of Fort Worth, calling the action of the second Cotton Bowl Classic.

AT&T STADIUM
Construction began on AT&T Stadium in April 2006, and was completed in June, 2009, at a cost of $1.3 billion. As one of the largest domed structures in the world, the stadium has a seating capacity that is expandable to more than 100,000. The venue is the home of one of the largest HD video boards that stretches nearly 60 yards in length. Suspended 90 feet above the playing field, the video board weighs 1.2 million pounds. A retractable roof soars 320 feet above the field and emulates the Cowboys' previous home at Texas Stadium. The roof has the ability to open or close in just 10 minutes. Other notable features of the stadium are two end zone doors that can be opened or closed in six minutes. The exterior of the stadium is covered with more than a half-million square feet of glass and stone. The amenities the stadium has to offer include eight acres of outside entertainment space in the two end zone plazas, as well as six end zone platforms that can host pregame functions or increase the stadium's seating capacity. AT&T Stadium offers more than 300 suites to fans, and more than 3,000 television monitors that are distributed throughout the nine-story structure. One of the featured attractions at the stadium is the Dallas Cowboys Art Collection which consists of 92 works of art by 62 established and emerging artists.

NORTH TEXAS
The North Texas area has a population of more than 8.5 million people and ranks as the fourth largest metropolitan area in the United States.

COTTON BOWL FOUNDATION



The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic, Cotton Bowl Foundation and American Airlines teamed up once again to make a significant contribution to support families in the North Texas community for the 2025 Tarrant Area Food Bank Thanksgiving Mega Mobile Market.

Since its creation in 2016, the Cotton Bowl Foundation has remained steadfast in its goal to make lasting impacts and contributions in the North Texas community.

The official foundation of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic continues its mission to impact those who play the game, attend the game and support the game of football. From its grants program to the College Football Playoff Foundation Big Day for Teachers to North Texas Giving Day, the Foundation has supported a diverse collection of organizations and initiatives striving to uplift the North Texas community and beyond over the past year.

2025-26 COTTON BOWL FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENTS
In its signature giving opportunity of the year, the Cotton Bowl Foundation awarded $365,000 to eight deserving organizations as a part of its 2025-26 grants initiative.

The eight organizations that received 2025-26 grants were **Uplift Education** ($150,000), **For Oak Cliff** ($65,000), **Academy 4** ($50,000), **After-School All-Stars** ($30,000), **HOPE Farm** ($25,000), **West Dallas Community School** ($25,000), **Puede Network** ($10,000) and **Youth Revive ($10,000)**.

2025 NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY
HOPE Farm, one of the eight 2025-26 Cotton Bowl Foundation grant recipients, was surprised with its grant during the launch of North Texas Giving Day 2025. The surprise came on the Aug. 14 edition of WFAA-TV's Midday newscast. Walker unveiled the surprise in an interview with HOPE Farm Executive Director/Board President Sacher Dawson and Communities Foundation of Texas President and Chief Executive Officer Wayne White.

2025 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FOUNDATION BIG DAY FOR TEACHERS
The Cotton Bowl Foundation and College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation partnered once again, this time with support from Amazon, to make it a Big Day for Teachers on Sept. 16 during the 2025 edition of Extra Yard for Teachers Week, awarding a total of $250,000 to four organizations dedicated to supporting teachers, educators and students in the North Texas community.

The Meadows Elementary in DeSoto hosted the two foundations' sixth Big Day for Teachers presentation and what a big day it was. The Cotton Bowl Foundation and CFP Foundation awarded grants of $50,000 to **Catch Up & Read**, **Educate Texas** and **United to Learn**. **City Year Dallas** also received $50,000 from the two foundations as well as an additional $50,000 from Amazon, bringing its grant total to $100,000.

The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and CFP Foundation made it an extra special day for the four organizations, providing Classic-branded backpacks filled with gifts and Extra Yard for Teachers bags filled with EYFT-branded gifts. The educators representing the four organizations received a couple of extra surprises. Each backpack included two tickets to this year's Classic. In addition, each educator received a $500 DonorsChoose card courtesy of the CFP Foundation.

THANKSGIVING MEGA MOBILE MARKET
The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and Tarrant Area Food Bank collaborated with several community partners for the sixth straight year to host the 2025 edition of its Thanksgiving Mega Mobile Market on Nov. 20 at AT&T Stadium.

The rain-soaked day did not dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of the elected officials, civic and community leaders and corporate partners who came together for the North Texas community to provide Thanksgiving-related meals for 4,700 families. In total, 376,000 pounds of food and 313,333 meals were distributed in Tarrant Area Food Bank's largest mass food distribution event of the year.

Recognizing this increased need, the Cotton Bowl Foundation and longtime Classic partner American Airlines more than doubled its annual joint donation to the ongoing efforts of Tarrant Area Food Bank to $50,000. That dollar amount equals 250,000 meals for North Texas families. In addition, the MW Cares Foundation donated $50,000 and the Tarrant County Commissioners Court donated $100,000 to support TAFB.

The Cotton Bowl Classic and Tarrant Area Food Bank once again captained a team of community partners that included support from AT&T Stadium and the Dallas Cowboys. Stadium and Cowboys employees along with 300 American Airlines staff members, CBAA Council and staff members, players from United Football League teams and representatives from various organizations worked the distribution lines. The Arlington Police and Fire departments managed and monitored the logistics for the four-hour distribution that was delayed for approximately 75 minutes in the middle due to lightning and heavy rain.

Albertsons/Tom Thumb committed $200,000 in protein and food to ensure the success of this distribution event. The protein and portions of the food distributed were secured by the collective efforts of Albertsons/Tom Thumb in collaboration with the MW Cares Foundation and MW Logistics.

The nearly 500 volunteers on hand were provided lunch from Raising Cane's courtesy of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. TAFB provided water and Classic partner TicketEStore provided snacks throughout the morning, as well as assisted in one of the distribution lines.

COTTON BOWL CLASSIC ART CONTEST
The 27th edition of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic Art Contest Presented by Amazon celebrated another remarkable year with 10,186 entries and $75,000 distributed to support art teachers and strengthen art programs across North Texas.

The beloved Classic tradition, supported by Amazon for the third consecutive year, combined dollars from Amazon, the Cotton Bowl Foundation and College Football Playoff Foundation to distribute $500 grants to art teachers and educators across 150 schools in 28 school districts for art supplies and to support art-centric programs for elementary students.

The first, second and third-place winners per category are set to have their artwork proudly displayed at their respective schools and AT&T Stadium inside the CBAA offices throughout the year. This year's winners are also slated to be recognized during the 90th Classic.

RANGERETTES SCHOLARSHIP
For over two decades, the Cotton Bowl Foundation has funded a scholarship in honor of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. The endowed scholarship invested with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation via the Kilgore College Foundation is awarded each academic year to a deserving member of the squad. For the 2025-26 academic year, Allyson Davis, a sophomore from Whitehouse, Texas, and a member of the 85th line, was awarded the CBAA Rangerettes scholarship.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COTTON BOWL FOUNDATION
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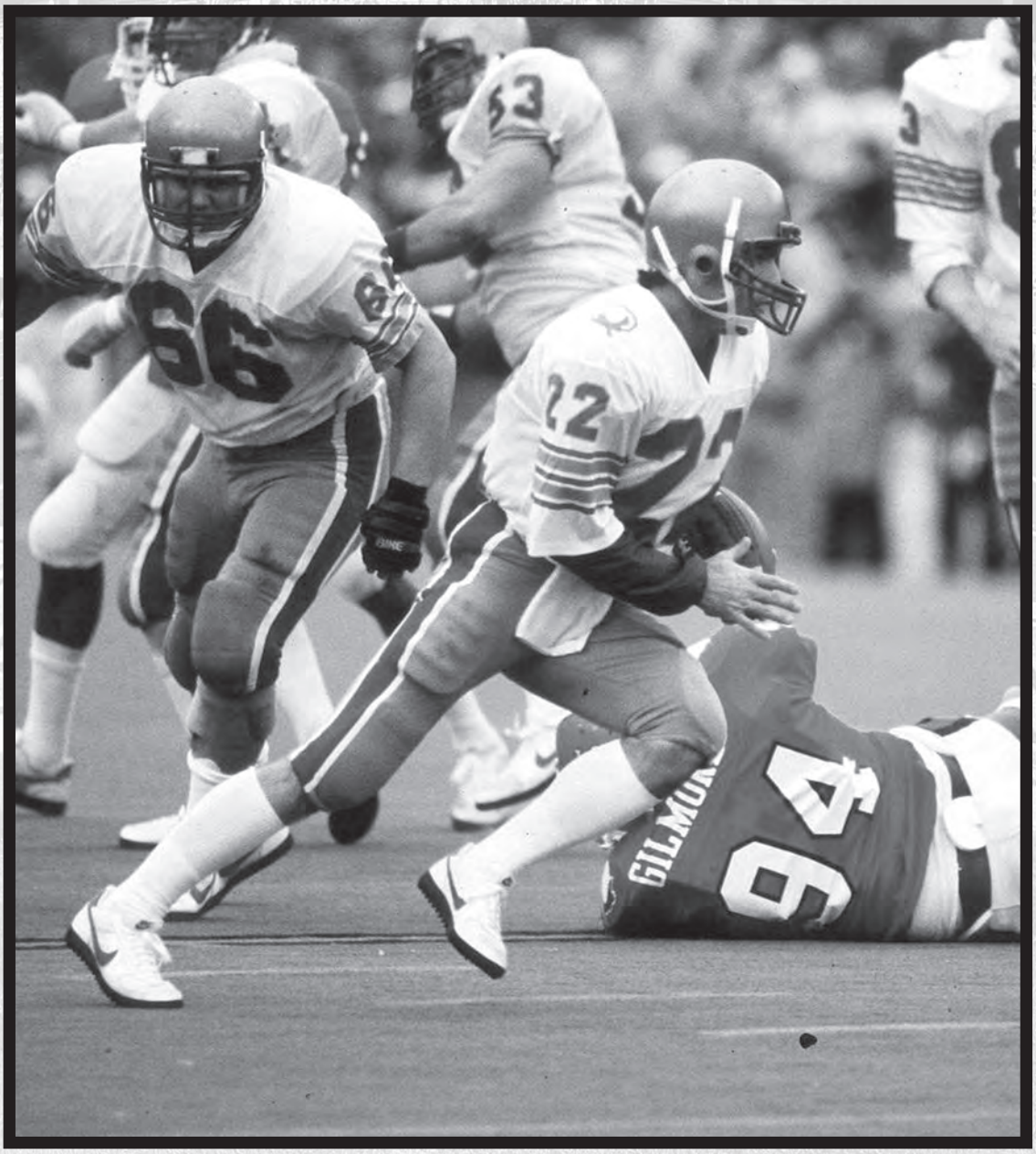
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GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSICS



IT HAPPENED AT THE 49TH CLASSIC

The success of the Boston College football program skyrocketed with the arrival of Doug Flutie in the early 1980s. Thanks in large part to their sensational Heisman Trophy winning quarterback, the Eagles grew accustomed to being courted by every major bowl game in the country. At the end of the 1984 season, the 9-2 Eagles elected to face Southwest Conference champion Houston in the 49th Cotton Bowl Classic. Despite sustaining two pass interceptions, Flutie performed as advertised. The senior quarterback threw for three touchdowns in the first half to tie a passing record that had stood for 47 years. Junior running back Troy Stradford rushed for 196 yards and scored two touchdowns while senior Steve Strahan added 91 yards on the ground and two scores. True freshman linebacker Bill Romanowski served as Boston College's defensive anchor with 13 tackles, 11 of them solo. The wave generated by Flutie in his final college game sparked the Eagles to a memorable 45-28 postseason victory, their first in 44 years.

The Classics

YEAR	SCORE	TEAM (COACH, SEASON RECORD)	ATTENDANCE
1937	16	TCU (Dutch Meyer, 8-2-2)	17,000
	6	Marquette (Frank Murray, 7-1-0)	
1938	28	Rice (Jimmy Kitts, 5-3-2)	32,118
	14	Colorado (Bunny Oakes, 8-0-0)	
1939	20	St. Mary's (Slip Madigan, 5-2-0)	40,000
	13	Texas Tech (Pete Cawthon, 10-0-0)	
1940	6	Clemson (Jess Neely, 8-1-0)	15,000
	3	Boston College (Frank Leahy, 9-1-0)	
1941	13	Texas A&M (Homer Norton, 8-1-0)	45,507
	12	Fordham (Jim Crowley, 7-1-0)	
1942	29	Alabama (Frank Thomas, 8-2-0)	33,000
	21	Texas A&M (Homer Norton, 9-1-0)	
1943	14	Texas (D.X. Bible, 8-2-0)	36,620
	7	Georgia Tech (Bill Alexander, 9-1-0)	
1944	7	Texas (D.X. Bible, 7-1-0)	32,000
	7	Randolph Field (Frank Tritico, 9-1-0)	
1945	34	Oklahoma A&M (Jim Lookabaugh, 7-1-0)	37,500
	0	TCU (Dutch Meyer, 7-2-1)	
1946	40	Texas (D.X. Bible, 9-1-0)	45,500
	27	Missouri (Chauncey Simpson, 6-3-0)	
1947	0	Arkansas (John Barnhill, 6-3-1)	38,000
	0	LSU (Bernie Moore, 9-1-0)	
1948	13	SMU (Matty Bell, 9-0-1)	47,000
	13	Penn State (Bob Higgins, 9-0-0)	
1949	21	SMU (Matty Bell, 8-1-1)	70,000
	13	Oregon (Jim Aiken, 9-1-0)	
1950	27	Rice (Jess Neely, 9-1-0)	75,000
	13	North Carolina (Carl Snavely, 7-3-0)	
1951	20	Tennessee (Gen. Robert Neyland, 10-1-0)	75,500
	14	Texas (Blair Cherry, 9-1-0)	
1952	20	Kentucky (Paul "Bear" Bryant, 7-4-0)	75,500
	7	TCU (Dutch Meyer, 6-4-0)	
1953	16	Texas (Ed Price, 8-2-0)	75,500
	0	Tennessee (Gen. Robert Neyland, 8-1-1)	
1954	28	Rice (Jess Neely, 8-2-0)	75,000
	6	Alabama (Harold Drew, 6-2-3)	
1955	14	Georgia Tech (Bobby Dodd, 7-3-0)	75,500
	6	Arkansas (Bowden Wyatt, 8-2-0)	
1956	14	Ole Miss (Johnny Vaught, 9-1-0)	75,500
	13	TCU (Abe Martin, 9-1-0)	
1957	28	TCU (Abe Martin, 7-3-0)	61,500
	27	Syracuse (Ben Schwartzwalder, 7-1-0)	
1958	20	Navy (Eddy Erdelatz, 8-1-1)	75,500
	7	Rice (Jess Neely, 7-3-0)	
1959	0	TCU (Abe Martin, 8-2-0)	74,500
	0	Air Force (Ben Martin, 9-0-1)	
1960	23	Syracuse (Ben Schwartzwalder, 10-0-0)	75,500
	14	Texas (Darrell Royal, 9-1-0)	
1961	7	Duke (Bill Murray, 7-3-0)	70,500
	6	Arkansas (Frank Broyles, 8-2-0)	
1962	12	Texas (Darrell Royal, 9-1-0)	75,000
	7	Ole Miss (Johnny Vaught, 9-1-0)	
1963	13	LSU (Charles McClendon, 8-1-1)	75,500
	0	Texas (Darrell Royal, 9-0-1)	
1964	28	Texas (Darrell Royal, 10-0-0)	75,300
	6	Navy (Wayne Hardin, 9-1-0)	
1965	10	Arkansas (Frank Broyles, 10-0-0)	75,000
	7	Nebraska (Bob Devaney, 9-1-0)	
1966 (30th)	14	LSU (Charles McClendon, 7-3-0)	76,200
	7	Arkansas (Frank Broyles, 10-0-0)	
1966 (31st)	24	Georgia (Vince Dooley, 9-1-0)	73,000
	9	SMU (Hayden Fry, 8-2-0)	
1968	20	Texas A&M (Gene Stallings, 6-4-0)	73,800
	16	Alabama (Paul "Bear" Bryant, 8-1-1)	
1969	36	Texas (Darrell Royal, 8-1-1)	70,000
	13	Tennessee (Doug Dickey, 8-1-1)	
1970	21	Texas (Darrell Royal, 10-0-0)	72,000
	17	Notre Dame (Ara Parseghian, 8-1-1)	
1971	24	Notre Dame (Ara Parseghian, 9-1-0)	72,000
	11	Texas (Darrell Royal, 10-0-0)	
1972	30	Penn State (Joe Paterno, 10-1-0)	70,000
	6	Texas (Darrell Royal, 8-2-0)	
1973	17	Texas (Darrell Royal, 9-1-0)	70,000
	13	Alabama (Paul "Bear" Bryant, 10-1-0)	
1974	19	Nebraska (Tom Osborne, 8-2-1)	68,500
	3	Texas (Darrell Royal, 8-2-0)	
1975	41	Penn State (Joe Paterno, 9-2-0)	68,500
	20	Baylor (Grant Teaff, 8-3-0)	
1976	31	Arkansas (Frank Broyles, 9-2-0)	77,500
	10	Georgia (Vince Dooley, 9-2-0)	
1977	30	Houston (Bill Yeoman, 9-2-0)	58,500
	21	Maryland (Jerry Claiborne, 11-0-0)	
1978	38	Notre Dame (Dan Devine, 10-1-0)	76,701
	10	Texas (Fred Akers, 11-0-0)	
1979	35	Notre Dame (Dan Devine, 8-3-0)	72,000
	34	Houston (Bill Yeoman, 9-2-0)	
1980	17	Houston (Bill Yeoman, 10-1-0)	72,000
	14	Nebraska (Tom Osborne, 10-1-0)	
1981	30	Alabama (Paul "Bear" Bryant, 9-2-0)	74,281
	2	Baylor (Grant Teaff, 10-1-0)	
1982	14	Texas (Fred Akers, 9-1-1)	73,243
	12	Alabama (Paul "Bear" Bryant, 9-1-1)	
1983	7	SMU (Bobby Collins, 10-0-1)	72,000
	3	Pittsburgh (Foge Fazio, 9-2-0)	
1984	10	Georgia (Vince, Dooley, 9-1-1)	67,891
	9	Texas (Fred Akers, 11-0-0)	
1985	45	Boston College (Jack Bicknell, 9-2-0)	67,381
	28	Houston Bill Yeoman, 7-4-0)	
1986	36	Texas A&M (Jackie Sherrill, 9-2-0)	73,137
	16	Auburn (Pat Dye, 8-3-0)	
1987	28	Ohio State (Earle Bruce, 9-3-0)	74,188
	12	Texas A&M (Jackie Sherrill, 9-2-0)	



1956, 1957: Jim Swink, TCU

The Classics

YEAR	SCORE	TEAM (COACH, SEASON RECORD)	ATTENDANCE
1988	35	Texas A&M (Jackie Sherrill, 9-2-0)	73,006
	10	Notre Dame (Lou Holtz, 8-3-0)	
1989	17	UCLA (Terry Donahue, 9-2-0)	74,304
	3	Arkansas (Ken Hatfield, 10-1-0)	
1990	31	Tennessee (Johnny Majors, 10-1-0)	74,358
	27	Arkansas (Ken Hatfield, 10-1-0)	
1991	46	Miami (Dennis Erickson, 9-2-0)	73,521
	3	Texas (David McWilliams, 10-1-0)	
1992	10	Florida State (Bobby Bowden, 10-2-0)	73,728
	2	Texas A&M (R. C. Slocum, 10-1-0)	
1993	28	Notre Dame (Lou Holtz, 9-1-1)	71,615
	3	Texas A&M (R. C. Slocum, 12-0-0)	
1994	24	Notre Dame (Lou Holtz, 10-1-0)	69,855
	21	Texas A&M (R. C. Slocum, 10-1-0)	
1995	55	Southern California (John Robinson, 7-3-1)	70,218
	14	Texas Tech (Spike Dykes, 6-5-0)	
1996	38	Colorado (Rick Neuheisel, 9-2-0)	58,214
	6	Oregon (Mike Belloti, 9-2-0)	
1997	19	BYU (LaVell Edwards, 13-1-0)	71,928
	15	Kansas State (Bill Snyder, 9-2-0)	
1998	29	UCLA (Bob Toledo, 9-2-0)	59,215
	23	Texas A&M (R. C. Slocum, 9-3-0)	
1999	38	Texas (Mack Brown, 8-3-0)	72,611
	11	Mississippi State (Jackie Sherrill, 8-4-0)	
2000	27	Arkansas (Houston Nutt, 7-4-0)	72,723
	6	Texas (Mack Brown, 9-4-0)	
2001	35	Kansas State (Bill Snyder, 10-3-0)	63,465
	21	Tennessee (Phillip Fulmer, 8-3-0)	
2002	10	Oklahoma (Bob Stoops, 10-2-0)	72,955
	3	Arkansas (Houston Nutt, 7-4-0)	
2003	35	Texas (Mack Brown, 10-2-0)	70,817
	20	LSU (Nick Saban, 8-4-0)	
2004	31	Ole Miss (David Cutcliffe, 9-3-0)	73,928
	28	Oklahoma State (Les Miles, 9-3-0)	
2005	38	Tennessee (Phillip Fulmer, 9-3-0)	75,704
	7	Texas A&M (Dennis Franchione, 7-4-0)	
2006	13	Alabama (Mike Shula, 9-2-0)	74,222
	10	Texas Tech (Mike Leach, 9-2-0)	
2007	17	Auburn (Tommy Tuberville, 10-2-0)	66,777
	14	Nebraska (Bill Callahan, 9-4-0)	
2008	38	Missouri (Gary Pinkel, 11-2-0)	73,114
	7	Arkansas (Reggie Herring, 8-4-0)	
2009	47	Ole Miss (Houston Nutt, 8-4-0)	88,175
	34	Texas Tech (Mike Leach, 11-1-0)	
2010*	21	Ole Miss (Houston Nutt, 8-4-0)	77,928
	7	Oklahoma State (Mike Gundy, 9-3-0)	
2011	41	LSU (Les Miles, 10-2-0)	83,514
	24	Texas A&M (Mike Sherman, 9-3-0)	
2012	29	Arkansas (Bobby Petrino, 10-2-0)	80,956
	16	Kansas State (Bill Snyder, 10-2-0)	
2013	41	Texas A&M (Kevin Sumlin, 10-2-0)	87,025
	13	Oklahoma (Bob Stoops, 10-2-0)	
2014	41	Missouri (Gary Pinkel, 11-2-0)	72,690
	31	Oklahoma State (Mike Gundy, 10-2-0)	
2015 (79th)	42	Michigan State (Mark Dantonio, 10-2-0)	71,464
	41	Baylor (Art Briles, 11-1-0)	
2015 (80th)	38	Alabama (Nick Saban, 12-1-0)	82,812
	0	Michigan State (Mark Dantonio, 12-1-0)	
2017 (81st)	24	Wisconsin (Paul Chryst, 10-3-0)	59,615
	16	Western Michigan (P. J. Fleck, 13-0-0)	
2017 (82nd)	24	Ohio State (Urban Meyer, 11-2-0)	67,510
	7	Southern California (Clay Helton, 11-2-0)	
2018	30	Clemson (Dabo Swinney, 13-0-0)	72,183
	3	Notre Dame (Brian Kelly, 12-0-0)	
2019	53	Penn State (James Franklin, 10-2-0)	54,828
	39	Memphis (Ryan Silverfield, 12-1-0)	
2020	55	Oklahoma (Lincoln Riley, 8-2-0)	17,323#
	20	Florida (Dan Mullen, 8-3-0)	
2021	27	Alabama (Nick Saban, 12-1-0)	76,313
	6	Cincinnati (Luke Fickell, 13-0)	
2023 (87th)	46	Tulane (Willie Fritz, 11-2-0)	55,329
	45	Southern California (Lincoln Riley, 11-2-0)	
2023 (88th)	14	Missouri (Eliah Drinkwitz, 10-2-0)	70,114
	3	Ohio State (Ryan Day, 11-1-0)	
2025 (89th)	28	Ohio State (Ryan Day, 12-2-0)	74,527
	14	Texas (Steve Sarkisian, 13-2-0)	

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1978, 1982, 1984: Head Coach Fred Akers, Texas



2023/87th: Head Coach Willie Fritz, Tulane

1937 JANUARY 1

TCU 16
MARQUETTE 06

ATTENDANCE: **17,000**



Game Summary

MARQUETTE	6	0	0	0	**6**
TCU	10	6	0	0	**16**

FIRST QUARTER
TCU: L.D. Meyer, 33 FG, 40 yards in 7 plays following interception by Ki Aldrich
Marquette: Art Guepe 60 punt return (Ward Cuff kick fail).
TCU: Meyer 55 pass from Sammy Baugh (Meyer kick), 78 yards in 7 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
TCU: Meyer 18 pass from Vic Montgomery (Meyer kick fail), 62 yards in 8 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Ki Aldrich, TCU
Sammy Baugh, TCU
L.D. Meyer, TCU

COACHES
Frank Murray, Marquette
L.R. "Dutch" Meyer, TCU

WEATHER
Threatening

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MU	TCU
First Downs	10	16
Net Yards Rushing	32-55	34-169
Net Yards Passing	134	149
Passes	11-21-3	9-20-3
Total Plays	53	54
Total Net Yards	189	318
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	5-35
Punts-Average	6-39.3	4-32.5

PASSING
Marquette: Buivid 9-18-3, 111 yards;
Art Guepe 2-3-0, 23 yards.
TCU: Baugh 5-13-2, 100 yards;
O'Brien 3-6-1, 33 yards;
Montgomery 1-1-0, 16 yards.

RUSHING
Marquette: Art Guepe 12-31, Cuff 7-30, Al Guepe 1-2, Buivid 12- (-8).
TCU: McClure 5-48, Roberts 11-46, Baugh 2-28, Montgomery 4-26, McCall 5-17, Clifford 1-4, Hall 1-3,Wilkinson 2-2, Blackmon 2-(-1), O'Brien 1-(-4).

RECEIVING
Marquette: Cuff 3-30, Anderson 3-14, Buivid 2-23, Art Guepe 1-41, Al Guepe 1-19, Cooper 1-7.
TCU: Meyer 3-79, McCall 2-32,
Roach 2-26, McClure 1-7, Montgomery 1-5.

PUNTING
Marquette: Cuff 3-40.6, Art Guepe 3-38.0.
TCU: Baugh 3-36.0, O'Brien 1-22.0.

The dream of J. Curtis Sanford finally became a reality, a New Year's Day bowl game in Dallas, and the teams selected to kick off this new venture were the TCU Horned Frogs and the Marquette Golden Avalanche. It was a game that pitted two of the nation's premier passers, TCU's Slingin' Sammy Baugh and Marquette's Ray "Buzz" Buivid. Buivid had finished third in the balloting that season for the Heisman Trophy while Baugh was fourth. Two solid teams led by two outstanding athletes gave Sanford's new bowl the kind of drawing card it so desperately needed.

However, the duel between these two All-Americas never materialized. The TCU line stole the show, swarming Buivid time after time and never allowed Marquette's highly publicized Art Guepe to become a factor. Before the game aged five minutes, TCU jumped to a 3-0 lead on a 33-yard field goal by L. D. Meyer, the nephew of Frog coach Dutch Meyer. Minutes later, the Avalanche answered back when Guepe knifed through Purple defenders en route to a 60-yard punt return and the Avalanche's only score. But, before the opening quarter had expired, Meyer struck again, combining with Baugh for a 55-yard scoring play to push TCU back in front for good, 10-6. The first quarter proved to be a thrill a minute. In the second period, Baugh and company went to work again, driving 62 yards for one last Frog touchdown. Marquette was expecting TCU to put the ball in the air and that's precisely what the Frogs did. With the ball resting on the Avalanche 18, Vic Montgomery took the snap and looked downfield for Meyer. Meyer worked himself free between Guepe and another Hilltopper, leaped high for the pass, juggled it momentarily and tucked it away as he crossed the goal line.

The two teams produced 22 points in the first two quarters. By halftime, the scoring came to a sudden stop. Seeing victory slipping away, Marquette tried to open up with Buivid's passing, only to see the TCU lineman come tearing through to squelch each threat. Midway through the contest, Coach Meyer had used all 27 men on his bench. Frog reserves, led by a young sophomore named Davey O'Brien, played a greater part of the last half.

In total, Meyer accounted for each of TCU's 16 points—a field goal, two touchdowns and an extra point. A gritty performance. As for the game itself, it was a fine beginning for what would become an age-old classic. A fitting end came in the game's waning minutes. With TCU reserves on the field and Baugh and company on the bench, Coach Meyer reinserted his star player into the game at the insistance of the crowd who wanted to see Sammy play one last time.



1937: TCU Horned Frogs



RICE 28
COLORADO 14

1938
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **32,118**

The name Byron "Whizzer" White will forever be associated with the second Cotton Bowl Classic. White was the leader of an unbeaten and much celebrated Colorado team that roared into Dallas to face the Owls of Rice Institute. White was one of those athletes who could do it all: he could run, pass, score, kick, and most of all, was an aggressive defender. An outstanding All-America on the field, off the field White was a Rhodes Scholar who would go on to hold a seat on the United States Supreme Court. In every sense of the word, White was a star.

Rice didn't possess the glowing press clippings as the Buffaloes. The Owls were a sophomore-laden team which had fought an uphill battle to earn the first bowl bid in Rice football history. But one weapon Rice did have was a gifted young halfback named Ernie Lain. At the end of the 1937 season, Grantland Rice referred to Lain as "football's greatest sophomore back." Promoters built their pre-game hype around White and Lain, and in this second New Year's Day Classic, they more than lived up to the billing.

The first quarter could have served as a Colorado season-highlight film. On the game's third play, the Owls coughed up the football at their own 40-yard line and Colorado quickly took advantage of the Rice turnover. Moving inside the Rice 10, the Buffaloes were faced with a fourth down situation. White responded by passing nine yards to Joe Antonio for the game's first touchdown.

It was the intention of Rice coach Jimmy Kitts to start his upperclassmen and keep Lain on the sideline in the first quarter. But, shortly after the Colorado score, Lain trotted onto the field to take control of the Owls' offense. However, on the series' first play, White presented Lain with an unexpected welcoming. Lain dropped back to throw, fired and found White standing in the way. He hauled in the interception and galloped 47 yards into the end zone. White added the extra point to give Colorado a quick 14-0 lead.

That set the stage for one of the Classic's greatest comebacks. Lain hit Jake Schuehle with a 13-yard scoring strike to get the Owls on the scoreboard. Then, on its next possession, Lain led Rice back to the end zone, powering over from the three to even the score at 14. Before the contest reached intermission, it was Lain again taking control, passing 37 yards to Ollie Cordill for the go-ahead score. It was an explosive second quarter as the Owls posted 21 points on the scoreboard to overcome the early 14-point deficit. Leading 21-14 at the start of the third period, Lain still was far from through, taking to the air again to toss an 11-yard scoring pass to Frank Steen.

Even though the Classic was still in its infancy stage, this was a game that recorded several long-standing records. White's 47-yard interception return stood for 50 years as the longest in history. The 21 points scored by the Owls stood for 40 years as the highest scoring second quarter until Notre Dame equalled the feat against Texas in 1978. Finally, Lain's three touchdown passes were not to be equalled until Doug Flutie came along in the 1985 Classic. The Cotton Bowl Classic was only two years old, yet already had produced some outstanding performances that would stand for years as the standard by which future games would be measured.

Game Summary

COLORADO	14	0	0	0	**14**
RICE	0	21	7	0	**28**

FIRST QUARTER
Colorado: Joe Antonio 9 pass from Byron White (White kick), 60 yards following fumble recovery by Antonio.
Colorado: White 47 interception return (White kick).

SECOND QUARTER
Rice: Jake Schuehle 13 pass from Ernie Lain (Red Vestal kick), 72 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.
Rice: Lain 3 run (Vestal kick), 58 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Rice: Ollie Cordill 37 pass from Lain (Vestal kick), 87 yards in 5 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Rice: Frank Steen 11 pass from Lain (Vestal kick), 50 yards in 8 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Byron White, Colorado
Ernie Lain, Rice

COACHES
Bunny Oakes, Colorado
Jimmy Kitts, Rice

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	CU	RICE
First Downs	6	20
Rushing	5	17
Passing	1	3
Penalty	0	0
Net Yards Rushing	87	257
Net Yards Passing	8	158
Passes	1-9-2	11-20-1
Total Net Yards	95	415
Fumbles-Lost	2	2
Penalties-Yards	3-15	9-65
Punts-Average	9-41.0	4-38.0

PASSING
Colorado: White 1-5-2, 9 yards.
Rice: Lain 8-12-1, 123 yards; Vickers 3-6-0, 35 yards.

RUSHING
Colorado: White 23-62, Cheney 9-21, Antonio 2-4.
Rice: Lain 14-78, Vickers 13-59, Cordill 7-44, Neece 3-18, Schuehle 4-25.

RECEIVING
Colorado: Antonio 1-9.
Rice: Cordill 3-60, Steen 4-57.

PUNTING
Colorado: White 8-41.6

1939 JANUARY 2

ST. MARY'S 20
TEXAS TECH 13

ATTENDANCE: **40,000**

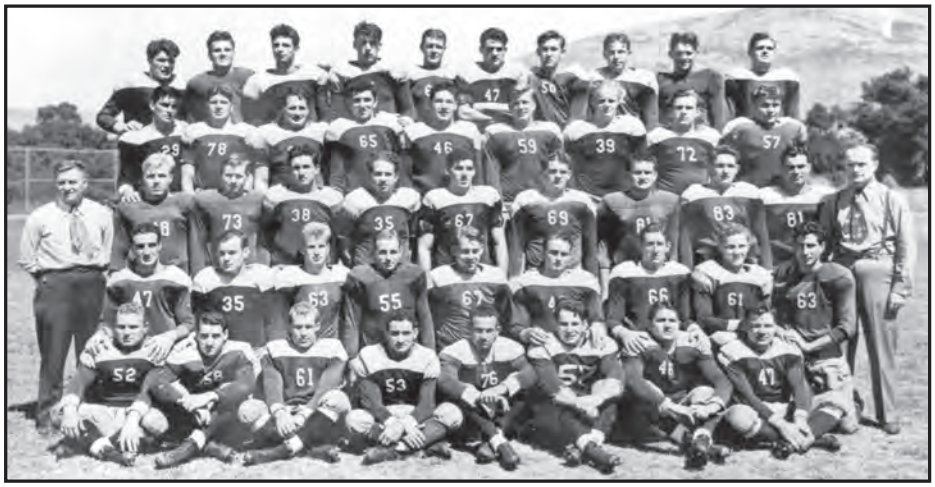


If football had a collegiate "darling" in 1938, then it must have been St. Mary's College of California by a landslide. In fact, sportswriters went as far as to tag the Gaels as America's No. 1 Cinderella team. St. Mary's counted 31 sophomores on it's 47-man roster. Still, the youthful Gaels came to Texas with an impressive 5-2-0 record to face unbeaten Texas Tech, the nation's 11th-ranked team. The Red Raiders had compiled a 10-0 record and felt a Cotton Bowl Classic victory might enhance their chances of gaining admission into the Southwest Conference.

But, St. Mary's stood in the way. Turnovers proved to be Tech's downfall, as the Gaels picked off five Red Raider passes and scooped up three Tech fumbles. By halftime, St. Mary's held a 14-0 lead on touchdown runs by Ed Heffernan and sophomore sensation Michael Klotovich. As the third quarter came to an end, the Gaels extended their lead to 20-0 when Whitey Smith returned an interception 24 yards for the Gaels' third and final score. It was a tough day for Tech. Everytime the Raiders worked themselves out of a hole, St. Mary's Jerry Dowd, the nation's leading punter, kicked them back in.

However, it was in the final period that the Red Raiders finally got to work, and it was the arm of Gene Barnett that sparked the comeback. With the ball resting at its 24, Tech launched its bid, moving steadily up the field to reach the Gaels' 33-yard line. On first down, Barnett faded back to pass. Just as his protection was beginning to cave in, he flipped a short screen pass to Elmer Tarbox who was waiting with a solid wall of blockers ahead of him. Tarbox made the reception and then swivel-hipped his way downfield, outrunning Klotovich to the end zone for Tech's first score. Four minutes later, Barnett came through again. This time throwing on fourth down to his tallest receiver, E. J. McKnight, for 31 yards and the touchdown. A missed extra point attempt left Tech trailing by seven.

Barnett now readied himself for one last scoring attempt. Late in the fourth quarter, Barnett dropped back to throw again behind good protection and let it fly for George Webb. Webb made the catch with nothing but the goal line in front of him. But, Lou Rimassa made what had to be the defensive play of the game, hauling Webb down from behind. The play cover 60 yards, however the Raiders could go no further than the Gaels' 15-yard line. It was a sensational finish, but on this day, the Sanford Trophy was meant to go home with those California "darlings."



Texas Tech Red Raiders

Game Summary

ST. MARY'S	7	7	6	0	**20**
TEXAS TECH	0	0	0	13	**13**

FIRST QUARTER
St. Mary's: Ed Heffernan 9 run (Mike Perrie kick), 38 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Whitey Smith.

SECOND QUARTER
St. Mary's: Michael Klotovich 1 run (Andy Marefos kick), 40 yards following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
St. Mary's: Whitey Smith 24 interception return (Perrie kick fail).

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas Tech: Elmer Tarbox 33 pass from Gene Barnett (Jodie Marek kick), 76 yards in 4 plays following kickoff.
Texas Tech: E. J. McKnight 31 pass from Barnett (Marek kick fail), 65 yards in 9 plays following St. Mary kickoff (losing team had receiving option).

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Jerry Dowd, St. Mary's
Elmer Tarbox, Texas Tech

COACHES
Slip Madigan, St. Mary's
Pete Cawthon, Texas Tech

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	SM	TECH
First Downs	11	7
Net Yards Rushing	180	73
Net Yards Passing	22	210
Passes	2-15-2	11-31-5
Total Net Yards	202	283
Fumbles-Lost	1	3
Penalties-Yards	8-65	5-30
Punts-Average	11-47.5	11-34.3

PASSING
Texas Tech: Barnett 11-23, 210.

PUNTING
St. Mary's: Dowd 11-45, 7.



CLEMSON
BOSTON COLLEGE

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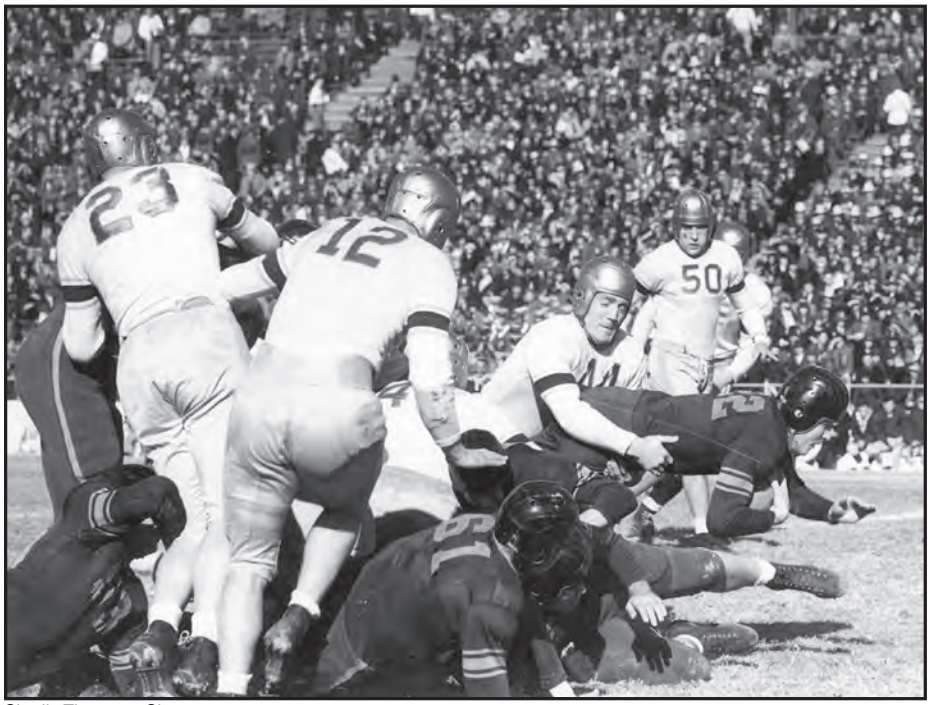
1940
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **15,000**

Had it not been for the efforts of J. Curtis Sanford, there might not have been a 1940 Cotton Bowl Classic to remember. Undefeated Texas A&M, champions of the Southwest Conference, turned down the Cotton Bowl's invitation in favor of the Sugar Bowl. When Tennessee also turned down the Classic Committee's invitation, it was suggested that the 1940 game be cancelled. Fearing such action would kill the future of the Cotton Bowl, Sanford took on the job of staging the game single handedly. Soon, telegrams began to pour in from Boston College and Clemson supporters. Both had good records and good ball clubs, and Sanford happily extended the invitation.

Ironically, this was the game that introduced coach Jess Neely to the Southwest Conference. Neely soon was to leave the South Carolina school for Rice where he would lead the Owls to three Cotton Bowl appearances. Neely brought his 8-1 Clemson Tigers to Dallas to face coach Frank Leahy's 9-1 Boston College Eagles. The first quarter saw both teams move the football, but neither could punch the ball across the goal line. Then on the final play of the quarter, Charley O'Rourke returned a Clemson punt 27 yards to the Tigers' 13-yard line, putting the Eagles in scoring position. Unable to move, and facing fourth down and 10, Alex Lukachik, a substitute end, came into the game and dropped back to boot a wind-blown three-pointer squarely between the uprights. The kick was good for 36 yards and Boston College owned a 3-0 advantage.

After the exchange of punts, Clemson began its scoring march from its own 43. Charlie Timmons and Banks McFadden did most of the work on the drive. With Timmons and his favorite spinner play working to perfection, coupled with a 20-yard gallop by McFadden to the Boston College 30, Clemson moved within the shadow of the goalpost. Timmons finished off the drive as he powered over from the Eagles' one-yard line for the go-ahead touchdown midway through the second quarter. Shad Bryant missed the extra point, but the day's scoring was over.


Charlie Timmons, Clemson

Game Summary

CLEMSON	0	6	0	0	**6**
BOSTON COLLEGE	0	3	0	0	**3**

SECOND QUARTER
Boston College: Alex Lukachik 36 FG, 0 yards in 4 plays following punt.
Clemson: Charlie Timmons 1 run (Shad Bryant kick fail), 57 yards in 9 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Banks McFadden, Clemson

COACHES
Jess Neely, Clemson
Frank Leahy, Boston College

WEATHER
Cold, overcast

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	CLEM	BC
First Downs	11	9
Rushes-Net Yards	47-204	37-111
Net Yards Passing	35	73
Passes	2-4-1	4-23-1
Total Plays	51	60
Total Net Yards	239	184
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-80	9-90
Punts-Average	11-42.6	10-39.3

PASSING
Clemson: McFadden 2-3-0, 35 yards; Blalock 0-1-1.
Boston College: Toczlowski 4-23-1, 73 yards.

RUSHING
Clemson: Timmons 27-115, Bryant 14-56, McFadden 6-33.
Boston College: Ananis 11-43, O'Rourke 8-41.

RECEIVING
Clemson: Blalock 1-19, Jackson 1-16.

PUNTING
Clemson: McFadden 11-42.6.

1941 JANUARY 1

TEXAS A&M 13
FORDHAM 12



ATTENDANCE: **45,507**

This was a game of "firsts." It marked the first sellout for the Cotton Bowl Classic with 45,000 fans looking on to see Texas A&M challenge Fordham, a powerhouse from the East and a team coached by Jim Crowley, the famed Notre Dame Four Horseman. The Aggies were winners of 19 consecutive games before losing their season finale to Texas. The loss dropped A&M from second to sixth in the national poll. No. 12 Fordham also had held a lofty ranking during the season, reaching as high as third before falling to St. Mary's, 9-6. The 1941 game promised a classic battle between two outstanding football programs. Also making for a memorable day was that in 1941, the Cotton Bowl came under the sponsorship of the Southwest Conference.

Maybe just as memorable was Earl "Alabama" Smith's "hideout pass." Smith was a surprise starter in the Aggies' backfield, and his first half performance left little indication as to what was to come. Trailing 6-0 at the start of the third quarter, it was time for the Aggies to spring the play on the unsuspecting Rams. Instead of returning to the huddle after a play that gained three yards, Smith trotted toward the east sideline while his teammates rushed to the huddle. Still undetected, Smith took off on the snap, heading straight downfield. Quarterback Marion Pugh whirled around, retreated to his 25 and let go a long, graceful spiral. Startled fans, along with the Ram defense, looked for a receiver.

By now, Smith was several yards behind Fordham defensive back Len Eshmont and only had to turn and momentarily slow his pace to take the pass on the 35. Regaining his stride, he easily outdistanced the surprised Eshmont in his race for the end zone. It was that 62-yard scoring play which put the Aggies back into the ball game, 6-6.

On its next possession, A&M scored again when All-America fullback Jarrin' John Kimbrough crashed over from the one. This time Pugh redeemed himself for missing his first conversion attempt and the Aggies had a 13-6 lead as the contest moved into the final period. Jim Blumenstock's 15-yard touchdown run brought Fordham within one of the Aggies, but Steve Hudacek's try for the extra point was blocked by A&M lineman Martin Ruby. The football sailed high in the air, hit the crossbar and bounced back toward the line of scrimmage. Twelve minutes remained on the clock although from that point on the Rams never seriously threatened.



The Hideout Pass, Earl "Alabama" Smith, Texas A&M

Game Summary

FORDHAM	0	6	0	6	**12**
TEXAS A&M	0	0	13	0	**13**

SECOND QUARTER
Fordham: Steve Filipowicz 2 run (Steve Hudacek kick blocked by Jim Sterling), 20 yards in 6 plays following blocked punt by Joe Ungerer.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas A&M: Earl Smith 62 pass from Marion Pugh (Pugh kick fail), 65 yards in 2 plays following second half kickoff.
Texas A&M: John Kimbrough 1 run (Pugh kick), 1 yard in 1 play following punt return by Derace Moser and holding penalty.

FOURTH QUARTER
Fordham: James Blumenstock 15 run (Hudacek kick blocked by Martin Ruby), 46 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Alex Santilli.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Lou De Flippo, Fordham
Joe Ungerer, Fordham
Charles Henke, Texas A&M
John Kimbrough, Texas A&M
Chip Routt, Texas A&M

COACHES
Jim Crowley, Fordham
Homer Norton, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	FORD	A&M
First Downs	13	8
Rushing	8	5
Passing	4	2
Penalty	1	1
Net Yards Rushing	118	52
Net Yards Passing	62	101
Passes	5-23-3	6-18-1
Total Net Yards	180	153
Fumbles-Lost	1	3
Penalties-Yards	2-29	3-25
Punts-Average	8-30.4	10-32.9

RUSHING
Fordham: Eshmont 16-48, Blumenstock 12-42, Filipowicz 13-16.
Texas A&M: Kimbrough 18-66, Thomason 1-10, Pugh 10-(-19).

PASSING
Fordham: Filipowicz 5-20-3, 62 yards.
Texas A&M: Pugh 5-14-1, 97 yards.

RECEIVING
Fordham: Blumenstock 1-17.
Texas A&M: Smith 1-62, Thomason 2 receptions, Moser 1-5.

PUNTING
Fordham: Blumenstock 7-29.7, Filipowicz 1-25.0.
Texas A&M: Moser 4-40.5, Pugh 1-58.0.

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ALABAMA 29
TEXAS A&M 21

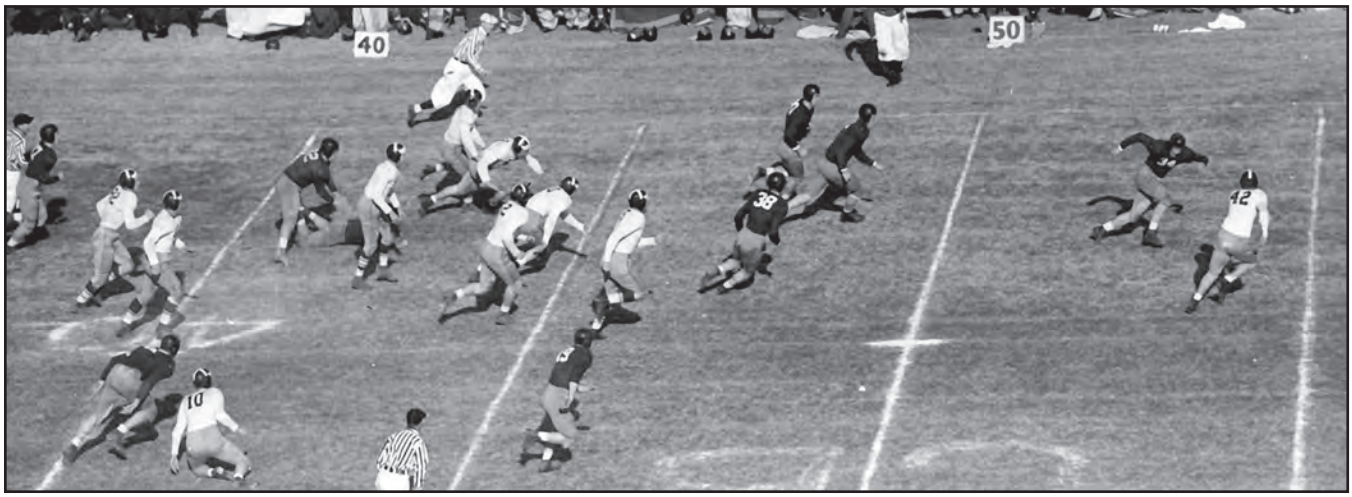
1942
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **33,000**

This game proved the point that statistics can lie: Alabama made only one first down, gained just 59 yards on the ground, 16 in the air, and punted 16 times. But, the Crimson Tide scored 29 points — and won! Seven Aggie interceptions and five lost fumbles made first downs unnecessary. No question about it, this Classic was out of the ordinary.

While this became another Cotton Bowl known for its turnovers, it also was a game remembered for its many punt returns. Texas A&M sophomore Leo Daniels returned five for 104 yards, including a 44-yarder which set up the Aggies' first score. Alabama halfback Jimmy Nelson also got in on the punt return act, racing through Aggie defenders 72 yards for the Tide's second and go-ahead touchdown. It was Nelson's first of two scoring runs, and continues to rank as the longest punt return in Classic history. His second score came on a 21-yard gallop that gave Alabama a 20-7 third quarter lead. Defensively, Nelson was just as strong, as he intercepted two Aggie passes. All-America Holt Rast also had a hand in the Alabama victory, catching the Tide's only pass to set up a score and later returned an interception 10 yards for the final Alabama touchdown.

To top things off, this was the first war-time Cotton Bowl. At halftime, 31 Texas, Oklahoma and Alabama men took the oath of enlistment in the Naval Air Corps, included in this group were senior Martin Ruby - Texas A&M's great lineman; Sam Porter, a reserve A&M halfback; and Alabama fullback Paul Spencer. These men, who trotted onto the Cotton Bowl turf earlier that afternoon as civilians, played the last half as members of an even greater team...Uncle Sam's.



Jimmy Nelson, Alabama

Game Summary

ALABAMA	0	7	13	9	**29**
TEXAS A&M	0	7	0	14	**21**

SECOND QUARTER
Texas A&M: Harold Cowley 12 pass from Leo Daniels (Jake Webster kick), 18 yards in 3 plays following punt.
Alabama: Russ Craft 8 run (George Hecht kick), 24 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Don Whitmire.

THIRD QUARTER
Alabama: Jimmy Nelson 72 punt return (Hecht kick blocked by Weldon Maples).
Alabama: Nelson 21 run (Hecht kick), 21 yards in 1 play following fumble recovery by Sam Sharp.

FOURTH QUARTER
Alabama: Hecht 31 FG, 3 yards in 3 plays following pass interception by Carl Mims
Alabama-Holt Rast 10 interception return (Hecht kick fail).
Texas A&M: Webster 1 run (Webster kick), 54 yards in 4 plays following kickoff.
Texas A&M: Jim Sterling 35 pass from Derace Moser (Webster kick), 74 yards in 6 plays following Alabama kickoff (losing team had receiving option).

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Jimmy Nelson, Alabama
Holt Rast, Alabama
Don Whitmire, Alabama
Martin Ruby, Texas A&M

COACHES
Frank Thomas, Alabama
Homer Norton, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Cold

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UA	A&M
First Downs	1	13
Rushing	0	3
Passing	1	6
Penalty	0	4
Net Yards Rushing	59	115
Net Yards Passing	16	194
Passes	1-7-0	14-41-7
Total Net Yards	75	309
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	6-5
Penalties-Yards	8-81	1-5
Punts-Average	16-36.3	7-36.4

RUSHING
Alabama: Nelson 9-38, Craft 1-8, Hughes 3-6.
Texas A&M: Webster 12-52, Moser 16-31, Andrick 3-16.

PASSING
Alabama: Nelson 1-7-0, 16 yards. Texas A&M: Moser 5-23-4, 107 yards; Daniels 6-19-2, 87 yards.

RECEIVING
Alabama: Rast, 1-16.
Texas A&M: Sterling 5-112, Cowley 4-39, Rogers 1-20, Williams 1-19, Spivey 1-8.

1943 JANUARY 1

TEXAS 14
GEORGIA TECH 07



ATTENDANCE: **36,620**

Game Summary

G. TECH	0	0	0	7	**7**
TEXAS	7	0	7	0	**14**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Max Minor 4 pass from Roy McKay (Jackie Field kick), 52 yards in 11 plays following fumble recovery by Joe Schwarting.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Field 60 punt return (McKay kick).

FOURTH QUARTER
Georgia Tech: David Eldredge 4 run (Ralph Jordan kick), 56 yards in 6 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Harvey Hardy, Georgia Tech
Jack Marshall, Georgia Tech
Jack Freeman, Texas
Roy McKay, Texas
Stanley Mauldin, Texas

COACHES
Bill Alexander, Georgia Tech
D.X.Bible,Texas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	GA TECH	UT
First Downs	10	15
Net Yards Rushing	57	201
Net Yards Passing	138	23
Passes	8-20-1	5-9-1
Total Net Yards	195	224
Fumbles-Lost	2	2
Penalties-Yards	4-20	2-20
Punts-Average	8-31.4	7-30.6
Punts-Average	6-39.5	4-32.5

For three quarters, this Classic was all Texas. The 11th-ranked Longhorns were making their first-ever bowl appearance and their performance after 45 minutes of play left little doubt they were keyed up for this one. A four-yard pass from Roy McKay to Max Minor, and a 60-yard punt return by Jackie Field gave the Longhorns a comfortable 14-0 lead heading into the fourth quarter over No. 5 Georgia Tech.

With the game apparently well in hand, Texas coach D. X. Bible decided it might be time to send in his reserves. Tech saw this as a chance to move. It started with Bob Sheldon's 33-yard strike to Jack Marshall at the Longhorn 23. Southpaw Clint Castleberry, the Yellow Jackets' brilliant freshman, followed with a pass to Jack Helms for a first down on the Texas six. Three downs later, Georgia Tech had gained just two yards. Expecting a fourth down pass, the Horns relaxed its front wall. Tech started the play as if to pass, but Dave Eldredge came back to take a handoff on the ancient Statue of Liberty play and circled the Texas right end for the score. Tech was within seven.

The Texas offense failed to move and punted poorly for just 14 yards to the Georgia Tech 46. Three and a half minutes were left to play. Eddie Prokop, Tech's third passer for the day, connected with Sheldon for 12 to the Texas 42. Two plays later, Prokop fired again, finding Marshall leaping high for the pass at the Longhorn nine. An offsides penalty then cost the Yellow Jackets five precious yards. But on the next play, Ralph Plaster scampered to the Texas five on a beautifully executed triple handoff. However, this is where Texas put the brakes on Tech's comeback hopes. The Texas linemen, led by the savage charge of Stan Mauldin, shut down the Tech scoring threat on three successive plays. With the football at their own four, the Longhorns took over, ran out the clock and handed Tech its first bowl defeat.



Clint Castleberry (19), Georgia Tech



TEXAS
RANDOLPH FIELD

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1944
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **32,000**

This game, if for no other reason, turned out to be the most unique in Cotton Bowl history. It's the only time a military installation has played in the Classic, and it matched the nation's best aerial attack, Randolph Field, against the country's top defense, Texas. Tulsa All-America Glenn Dobbs was now pulling the trigger for the Ramblers as a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces.

There was considerable debate in advance of this eighth Cotton Bowl Classic as to which is the superior weapon—a great passing attack or a solid defense. This was the game that would produce the answer. But, it didn't. The elements, the great equalizer of sporting events, all but ruled out a valid answer. First came the cold, and then the rain. By halftime, Texas coach D. X. Bible had called the weather the worst he had seen in 30 years of coaching.

Texas entered the game ranked 14th nationally, the Ramblers had fallen out of the Top 20 after losing their last contest of the season. Still, Randolph Field had Dobbs, who was playing in his third consecutive bowl game, and undoubtedly was one of the nation's outstanding players. He led the country in total offense, accounting for 1,867 yards for the year, completed 106 passes for 1,431 yards, threw for 20 touchdowns, and gained 421 yards rushing. In addition, Dobbs was the Ramblers' punter, averaging 40.2 points per kick. His favorite receiver was Leslie "Tex" Aulds, who had grabbed 34 passes for 588 yards during the course of the season.

It was the combination of Corporal Dobbs and Aulds that got on the board first, a 16-yard first quarter strike. Texas answered in the second quarter following a Dobbs fumble on the Randolph 42-yard line. Two plays later, Ralph Ellsworth hooked up with George McCall for a 35-yard scoring pass to even things at 7-7 by halftime. Both teams threatened in the second half but the elements joined the side of the defense, and the Cotton Bowl had its first tie.

The contest also produced another first: former Texas A&M standout Martin Ruby became the first man to star for two Classic teams. He was named as the outstanding player for Texas A&M two years earlier against Alabama, and again today for Randolph Field.


Tex Aulds, Randolph Field

Game Summary

RANDOLPH	7	0	0	0	**7**
TEXAS	0	7	0	0	**7**

FIRST QUARTER
Randolph Field: Tex Aulds 16 pass from Glenn Dobbs (Walter West kick), 26 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by Walter Parker.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas: George McCall 35 pass from Ralph Ellsworth (J. R. Calahan kick), 42 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by Phil Bolin.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Glenn Dobbs, Randolph Field
Martin Ruby, Randolph Field
Joe Parker, Texas

COACHES
Frank Tritico, Randolph Field
D. X. Bible, Texas

WEATHER
Rain

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	RF	UT
First Downs	7	9
Net Yards Rushing	99	73
Net Yards Passing	51	37
Passes	3-16-3	3-10-1
Total Net Yards	150	110
Fumbles-Lost	1	1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	0-0
Punts-Average	10-39.9	8-33.1
Punts-Average	11-42.6	10-39.3

PUNTING
Randolph Field - Dobbs 10-39.9

1945 JANUARY 1

OKLAHOMA A&M 34
TCU 00



ATTENDANCE: **37,500**

For years, TCU defied logic. The Frogs always seemed to win when they were picked to lose, and lose when expected to win. Today, they lost—decisively—and they were expected to. The Cowboys of Oklahoma A&M were the class of the Missouri Valley Conference, and in their last game, clobbered Oklahoma, 28-6. In fact, A&M's only loss came at the hands of a naval military team in Norman. Meanwhile, TCU had staged upset after upset to earn its bid to the Cotton Bowl.

In addition to having more size and speed than their counterparts, the Cowboys also had an 18-year old All-America back named Bob Fenimore, the nation's total offense leader, and a 190-pound freshman named Jim Spavital. Fenimore recorded Oklahoma A&M's first score on a one-yard plunge over right tackle. Minutes later, Spavital tore through a quick-opening hole at left guard and raced 52 yards for the Cowboys second touchdown with less than nine minutes gone on the clock.

Fenimore put A&M back on the scoreboard in the third period with an eight yard run, and in the fourth quarter Joe Thomas and Mack Creager both scored on plunges from the one-yard line. Long drives accounted for all five Cowboy touchdowns, or at least long distances. Here's how they went: 59 yards for the first score; 61 yards on the second; 62 yards for the third; 40 yards on the fourth; and 66 yards for the fifth score. The end result was a 34-0 shutout for the Cowboys in one of the most lopsided games ever in the Classic.



Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A&M

Game Summary

OKLA. A&M	14	0	7	13	**34**
TCU	0	0	0	0	**0**

FIRST QUARTER
Oklahoma A&M: Bob Fenimore 1 run (Mack Creager kick), 59 yards in 7 plays following opening kickoff.
Oklahoma A&M: Jim Spavital 52 run (Creager kick), 62 yards in 3 plays following punt.
THIRD QUARTER
Oklahoma A&M: Fenimore 8 run (Creager kick), 62 yards in 7 plays following punt.
FOURTH QUARTER
Oklahoma A&M: Joe Thomas 1 run (Creager kick), 40 yards in 9 plays following fumble recovery by Glenn Moore.
Oklahoma A&M: Creager 1 run (Creager kick fail), 66 yards in 10 plays following punt.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Neil Armstrong, Oklahoma A&M
Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A&M
Ralph Foster, Oklahoma A&M
COACHES
Jim Lookabaugh, Oklahoma A&M
Dutch Meyer, TCU
WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	OK A&M	TCU
First Downs	20	5
Rushes-Net Yards	60-295	27-74
Net Yards Passing	199	31
Passes	9-17-1	3-10-1
Total Plays	77	37
Total Net Yards	494	105
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-75	5-25
Punts-Average	6-26.3	8-34.3
Penalties-Yards	2-29	3-25
Punts-Average	8-30.4	10-32.9

RUSHING
Oklahoma A&M: Spavital 18-120, Fenimore 16-63, Hankins 9-57, Thomas 7-25, Creager 5-16, Stafford 2-7, Connor 1-6, Moore 1-3, Karraker 1-(-2).
TCU: Ruff 7-35, Mason 8-26, Busby 1-12, Cox 1-4, Jackson 3-4, Hadaway 7-(-7).
PASSING
Oklahoma A&M: Fenimore 6-13-1, 136 yards; Thomas 2-2-0, 54 yards; Creager 1-2-0, 9 yards.
TCU: Hadaway 3-6-1, 31 yards; Cox 0-3-1; Busby 0-1-1.
RECEIVING
Oklahoma A&M: Hankins 4-103, Creager 2-54, Moore 1-17, Armstrong 1-16, Thomas 1-9.
TCU: Jackson 1-34, Ruff 1-(-1), Gaxxen 1-(-2).
PUNTING
Oklahoma A&M: Fenimore 5-28.8, Conner 1-14.0.
TCU: Jackson 7-33.9, Mason 1-37.0.



TEXAS 40
MISSOURI 27

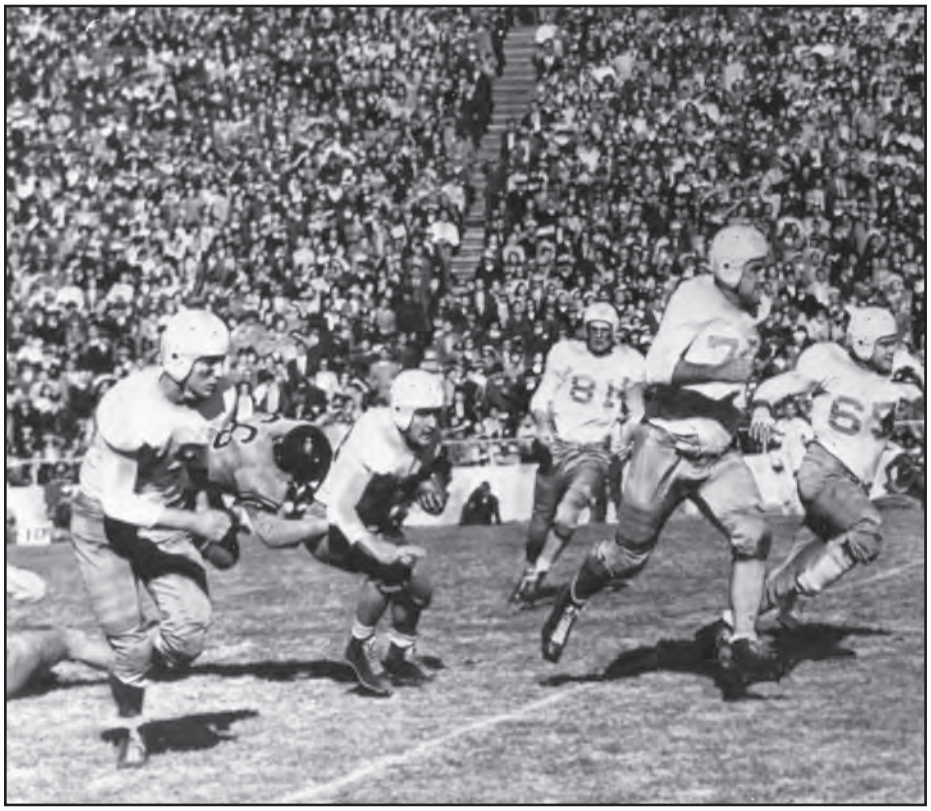
1946
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **45,500**

This Classic broke records for breaking records. . . and it's not surprising to find that the incomparable Bobby Layne was behind it all. Here were the team records established during the course of the afternoon: Most Points Scored-40, by Texas; Most First Downs-22, by Missouri; Most Yards Passing-234, by Texas; Most Yards Rushing-408, by Missouri; Highest Passing Percentage-.928 on 13 completions in 14 attempts, by Texas; Most Total Yards Gained-514, by Missouri; and a two-team record for total offense-950 total yards, 514 by the Tigers and 436 by the Longhorns.

Bobby Layne was responsible for all 40 Texas points; he threw for two touchdowns, ran for three scores, was on the receiving end of a 50-yard bomb for another and kicked four extra points. When Layne wasn't scoring touchdowns, he was completing 11-of-12 passes for the best passing day ever in Cotton Bowl history, a .917 completion percentage. Layne completed his first eight passes, and his favorite target that day was All-America receiver Hub Bechtol, who caught a then-Cotton Bowl record eight passes.With 67 points scored in one afternoon, there's no question this Classic was an enjoyable and exciting one for the spectator. However, one can rest assure that Missouri coach Chauncey Simpson could have gone without seeing Layne's amazing feats. But after the game, Simpson came to the Texas bus, shook Layne's hand and said, "I never saw a better job by anybody."

Indeed, Layne's performance was awesome, but he wasn't a one-man act by any means. He received tremendous support from his teammates. However, when the subject of the greatest individual Cotton Bowl performance arises, the name of Bobby Layne must be considered.



Bobby Layne, Texas

Game Summary

MISSOURI	7	7	0	13	**27**
TEXAS	14	7	6	13	**40**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Joe Baumgardner 48 pass from Bobby Layne (Layne kick), 75 yards in 7 plays following punt.
Missouri: Roland Oakes 51 pass from William Dellastatious (Jim Kekeris kick), 80 yards in 4 plays following kickoff.
Texas: Layne 1 run (Layne kick), 60 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Missouri: Dellastatious 3 run (Kekeris kick), 62 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Robert Clodfelter.
Texas: Layne 10 run (Layne kick), 69 yards in 7 plays following kickoff.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Baumgardner 15 pass from Layne (Layne kick blocked), 20 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by David Green.

FOURTH QUARTER
Missouri: Howard Bennett 21 run (Kekeris kick), 93 yards in 11 plays following punt.
Texas: Layne 50 pass from Ralph Ellsworth (Rooster Andrews pass fail), 80 yards in 6 plays following kickoff.
Missouri: Robert Hopkins 1 run (Kekeris kick blocked by David Green), 80 yards in 13 plays following kickoff.
Texas: Layne 2 run (Layne kick), 60 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Jim Kekeris, Missouri
Hub Bechtol, Texas
Bobby Layne, Texas

COACHES
Chauncey Simpson, Missouri
D. X. Bible, Texas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MIZ	UT
First Downs	22	19
Net Yards Rushing	408	202
Net Yards Passing	106	234
Passes	4-17-1	13-14-0
Total Net Yards	514	436
Fumbles-Lost	1	1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	5-35
Punts-Average	2-37.0	2-41.5
Punts-Average	11-42.6	10-39.3

RUSHING
Missouri: Hopkins 16-125, Brown 18-121.

PASSING
Texas: Layne 11-12-0, 158 yards.

RECEIVING
Texas: Bechtol 8-138, Layne 1-50.

1947
JANUARY 1

ARKANSAS	00
LSU	00



ATTENDANCE: **38,000**

Not even the most dedicated of mail carriers could have been expected to brave the elements on this New Year's Day. In ice, sleet, snow, and rain, Arkansas battled LSU to a scoreless tie. Gametime temperatures were in the 20's and uninviting snow banks surrounded the field. LSU coach Bernie Moore called it "the worst football weather I've seen in 35 years of coaching." The game was sold out weeks in advance, and despite the weather conditions, a surprising number of the 45,507 tickets sold turned out to see the highly regarded Tigers tackle the underdog Razorbacks.

While the Classic posted its first 0-0 tie, it was a game that will be remembered most for the play of the gritty Arkansas defense. Johnny Lyons who reported the game for the Houston Post wrote, "Statistically, LSU wore 'em out. As far as hitting goes, Arkansas wore the Tigers out."

Five times, two in the first half and three times in the second, LSU moved the ball inside the Razorback 20. Five times the Porkers threw them back. Time and again, the Tigers seemed to be on the march. Arkansas rose to the occasion each time.

While the defense was marvelous, the Hogs' offense was plagued with problems. The Razorbacks made one first down, gained only 54 yards, and failed to complete any of their four passes. In the fourth quarter alone, Arkansas managed only four offensive snaps.

Meanwhile, with Y. A. Tittle at the helm, LSU moved the ball at will between the 20's. Late in the fourth quarter, the Tigers penetrated the Porkers' 10-yard line twice, driving once to the one and the second time to the four. The Hogs' Floyd Thomas turned back the first LSU threat, stopping Ray Coates in his tracks shy of the goal line. Moments later, the Arkansas defenders swarmed Willard Landry for no gain at the four and the Tigers were forced to go for a field goal. But, the rabbit's foot belonged to the Razorbacks as a bad snap from center prevented the Tigers from ever getting off the attempt.

Game Summary

LSU	0	0	0	0	**0**
ARKANSAS	0	0	0	0	**0**

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Y. A. Tittle, LSU
Alton Baldwin, Arkansas
COACHES
Bernie Moore, LSU
John Barnhill, Arkansas
WEATHER
Snow, ice

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	LSU	ARK
First Downs	15	1
Net Yards Rushing	255	54
Net Yards Passing	16	0
Passes	5-17-0	0-4-1
Total Net Yards	271	54
Fumbles-Lost	2	3
Penalties-Yards	8-50	1-5
Punts-Average	9-30.4	11-36.0



Clyde "Smackover" Scott, Arkansas



SMU 13
PENN STATE 13

1948
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **47,000**

SMU's Doak Walker and Penn State's Elwood Petchel matched brilliance in one of the Classic's most even battles. It was the first Cotton Bowl game played between two undefeated teams. The Mustangs carried a 9-0-1 mark, the tie coming in their final regular season contest with arch-rival TCU. The Nittany Lions, on the other hand, were undefeated and untied, 9-0-0. It was No. 3 SMU vs. No. 4 Penn State.

Penn State clearly was the class of the East, averaging more than 300 yards with a solid ground game as its chief weapon. To go with its potent offense, Penn State also was considered to possess the nation's best defense. But, SMU had the great Doak Walker, who on this particular day was observing his 21st birthday. Much has been written about Walker through the years. To this day, he is considered as one of the greatest all-around backs in Southwest Conference history. It was bound to be a historic afternoon.

It took Walker just eight plays to guide the Ponies 82 yards to paydirt on their first offensive possession. After moving to the SMU 47, Walker faded far back in the pocket and whipped a high, long pass to Paul Page who had worked himself free behind the Lion secondary. Page pulled in the pass at the 13 and dashed into the end zone. Walker booted the extra point and SMU led, 7-0. Two possessions later, SMU found the end zone again. Following a punt return to the Penn State 37, the Mustangs began a seven play march with Walker crashing over from the two for the score. This time Walker's extra point attempt was wide, but with 90 seconds remaining in the half, things seemed well in hand for the Ponies.

That's when Petchel took control for the Nittany Lions. On fourth and 15 at the Mustangs' 38, and less than a minute to play in the half, Petchel launched a pass for Larry Cooney, a third-team back who had logged just ten minutes of playing time all season. Cooney gathered it in for a touchdown. Ed Czekaj added the extra point and as the half ended, Penn State trailed by six. Midway through the third period following his 27-yard punt return to the SMU nine, Petchel again went to the air and passed six yards to Wallace Triplett to tie the score. But, with a chance to give the Lions the lead, Czekaj failed to convert on the extra point try and the game remained tied, 13-13.

Penn State made one last gasp for victory. Petchel hit Bob Hicks for 24 yards to the SMU 37 with just two seconds on the scoreboard clock. Time out was called and the game's final play was mapped out. The target would be Dennie Hoggard. Petchel took the snap and looked downfield for his receiver in the end zone. Hoggard made a diving attempt for the ball, had it momentarily, but it slipped away. The game was over.

Ironically, it proved to be another 24 years before the 13-13 tie was finally broken. Czekaj returned to the Cotton Bowl in 1972 as Penn State's athletic director. Before his Nittany Lions battled Texas, Czekaj was determined to give it one more try. Sure enough, his kick sailed true through the uprights. No asterisk was needed, however. Historians still refused to change the score.

Game Summary

PENN ST.	0	7	6	0	**13**
SMU	7	6	0	0	**13**

FIRST QUARTER
SMU: Paul Page 53 pass from Doak Walker (Walker kick), 82 yards in 8 plays after taking over on downs.

SECOND QUARTER
SMU: Walker 2 run (Walker kick fail), 37 yards in 7 plays following punt.
Penn State: Larry Cooney 38 pass from Elwood Petchel (Ed Czekaj kick), 65 yards in 5 plays following kickoff.

THIRD QUARTER
Penn State: Wallace Triplett 6 pass from Petchel (Czekaj kick fail), 9 yards in 3 plays following 27-yard punt return by Petchel.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Steve Suhey, Penn State
Doak Walker, SMU

COACHES
Bob Higgins, Penn State
Matty Bell, SMU

WEATHER
Cold

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	PSU	SMU
First Downs	12	12
Net Yards Rushing	165	92
Net Yards Passing	93	114
Passes	7-15-1	11-25-1
Total Net Yards	258	206
Fumbles-Lost	2	1
Penalties-Yards	3-15	1-5
Punts-Average	2-37.0	2-41.5
Punts-Average	11-42.6	10-39.3

RUSHING
Penn State: Rogel 25-95.
SMU: Walker 18-66, McKissick 12-36, Ketchel 9-25.

PASSING
Penn State: Petchel 7-15, 165 yards.
SMU: Johnson 6-16; Walker 5-9, 69 yards.

RECEIVING
Penn State: Triplett 1-6.

1949 JANUARY 1

SMU	**21**
OREGON	13

ATTENDANCE: **70,000**



SMU returned to the Classic for the second straight year with what many called a dream backfield—Doak Walker, the two-time All-America and the winner of the 1948 Heisman Trophy; Gilbert Johnson considered to be a great passer; and Dick McKissack and Paul Page, a pair of devastating blockers.

With this group, the Mustangs added an outstanding sophomore, Kyle Rote. In two years, the Mustangs had won 17 regular-season games, lost just one, and tied two. For Walker, the 22-year old was having his second consecutive birthday party in the Cotton Bowl.

Oregon also had its share of gridiron heroes, and the Ducks were generally considered the best team on the West Coast. Oregon was noted for its powerful attack, good defense and a great passer named Norm Van Brocklin.

In addition to its superstar lineup, this Classic is noted for the quick kick. Midway through the first period and faced with a second down and eight, Walker caught the Ducks by surprise. Before Oregon realized what was happening, Walker took three of four fleeting backward steps and boomed a 79-yarder that died inside the Ducks' one-yard line. Later, in the second quarter, and with the ball resting on the SMU four, it was Rote's turn to demonstrate the advantages of a good kicking game. Standing in the end zone and only a few yards behind the line of scrimmage, Rote took the snap and with a powerful swing of his right leg, got off an 84-yarder, booming it all the way to the Oregon 12. Needless to say, these two punts still rank as the two longest in Classic history.

When they weren't kicking the daylights out of the football, Walker and Rote took their toll on the Oregon defense, scoring SMU's first two touchdowns. Van Brocklin put Oregon on the scoreboard for the first time in the fourth quarter with a 24-yard pass to Dick Wilkins. SMU all but put the game away when "Chicken" Roberts slashed eight yards for a 21-6 lead. The Mustangs left little doubt that on this New Year's Day, they had performed at their dazzling best.



The University of Oregon arrives at the Classic



Doak Walker, SMU

Game Summary

OREGON	0	0	0	13	**13**
SMU	7	0	7	7	**21**

FIRST QUARTER
SMU: Doak Walker 1 run (Walker kick), 9:48, 59 yards in 11 plays following opening kickoff.

THIRD QUARTER
SMU: Kyle Rote 36 run (Walker kick), 9:44, 80 yards in 10 plays following second half kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
Oregon: Dick Wilkins 24 pass from Norm Van Brocklin (Chet Daniels kick fail), 12:23, 52 yards in 6 plays following punt.
SMU: Chicken Roberts 8 run (Joe Ethridge kick), 8:45, 56 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.
Oregon: Bob Sanders 1 run (Daniels kick), 6:20, 67 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Brad Ecklund, Oregon
Norm Van Brocklin, Oregon
Kyle Rote, SMU
Doak Walker, SMU

COACHES
Jim Aiken, Oregon
Matty Bell, SMU

WEATHER
Cold

Game Statistics

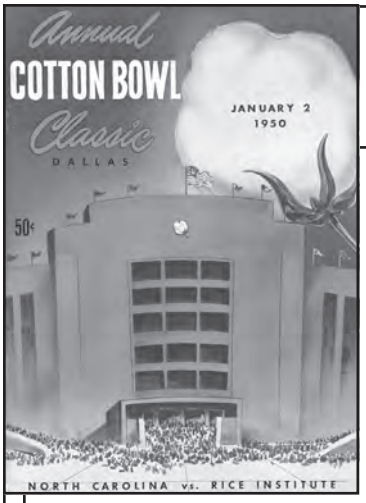
TEAM STATS	OREGON	SMU
First Downs	19	19
Rushing	14	12
Passing	5	7
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	48-242	48-226
Net Yards Passing	145	111
Passes	8-19-0	10-20-2
Total Plays	67	68
Fumbles-Lost	1	0
Penalties-Yards	6-30	1-5
Punts-Average	3-31.0	3-68.7

RUSHING
Oregon: Bell 17-93, Lewis 12-63, Sanders 12-63, McKay 3-10, Van Brocklin 2-10, Aiken 2-3.
SMU: Rote 16-93, Walker 14-66, Page 6-31, McKissack 7-15, Roberts 2-9, Milam 1-6, Payne 2-6.

PASSING
Oregon: Van Brocklin 8-19-0, 145 yards.
SMU: Walker 6-10-1, 79 yards; Johnson 4-10-1, 32 yards.

RECEIVING
Oregon: Wilkins 4-57, D. Robinson 3-56, McKay 1-32.
SMU: Rote 4-55, McKissack 2-21, Payne 2-19, Blakely 1-9, Walker 1-7.

PUNTING
Fordham: Blumenstock 7-29.7, Filipowicz 1-25.0.
Texas A&M: Moser 4-40.5, Pugh 1-58.0.



RICE 27
NORTH CAROLINA 13

1950
JANUARY 2

ATTENDANCE: **75,000**

The running of Billy Burkhalter and the receiving of "Froggy" Williams left little doubt as to which team would emerge as the Cotton Bowl champion in the 14th renewal of the Classic. Rice built a 14-0 lead by halftime, and once the third quarter got underway, the Owls kept right on rolling. Throughout the 1949 season, the Owls had resembled finely tuned machines. Seldom did Rice make mistakes. They ran through the Southwest Conference schedule with ease. Today was no exception.

Rice was ranked fifth nationally with a 9-1-0 record, while North Carolina weighed in at 7-3-0 and was ranked 16th. While not quite as successful as the Owls, the Tar Heels still commanded national attention, primarily because of its highly publicized running back, Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice.

As expected, North Carolina was no match for the Owls who had less trouble disposing of the Southern Conference champions than they did with most of the SWC teams that tried to block their path to the Cotton Bowl. Undefeated in two previous post-season games, Rice had to whip three 1949 bowl champions within the conference to earn the bid.

The two teams fought to a standstill in the game's opening quarter, but Rice unloaded on the visitors in the second when quarterback Tobin Rote hooked up with Burkhalter for a 44-yard scoring pass. Bobby Lantrip put Rice back on the scoreboard just before halftime on a three-yard run and the Owls were up 14-0. The Owls didn't miss a beat in the third quarter. On its second possession, Rice traveled 77 yards in just six plays for its third touchdown with Rote hitting Williams for the final 17 yards. Burkhalter followed with a 12-yard fourth quarter run to give the Owls a 27-0 lead before North Carolina could answer in the last eight minutes.



Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, North Carolina

Game Summary

N. CAROLINA	0	0	0	13	**13**
RICE	0	14	7	6	**27**

SECOND QUARTER
Rice: Billy Burkhalter 44 pass from Tobin Rote ("Froggy" Williams kick), 8:27, 57 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Rice: Bobby Lantrip 3 run (Williams kick), 1:42, 50 yards in 11 plays following punt.
THIRD QUARTER
Rice: Williams 17 pass from Rote (Williams kick), 8:21, 77 yards in 6 plays following punt.
FOURTH QUARTER
Rice: Burkhalter 12 run (Williams kick fail), 12:36, 15 yards in 2 plays following pass interception by Rex Proctor.
North Carolina: Paul Rizzo 2 pass from Charlie Justice (Egbert Williams kick fail), 6:59, 65 yards in 12 plays following kickoff.
North Carolina: Rizzo 2 run (Williams kick), 0:47, 80 yards in 12 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Billy Burkhalter, Rice
Joe Watson, Rice
"Froggy" Williams, Rice

COACHES
Carl Snavely, North Carolina
Jess Neely, Rice

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	NC	RICE
First Downs	16	18
Rushing	13	7
Passing	3	11
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	38-174	54-226
Net Yards Passing	80	152
Passes	9-22-1	11-19-1
Total Net Yards	254	378
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	3-26
Punts-Average	6-38.0	4-42.8

RUSHING
North Carolina: Hayes 19-107, Justice 16-59, Rizzo 0-8, Weiner 1-3, Clements 1-(-1), Gantt 1-(-2).
Rice: Burkhalter 16-74, Lantrip 14-63, Wyatt 14-51, Rote 6-24, Campbell 1-6, Procter 1-3, Glauser 1-3, Silver 1-2.

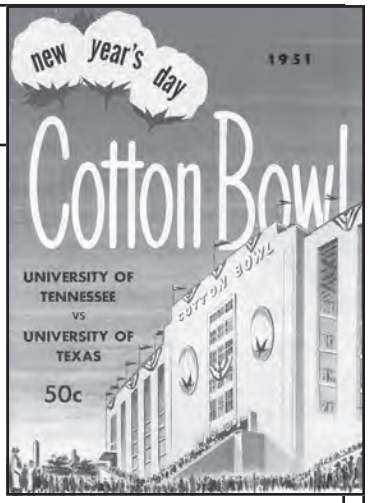
PASSING
North Carolina: Justice 7-14-0, 63 yards; Hayes 2-8-1, 17 yards.
Rice: Rote 9-17-1, 140 yards; Glass 2-2-0, 12 yards.

RECEIVING
North Carolina: Weiner 5-41, Powell 2-24, Justice 1-8, Rizzo 1-7.
Rice: Williams 4-55, Burkhalter 1-44, Wyatt 2-22, McCurry 3-18, Taylor 1-13.

PUNTING
North Carolina: Justice 6-38.0.
Rice: Wyatt 4-42.8.

1951 JANUARY 1

TENNESSEE 20
TEXAS 14



ATTENDANCE: **75,500**

The Cotton Bowl was celebrating its 15th anniversary and the 1951 game was projected to be a true classic struggle between the nation's No. 3 and No. 4 teams. Texas and Tennessee promised to be a top attraction. Both teams carried 9-1 records into Dallas along with a pair of outstanding defensive units. When the day was done, there was no question that this would go down as one of the Classic's roughest and hardest hitting games ever.

Hank Lauricella sparked the Volunteers to an early 7-0 lead, galloping 75 yards to the Texas five to start Tennessee's march on its second possession. Seconds later, Herky Payne passed to John Gruble for the score. Texas also gained its first score of the afternoon on the heels of a big play. Backed up deep inside the 10, Tennessee faced fourth down and a punting situation. Lauricella was kicking from his end zone when the Longhorns' Jim "Buck" Lansford saw his chance to cash in on a golden opportunity. Lansford crashed through to block Lauricella's kick and Texas gained possession at the Vols' eight. On fourth down, Byron Townsend skirted the left side for the touchdown. Moments later, Texas moved in front, driving from its 33 before Gib Dawson snared a 35-yard scoring strike from Ben Tompkins.

At the half, Texas led by a touchdown, 14-7, and the score held up through the third period. But as the quarter closed, Tennessee was mounting a drive. Led by Lauricella and fellow halfbacks Andy Kozar and Jimmy Hahn, the Vols methodically drove the football down the Longhorns' throats, 82 yards in 16 plays. Kozar covered the final five yards to bring Tennessee within one, 14-13. But, the extra point attempt by Pat Shires was wide, and with 10 minutes left to play, Texas was able to breathe a collective sigh of relief; only temporarily, however.

For Tennessee, Christmas came a week late. The Longhorns picked a most inopportune time to lose their only fumble of the game. Tennessee made the recovery at the Texas 43. Four plays later, the Vols were knocking at the goal line. Kozar bulled over from the one with the winning score.



Andy Kozar, Tennessee

Game Summary

TENNESSEE	7	0	0	13	**20**
TEXAS	0	14	0	0	**14**

FIRST QUARTER
Tennessee: John Gruble 5 pass from Herky Payne (Pat Shires kick), 7:49, 80 yards in 5 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Byron Townsend 5 run (Ben Tompkins kick), 12:33, 8 yards in 4 plays following blocked punt by Jim Lansford.
Texas: Gib Dawson 35 pass from Tompkins (Tompkins kick), 4:18, 67 yards in 7 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Tennessee: Andy Kozar 5 run (Shires kick fail), 10:36, 82 yards in 16 plays following punt.
Tennessee: Kozar 1 run (Shires kick), 3:11, 43 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Jimmy Hill.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Andy Kozar, Tennessee
Hank Lauricella, Tennessee
Horace Sherrod, Tennessee
Bud McFadin, Texas

COACHES
General Robert R. Neyland, Tennessee
Blair Cherry, Texas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

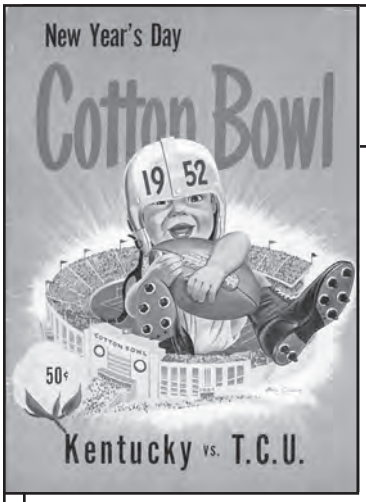
TEAM STATS	TENN	TEXAS
First Downs	18	12
Rushing	15	8
Passing	2	4
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	55-295	43-146
Net Yards Passing	45	97
Passes	3-8-2	5-14-1
Total Plays	63	57
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	5-55
Punts-Average	6-32.7	7-29.3

RUSHING
Tennessee: Lauricella 16-131, Kozar 20-92, Ernsberger 4-27, Hahn 4-24, Rechichar 3-19, Sizemore 2-3, Morgan 1-0, Payne 5-(-1).
Texas: Townsend 23-105, Dawson 8-42, Shands 4-4, Ochoa 1-3, Tompkins 7-(-8).

PASSING
Tennessee: Lauricella 1-6-2, 23 yards: Rechichar 1-1-0, 18 yards; Payne 1-1-0, 4 yards.
Texas: Tompkins 5-14-1, 97 yards.

RECEIVING
Tennessee: Rechichar 1-23, Lauricella 1-18, Gruble 1-4.
Texas: Dawson 2-65, Stolhandske 3-32.

PUNTING
Tennessee: Lauricella 6-196, 32.6.
Texas: Porter 7-29.3.



KENTUCKY 20
TCU 07

1952
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **75,500**

This proved to be a day of frustration for TCU, but for Paul "Bear" Bryant, it was a day of redemption. A pre-season choice to capture the national championship, the Bear's Kentucky Wildcats had fallen upon hard times and ended the regular season at 7-4. The Frogs also had their ups and downs during the course of the year, and headed into their New Year's Day bout with a lackluster 6-4 mark.

TCU had demonstrated an uncanny nack of coming through when the chips were down throughout the conference campaign after being picked to finish as low as fourth. But against Kentucky, the Frogs never quite made it over the hump. Four long TCU drives failed to produce points. Three drives came to crashing halts inside the Wildcats' 10-yard stripe; once at the eight, another at the five, and finally, at the one. While TCU couldn't cash in on its opportunities, Kentucky failed to convert a long drive into points only once.

By halftime, Kentucky had moved to a 13-0 lead. Quarterback Babe Parilli had paced the Wildcats' attack with a pair of scoring tosses to Emery Clark. It wasn't until the third period that TCU finally got on the scoreboard. Bobby Jack Floyd, the Frogs' big fullback, took a direct snap from center, shot through a hole at left guard, cut to the left sideline and galloped 43 yards for TCU's only score. It took the Frogs only four plays and a minute and 37 seconds to travel the 80 yards for the touchdown.

But, the Frogs momentum was short lived. TCU could get no closer than the Kentucky 40. Meanwhile, Ed Hamilton helped the Wildcats seal the door shut by adding an insurance score with 25 seconds left to play.



Kentucky arrives at the Classic

Game Summary

KENTUCKY	7	6	0	7	**20**
TCU	0	0	7	0	**7**

FIRST QUARTER
Kentucky: Emery Clark 5 pass from Babe Parilli (Harry Jones kick), 3:51, 59 yards in 8 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Kentucky: Clark 12 pass from Parilli (Jones kick fail), 10:09, 57 yards in 10 plays following pass interception by Clark.

THIRD QUARTER
TCU: Bobby Jack Floyd 43 run (Keith Flowers kick), 1:12, 80 yards in 4 plays following pass interception by Ronald Fraley in end zone.

FOURTH QUARTER
Kentucky: Ed Hamilton 4 run (Jones kick), 0:25, 26 yards in 7 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Emery Clark, Kentucky
Ray Correll, Kentucky
Babe Parilli, Kentucky
Keith Flowers, TCU

COACHES
Paul "Bear" Bryant, Kentucky
Dutch Meyer, TCU

WEATHER
Cold

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UK	TCU
First Downs	13	15
Rushing	11	11
Passing	2	4
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	54-213	48-201
Net Yards Passing	85	99
Passes	8-20-1	5-17-1
Total Plays	74	65
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-40	7-32
Punts-Average	6-34.7	5-40.8

RUSHING
Kentucky: Fillion 10-73, H. Jones 11-42, Gruner 11-39, Parilli 8-22, Hamilton 3-14, L. Jones 3-9, Felch 4-6, Clark 3-6, Hunt 1-2.
TCU: Floyd 14-115, McKown 16-42, Ray 4-19, Doty 3-14, Bartosh 6-7, Medanich 3-5, Fowler 1-2, Harville 1-(-3).

PASSING
Kentucky: Parilli 8-20-1, 85 yards.
TCU: McKown 1-8-0, 51 yards; Bartosh 2-5-0, 26 yards; Fowler 2-4-1, 22 yards.

RECEIVING
Kentucky: Meilinger 3-61, Clark 2-17, Fillion 2-11, H. Jones 1-(-4).
TCU: Vaught 1-51, Medanich 3-43, Floyd 1-5.

PUNTING
Kentucky: Parilli 6-34.7.
TCU: McKown 5-40.8.

1953 JANUARY 1

TEXAS 16
TENNESSEE 00

ATTENDANCE: **75,500**



Game Summary

TENNESSEE	0	0	0	0	**0**
TEXAS	2	7	0	7	**16**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Dave Griffith tackled in end zone by Carlton Massey for safety, 7:12.
SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Gib Dawson 4 run (Dawson kick), 14:07, 22 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Clifford Polk.
FOURTH QUARTER
Texas: Billy Quinn 1 run (Dawson kick), 9:17, 26 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Jim Rosser.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Bob Griesbach, Tennessee
Richard Ochoa, Texas
Harley Sewell, Texas
COACHES
General Robert R. Neyland, Tennessee
Ed Price, Texas
WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	TENN	TEXAS
First Downs	6	20
Rushing	4	18
Passing	2	2
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	29-(-14)	78-269
Net Yards Passing	46	32
Passes	3-6-0	2-8-1
Total Plays	35	86
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	5-3
Penalties-Yards	3-30	5-55
Punts-Average	7-40.9	5-35.4

RUSHING
Tennessee: Schwanger 5-22, Wade 7-4, Olesiak 1-1, Byrd 10-0, Griffith 1-(-5), Shires 5-(-36).
Texas: Ochoa 26-108, Quinn 19-67, Dawson 17-49, Jones 10-25, Graham 3-9, Cameron 2-6, D. Smith 1-5.
PASSING
Tennessee: Shires 2-4-0, 23 yards; Byrd 1-1-0, 23 yards; Wade 0-1-0.
Texas: Jones 2-5-1, 32 yards; Dawson 0-2-0; Quinn 0-1-0.
RECEIVING
Tennessee: Morgan 2-23, Kolenik 1-23.
Texas: Quinn 1-23, Spring 1-9.
PUNTING
Tennessee: Shires 7-40.9.
Texas: Raley 3-40.0, Dawson 2-28.5.

If revenge was a motive, then Texas certainly proved its point. Two years earlier, the Vols had scored a 20-14 upset of the Longhorns in the 1951 Classic. Today, however, the Horns added a much different chapter in their second of three meetings with Tennessee in the New Year's Day Classic.

This was the first nationally televised Cotton Bowl, and the Longhorns found such exposure much to their liking. Tennessee won the toss, elected to defend the south goal and Texas got the ball. With T Jones at quarterback, the Horns marched from their own 16 to the Tennessee 31 before the Volunteer defense stiffened. Gib Dawson came on to punt and booted the Vols into a hole, all the way down to the Tennessee five. On first down, the Vols' Dave Griffith dropped into the end zone as if to punt. That was his first mistake. The second came when he decided to run. Carlton Massey, the Longhorns' hugh defensive lineman, along with Pod Price, Clifford Polk and Jim Rosser, rushed in to smash Griffith to the ground behind the goal line for a safety. With the game less than eight minutes old, Texas held a 2-0 lead.

Tennessee's luck didn't improve the next time it touched the ball. Texas again became the beneficiary of a Volunteer error when Ray Byrd coughed it up at the Tennessee 22, and Polk again was in the right place at the right time to make the recovery. Flawless execution led Texas to the end zone. Gib Dawson carried for the final four yards and with the extra point, it was a 9-0 contest.

Texas returned to the end zone in the fourth quarter after Rosser recovered yet another Tennessee fumble at the Volunteer 26. Seven plays later, the scoreboard read 16-0, Texas. And that's the way it stood.


Richard Ochoa, Texas



RICE 28
ALABAMA 06

1954
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **75,000**

The celebrated bench tackle by Alabama's Tommy Lewis overshadowed the awesome performance of Rice's Dicky Maegle, who set all-time bowl records with 265 yards rushing and touchdown runs of 79, 95, and 34 yards. For the day, Maegle (then known as Moegle) averaged an unbelievable 24.1 yards per play on just 11 carries. Yet, it's Lewis who people seem to remember best.

Lewis put the Crimson Tide ahead early on a one-yard plunge, but a blocked extra point left the score 6-0. Maegle tied it up on the first play of the second period with a magnificent 79-yard run; at that point, the longest scoring run ever in the Classic. Leroy Fenstemaker's extra point gave Rice the lead for good, but there was plenty more to come.

Minutes later, Alabama moved back into scoring position but fumbled the ball away to the Owls at the Rice 10-yard line. On the first play, Rice was penalized five yards for illegal procedure. Now, facing a first-and-15 situation, history was in the making. Taking a handoff from Fenstemaker, Maegle began his famous run around right end. The Owl line blocked perfectly. Blois Bridges made the block which allowed Maegle to turn the corner. Mac Taylor flattened another Alabama defender, and Gordon Kellogg took out the last man—Bart Starr, the defensive left halfback—and Maegle was long gone.

As Maegle approached midfield, Lewis leaped off the bench, stepped around a couple of teammates, ran laterally down the sideline before throwing a perfect block into Maegle's blind side as he hit the 42-yard mark. As some 75,000 fans looked on in disbelief, game announcers fumbled for words to describe what had just taken place. Maegle lay motionless on the turf. Referee Cliff Shaw, who had been following the play up the field, hesitated for a moment, and then shot his arms over his head, signaling touchdown. Some sportswriters were divided in their opinions on whether Maegle would have scored, although Meagle had teammate Dick Chapman nearby to screen Bill Oliver, the only Alabama player who appeared to have a shot at making a touchdown saving tackle. Almost a year later, writers participating in an Associated Press year-end poll, voted the 95-yard play as the sports oddity of 1954.

Maegle went on to score his third touchdown of the day, a 34-yard run which may have been his best individual effort of the game, and the Owls walked away with a 28-6 victory. It was the third Classic triumph in as many visits for Rice. But, no matter what else may have happened that day, it was the Maegle-Lewis collision that will be remembered most. A quick check of the record book and one can understand why. Complete with an asterisk, Maegle's 95-yard gallop remains as the longest—if not the most talked about—play in Cotton Bowl history.

Game Summary

ALABAMA	6	0	0	0	**6**
RICE	0	14	7	7	**28**

FIRST QUARTER
Alabama: Tommy Lewis 1 run (Bobby Luna kick blocked), 3:31, 49 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Bart Starr.

SECOND QUARTER
Rice: Dicky Maegle 79 run (Leroy Fenstemaker kick), 14:46, 82 yards in 2 plays following punt
Rice: Maegle awarded 95 run after bench tackle by Tommy Lewis. (Fenstemaker kick), 8:34, 90 yards in one play following fumble recovery by Mac Taylor.

THIRD QUARTER
Rice: Maegle 34 run (Fenstemaker kick), 4:56, 67 yards in 8 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Rice: Buddy Grantham 7 run (Sammy Burk kick), 14:25, 75 yards in 11 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Richard Chapman, Rice
Dan Hart, Rice
Dicky Maegle, Rice

COACHES
Harold Drew, Alabama
Jess Neely, Rice

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UA	RICE
First Downs	11	14
Rushing	7	9
Passing	4	4
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	35-188	54-379
Net Yards Passing	67	59
Passes	7-16-0	4-10-2
Total Plays	51	64
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-65	8-89
Punts-Average	7-42.7	8-25.1

RUSHING
Alabama: Oliver 2-56, Starr 11-54, Lewis 9-44, Tharp 6-14, Stone 4-11, Luna 3-9.
Rice: Maegle 11-265, Kellogg 14-32, Taylor 9-20, Garbrecht 3-14, Laviage 3-9, Nesrsta 3-9, K. Johnson 3-8, Grantham 1-7, C. Johnson 2-6, Ingram 2-4, Stone 1-4, Burk 1-2, Hart 1-2.

PASSING
Alabama: Starr 7-16-0, 67 yards.
Rice: Grantham 3-5-0, 43 yards; Fenstemaker 1-4-1, 16 yards; Nisbet 0-1-1.

RECEIVING
Alabama: Cummings 2-37, Stone 2-20, Oliver 1-15, Lewis 1-3, Ingram 1-(-8).
Rice: Holland 2-28, Bridges 1-16, Garbrecht 1-15.

PUNTING
Alabama: Starr 7-42.7.
Rice: Maegle 6-26.3, Stone 1-35.0, Fenstemaker 1-17.0.

1955 JANUARY 1

GEORGIA TECH 14
ARKANSAS 06

ATTENDANCE: **75,500**




Henry Moore, Arkansas

Those Arkansas fans came calling, some 20,000 of them, to watch their tenth-ranked Razorbacks battle the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech in the 19th Cotton Bowl Classic. Picked to finish sixth in the seven team Southwest Conference, the Hogs stormed through the regular season losing only twice: to LSU by a point, and by a touchdown to SMU. Tech, on the other hand, was a team rich in bowl tradition, and was the only school of its time to win three major bowl games in succession. This was Georgia Tech's second appearance in the Classic, having fallen victim to Texas 12 years earlier, and no doubt was anxious to redeem itself.

Arkansas won the toss, elected to kickoff, and then saw its strategy almost backfire as the Yellow Jackets launched a 60-yard march to the Hogs' five-yard line. After a little more than nine minutes in the making, the drive stalled and Wade Mitchell's 21-yard field goal attempt sailed wide. Now, it was the Razorbacks turn to move the football.

Taking over at the 20, Arkansas made its first effort its best, driving 80 yards behind quarterback George Walker. Walker carried over from the three to put the Hogs on top, but missed the extra point. Yet, after turning back a strong scoring threat by Tech, and then driving the length of the field themselves, the Razorbacks were brimming with confidence.

Tech abandoned its passing attack in the third quarter in favor of a potent ground game. With just over five minutes to play in the period, Paul Rotenberry drew the Jackets even with the Hogs on a three-yard scoring run. Mitchell's extra point moved Tech in front, 7-6. Later, as the fourth quarter was getting underway, a short Arkansas punt of just 19 yards set up the Rambling Wreck in excellent field position on the Hogs' 43. From there, it took 10 plays for Tech to punch it across the Arkansas goal as Mitchell plowed over from the one.

Mitchell's extra point attempt was perfect and Tech increased its lead to 14-6. Arkansas crossed midfield only twice after its impressive second quarter drive, and in the final two quarters, the Hogs managed only eight yards rushing. This was the Razorbacks' first bowl defeat, and Tech's ninth post-season victory in 11 bowls. Even more notable was this fact: the Yellow Jackets now could boast of victory in each of the four major bowls.

Game Summary

GA TECH	0	0	7	7	**14**
ARKANSAS	0	6	0	0	**6**

SECOND QUARTER
Arkansas: George Walker 3 run (Walker kick fail), 14:58, 80 yards in 12 plays following missed field goal.

THIRD QUARTER
Georgia Tech: Paul Rotenberry 3 run (Wade Mitchell kick), 5:06, 58 yards in 12 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Georgia Tech: Mitchell 1 run (Mitchell kick), 6:53, 57 yards in 10 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
George Humphreys, Georgia Tech
Bud Brooks, Arkansas

COACHES
Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech
Bowden Wyatt, Arkansas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	GA TECH	ARK
First Downs	19	10
Rushing	17	7
Passing	2	3
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	63-285	38-141
Net Yards Passing	31	86
Passes	4-15-0	7-10-1
Total Plays	78	48
Total Net Yards	316	227
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	4-30
Punts-Average	4-30.0	4-28.0

RUSHING
Georgia Tech: Humphreys 19-99, Thompson 12-63, Volkert 4-34, Rotenberry 5-28, Hunsinger 4-23, Mattison 4-16, Mitchell 6-14, Menger 6-12, Brigman 2-(-2), Shamberger 1-(-2).
Arkansas: Moore 16-86, Walker 11-34, Benson 9-23, Berry 1-(-1), Thomason 1-(-1).

PASSING
Georgia Tech: Mitchell 4-10-0, 31 yards; Brigman 0-4-0; Shamburger 0-1-0.
Arkansas: Walker 3-5-1, 51 yards; Benson 4-5-0, 35 yards.

RECEIVING
Georgia Tech: Durham 2-20, Hair 2-11.
Arkansas: Lyons 2-34, Thomason 1-22, Souter 1-12, Kolb 1-9, Underwood 1-7, Proctor 1-2.

PUNTING
Georgia Tech: Menger 3-33.0. Carlen 1-21.0.
Arkansas: Walker 3-30.3, Benson 1-21.0.



OLE MISS 14
TCU 13

1956
JANUARY 2

ATTENDANCE: **75,500**

The game was no more than a few seconds old, yet TCU already found itself in a troublesome position. Returning the opening kickoff, Chuck Curtis, the Frogs' outstanding quarterback, sustained two broken ribs and an injured right shoulder. Curtis, an all-conference performer, was the one player TCU could not afford to lose. Suddenly, backup quarterback Dick Finney was thrust into battle to fill a rather large hole left by Curtis.

Turnovers plagued both teams early, although TCU finally managed to get its offense cranked up late in the first quarter. Ray Taylor set up the Frogs' first score, taking Finney's handoff and dashed 34 yards to the Ole Miss one. Jim Swink, TCU's consensus All-America halfback and the nation's leading scorer with 20 touchdowns, bulled over from the one to lift the Frogs to a 7-0 lead.

Swink came back to help the Frogs build a 13-0 cushion on TCU's next possession. Taking over on its own 25 after the Rebels failed to convert a fake field goal attempt, TCU quickly worked its way back into scoring position. Swink, on his third carry in the drive, barreled over right tackle on a quick opener and sprinted 39 yards to the end zone. Harold Pollard's extra point attempt was good, but an illegal procedure penalty wiped out the play and Pollard had to kick again. Although it didn't seem to be vital at the time, Pollard's second attempt missed the mark.

Now, with their collective backs to the wall, Ole Miss quarterback Eagle Day began to rally the Rebel forces. Day's first two pass attempts covered 28 and 14 yards, moving Ole Miss to the TCU 24. Paige Cothren broke for a 21-yard gain to the three and on the next play crashed into the end zone for Ole Miss' first touchdown. Cothren's placement was good, and the TCU advantage had melted to six.

By the third quarter, the tide had turned toward the Rebels. Although neither team was able to cross the goal line, Ole Miss was clearly in control. With 9:34 left to play, Day made his move. A fourth down gamble on the TCU 45 paid off as Day passed to Cothren for 13 yards, keeping alive a drive that began at the Ole Miss 42. Six minutes were left to play. Third down found the Rebels at the TCU 30. Day dropped back to pass, couldn't find an open receiver and was forced to scramble. With his battle-torn jersey flapping in the breeze, Day cut through the heart of the Frog defenders before Finney stopped him at the five. The damage was done for TCU. Day then pitched out to Billy Lott who outran everyone around right end for the score. Again, Cothren's point after attempt was good and Ole Miss pulled ahead, 14-13. In the process, the Rebels gained their first ever major-bowl victory.

Game Summary

OLE MISS	0	7	0	7	**14**
TCU	7	6	0	0	**13**

FIRST QUARTER
TCU: Jim Swink 1 run (Harold Pollard kick), 0:54, 72 yards in 9 plays following punt.
SECOND QUARTER
TCU: Swink 39 run (Pollard kick fail), 6:44, 75 yards in 9 plays following fake field goal attempt.
Ole Miss: Paige Cothren 3 run (Cothren kick), 4:45, 66 yards in 4 plays following kickoff.
FOURTH QUARTER
Ole Miss: Billy Lott 5 run (Cothren kick), 4:22, 66 yards, 10 plays following punt.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Buddy Alliston, Ole Miss
Eagle Day, Ole Miss
COACHES
Johnny Vaught, Ole Miss
Abe Martin, TCU
WEATHER
Ideal

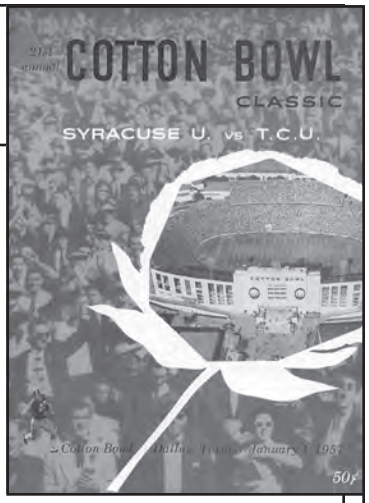
Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MISS	TCU
First Downs	12	11
Rushing	6	8
Passing	6	1
Penalty	0	2
Rushes-Net Yards	36-92	54-233
Net Yards Passing	137	20
Passes	10-21-0	2-5-2
Total Plays	57	59
Total Net Yards	229	253
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-80	8-80
Punts-Average	6-42.7	5-28.8

RUSHING
Ole Miss: Cothren 12-79, Lott 2-7, Kinard 3-5, Day 13-3, Blair 6-(-2).
TCU: Swink 19-107, Taylor 10-76, Hallbeck 12-33, Shofner 2-7, Finney 9-5, Wineburg 1-4, Pollard 1-1.
PASSING
Ole Miss: Day 10-21-0, 137 yards.
TCU: Finney 1-3-2, 13 yards; Wineburg 1-1-0, 7 yards: Swink 0-1-0.
RECEIVING
Ole Miss: Kinard 6-83, Blair 1-28, Cothren 2-19, Baker 1-7.
TCU: Williams 1-13, Nikkel 1-7.
PUNTING
Ole Miss: Day 6-42.7.
TCU: Wineburg 2-34.5, Taylor 3-25.0.

1957 JANUARY 1

TCU 28
SYRACUSE 27



ATTENDANCE: **61,500**

This Classic was all it was advertised to be: a wild offensive show. TCU earned its second straight Cotton Bowl appearance even though the Frogs wound up the conference campaign second to Texas A&M. The Aggies had roared through the SWC undefeated, but NCAA imposed sanctions prevented them from participating in post-season play.

Selected as the Frogs' opponent was once-beaten Syracuse. The Orange was ranked eighth nationally, but their main attraction was Jim Brown, the consensus All-America halfback who could do a little bit of everything with the football. The Classic was billed as a rushing duel between Brown and TCU's great halfback Jim Swink, an All-America selection for the second consecutive year.

TCU, making its fifth Cotton Bowl appearance, spent an afternoon capitalizing on Syracuse mistakes, and started each of its touchdown drives following turnovers. On the strength of quarterback Chuck Curtis' arm, the Frogs struck for 14 first half points. Curtis combined with John Nikkel for six yards to begin the scoring barrage, and a fumble recovery at the Syracuse 35 set up the Frogs' second touchdown. Curtis finished it off with an eight-yard toss to Jim Shofner.

Down by 14 points, Brown began a virtual one-man show to bring the Orange back. Brown returned the TCU kickoff 30 yards, and then netted 59 of the remaining 70 yards which led to Syracuse's first touchdown. By halftime, Brown had scored on runs of two and four yards, and to boot, added both extra points. The score remained deadlocked for much of the third quarter until a Brown fumble gave the Purples new life at their own 40-yard line. Again, Curtis was instrumental in the Frogs' attack, carrying the last seven yards to move TCU back into the lead, 21-14.

TCU returned to the scoreboard early in the final period after recovering yet another fumble, this one at the TCU 31. Nine plays later, Swink powered his way into the end zone to give TCU a 28-14 advantage.

Time certainly was against them now, but Syracuse wasn't through, neither was Brown. On the ensuing kickoff, Brown rambled 46 yards to the TCU 49, and moments later, plunged one yard over right tackle for the score. It was here that TCU's Chico Mendoza made the play of the day, crashing through to block Brown's extra point attempt. The clock was an even bigger factor now for Syracuse, trailing 28-20. But, in the game's dying minutes, the Orange started its final drive. With 1:16 left, Charles Zimmerman hit Jim Ridlon with a 27-yard scoring pass. Down by two, Syracuse surprisingly kicked off deep rather than the expected onside kick. TCU played it safe and ran out the clock, putting an end to one of the wildest scoring Classics ever.

Game Summary

SYRACUSE	0	14	0	13	**27**
TCU	7	7	7	7	**28**

FIRST QUARTER
TCU: John Nikkel 6 pass from Chuck Curtis (Harold Pollard kick), 2:10, 70 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Jim Shofner.

SECOND QUARTER
TCU: Jim Shofner 8 pass from Curtis (Pollard kick), 13:01, 35 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Vernon Hallbeck.
Syracuse: Jim Brown 2 run (Brown kick), 7:54, 70 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
Syracuse: Brown 4 run (Brown kick), 1:02, 24 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by Ted Warholak.

THIRD QUARTER
TCU: Curtis 7 run (Pollard kick), 4:45, 60 yards in 12 plays following fumble recovery by Don Cooper.

FOURTH QUARTER
TCU: Jim Swink 3 run (Pollard kick), 11:44, 69 yards in 9 plays following fumble recovery by Jerry Holland.
Syracuse: Brown 1 run (Brown kick blocked by Chico Mendoza), 5:07, 49 yards in 13 plays following kickoff.
Syracuse: Jim Ridlon 27 pass from Charles Zimmerman (Brown kick), 1:16, 43 yards in 3 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Jim Brown, Syracuse
Norman Hamilton, TCU

COACHES
Ben Schwartzwalder, Syracuse
Abe Martin, TCU

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

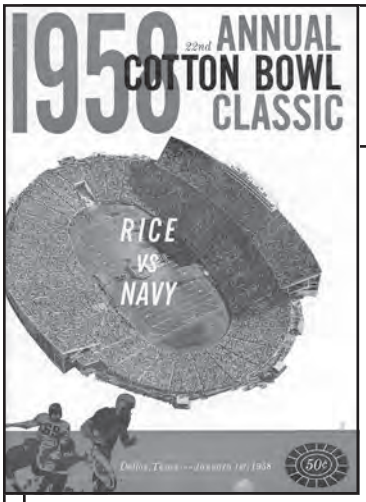
TEAM STATS	SU	TCU
First Downs	16	15
Rushing	13	9
Passing	3	6
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	53-235	56-133
Net Yards Passing	63	202
Passes	3-7-1	13-16-0
Total Plays	60	72
Total Net Yards	298	335
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	3-2
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-40
Punts-Average	2-46.5	4-37.5

RUSHING
Syracuse: Brown 26-132, Cann 8-28, Ridlon 5-25, Zimmerman 4-21, Kuczala 3-14, Coffin 3-8, Jackson 2-4, Ackley 2-3.
TCU: Dike 11-54, Swink 12-41, Wineburg 7-17, Hallbeck 13-13, Curtis 3-11, Miller 1-6, Shofner 4-5, Vacek 1-4, Finney 4-(-18).

PASSING
Syracuse: Zimmerman 1-3-0, 22 yards; Brown 1-2-1, 20 yards; Ridlon 1-2-0, 15 yards.
TCU: Curtis 12-15-0, 174 yards; Miller 1-1-0, 28 yards.

RECEIVING
Syracuse: Ridlon 2-48, Massey 1-15.
TCU: Swink 4-60, Nikkel 3-57, Williams 2-37, Vacek 1-28, Shofner 2-16. Wineburg 1-6.

PUNTING
Syracuse: Ridlon 2-46.5.
TCU: Wineburg 3-34.7, Shofner 1-46.



NAVY 20
RICE 07

1958
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **75,500**

Navy became the first Eastern team ever to win the Cotton Bowl, and for Rice, the 1958 Classic not only was the Owls' first postseason loss, but was the first for their coach, Jess Neely. It also marked the last Cotton Bowl appearance for Rice.

The Cotton Bowl had been courting Navy for three years only to have Army nix the Middies post-season plans each time. This year, however, Navy roasted Army with a 14-0 defeat, and immediately after the game the players voted to accept the New Year's Day invitation to Dallas. The Cotton Bowl was the only post-season game that season to have both teams ranked among the nation's Top 10: Navy was fifth and Rice was eighth. It also boasted of more All-America's than any other bowl: three-King Hill of Rice, and Navy's Tom Forrestal and Bob Reifsnyder. The two teams appeared to be a perfect match.

The game was billed as a passing duel between Hill and Forrestal. However, the duel never came about. Hill suffered through one of the worst days of his career. Instead, it turned into a Forrestal-Frank Ryan battle. Ryan, also was regarded as an excellent passer, and the fight was on, or so it seemed.

After replacing Hill on the Owls' third possession of the day, Ryan bobbled his first snap from center, and Navy recovered at the Rice 33. It took the Middies eight plays to punch it across, and with 48 seconds remaining in the quarter, Navy led 6-0. The Middies came right back for their second score of the afternoon. Forrestal was the key to a 66-yard drive, firing four completions for 45 yards, rushing for six himself, and ended the march with a 13-yard pitchout to Harry Hurst for the touchdown.

Leading 13-0 at the half, Navy had all but shut down the Owls, limiting Rice to just one first down. Bad luck continued to follow the Owls into the second half. Raymond Chilton fumbled on the Owls' fourth play of the third quarter, and Navy again was on its way. Gaining possession at the Rice 20, the Middies took two plays to reach the end zone. Ned Oldham took the pitchout from Forrestal and went 19 yards for the score. Oldham then added the extra point, and with less than four minutes gone in the second half, Navy was in total command, 20-0.

By the time Rice found its way onto the scoreboard late in the third quarter, the game was all but over. Forrestal enjoyed one of the most successful days of his career, completing 13 passes for the day, as did Ryan, to break the old completion mark of 12 established the previous year by TCU's Chuck Curtis. Forestal was a near unanimous choice for outstanding player, receiving 51 of the 54 votes cast.

Game Summary

NAVY	6	7	7	0	**20**
RICE	0	0	7	0	**7**

FIRST QUARTER
Navy: Joe Tranchini 1 run (Roland Brandquist kick fail), 0:48, 33 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery.

SECOND QUARTER
Navy: Harry Hurst 13 run (Ned Oldham kick), 8:40, 66 yards in 9 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Navy: Oldham 19 run (Oldham kick), 12:31, 20 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by John Ruth.
Rice: Ken Williams 8 pass from Frank Ryan (King Hill kick), 4:18, 31 yards in 4 plays following pass interception by Bobby Williams.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tom Forrestal, Navy
Tony Stremic, Navy

COACHES
Eddie Erdelatz, Navy
Jess Neely, Rice

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	NAVY	RICE
First Downs	21	17
Rushing	10	5
Passing	11	9
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	50-222	39-137
Net Yards Passing	153	164
Passes	13-27-1	14-27-1
Total Plays	77	66
Total Net Yards	375	301
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	5-5
Penalties-Yards	9-65	7-53
Punts-Average	3-36.6	5-42.0

RUSHING
Navy: Oldham 8-50, Hurst 10-50, Wellborn 14-38, Brandquist 5-36, Forrestal 7-34, Swanson 2-9, Tranchini 2-5, Brence 2-0.
Rice: Ryan 17-69, Speer 4-16, Hill 5-14, Dveitt 4-13, Kelley 4-12, B. Williams 1-8, Chilton 2-7, K. Williams 2-(-2).

PASSING
Navy: Forrestal 13-24-1, 153 yards; Tranchini 0-3-0.
Rice: Ryan 13-22-1, 151 yards; Hill 1-5-0, 13 yards.

RECEIVING
Navy: Ruth 5-62, Wellborn 2-20, Jokanovich 4-47, Oldham 2-24.
Rice: Dial 7-80, Jones 3-30, Miller 1-16, Hill 1-15, K. Williams 2-13.

PUNTING
Navy: Swanson 2-32.5, Wellborn 1-45.0.
Rice: Hill 4-44.0, Bailey 1-34.0.

1959
JANUARY 1

TCU 00
AIR FORCE 00

ATTENDANCE: **74,500**



Game Summary

AIR FORCE	0	0	0	0	**0**
TCU	0	0	0	0	**0**

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Dave Phillips, Air Force
Jack Spikes, TCU

COACHES
Ben Martin, Air Force
Abe Martin, TCU

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	AIR FORCE	TCU
First Downs	13	9
Rushing	5	8
Passing	6	1
Penalty	2	9
Rushes-Net Yards	45-140	48-190
Net Yards Passing	91	37
Passes	12-23-2	3-11-0
Total Plays	68	59
Total Net Yards	231	227
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	8-3
Penalties-Yards	3-15	8-61
Punts-Average	7-38.1	9-38.4

RUSHING
Air Force: Galios 13-52, Quinlan 7-33, Lane 5-16, Pupich 7-12, Thompson 3-11, Rawlins 3-8, Kuenzel 3-5, Mayo 4-3.
TCU: Spikes 17-108, Moreland 3-35, Harris 7-24, Terrell 3-15, Lasater 4-15, Priddy 3-6, Dawson 5-4, Vacek 1-3, Gault 1-3, Enis 4-(-23).

PASSING
Air Force: Mayo 9-19-2, 70 yards; Rosane 1-2-0, 14 yards; Kuenzel 2-2-0, 7 yards.
TCU: Lasater 1-1-0, 37 yards; Enis 2-8-0, 0 yards; Dawson 0-2-0.

RECEIVING
Air Force: Lane 4-27, Bickey 1-19, Rodgers 2-17, Jozwiak 2-11, Quinlan 1-10, Pupich 2-7.
TCU: Meyer 1-37, Gilmore 1-5, Harris 1-(-5).

PUNTING
Air Force: Pupich 3-39.0, Mayo 4-37.5.
TCU: Gilmore 3-41.7, Terrell 5-34.6, George 1-48.0.

It was so even that Air Force's total offense was just four yards better than TCU's, 231 to 227. But, there also were 13 fumbles and five missed field goals. Weather was not a major factor, as had been the case in the first scoreless stalemate back in 1947 when Arkansas and LSU found Mother Nature to be a bigger obstacle to overcome than the opposition's defense.

Both teams carried top ten rankings into this 23rd Classic. No. 6 Air Force finished the year 9-0-1 for its first undefeated season, tying Big Ten champ Iowa, 13-13. TCU, 8-2-0 and ranked tenth nationally, rolled through the Southwest Conference unbeaten until a season ending loss to arch-rival SMU, 20-13.

Today, however, was a much different story for the two Cotton Bowl teams. Each time the Falcons or Frogs threatened to move, an untimely fumble cropped up to put an abrupt ending to what appeared to be a promising drive. After recovering one of TCU's three lost fumbles of the day, Air Force mounted its most serious threat from its 42. In 10 plays, the Falcons had moved to the Frogs' eight-yard line. That's when TCU dug in. Air Force could get no closer than the six and it was field goal time. George Pupich stepped back for the attempt, the ball was placed down at the 12, and Pupich had little trouble in getting the kick away, but it sailed wide and to the left.

The final 30 minutes were more of the same. Air Force received the second half kickoff, and again began to drive, reaching the TCU 12. From there, quarterback Rich Mayo fired a nine-yard completion to Tom Jozwiak, but a five-yard illegal procedure penalty wiped out the play and the ball was moved back to the 17. The Falcons couldn't move and Pupich was called on again for field goal duty. This time the attempt came from 34 yards out, and just like his first, this one sailed wide of the uprights.

Pupich later missed another three-point attempt, a 52-yarder, and the Frogs took that as a signal to move, driving all the way to the Falcon eight. But that's where the Frogs' coughed up the football. Time soon ran out and the Cotton Bowl recorded its second 0-0 battle.



The Air Force Locker Room



SYRACUSE 23
TEXAS 14

1960
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **75,500**

This was the first in a series of five Classics over an eleven year stretch that had the national championship riding on the outcome. No. 1 Syracuse, complete with a perfect 10-0-0 record, rolled into Dallas to face once-beaten and fourth-ranked Texas. It was the first meeting between the schools on the gridiron, but the heated battle that quickly took place left the impression the two were bitter rivals. At one point in the second quarter, tempers flared to such extent that it appeared a full-scale brawl might erupt. At game's end, charges were flying from both camps of "dirty play." Outside of the name calling and various accusations of unethical conduct, this Classic produced spectacular football in every phase of the game. There were long plays, heart-rendering goal line stands, and bristling defense.

The Orange, making its second trip to Dallas in three years, was the recognized national champions, having completed the school's first undefeated and untied season in its 71-year grid history. Syracuse absolutely dominated NCAA statistics that season. They came to Dallas looking for their first major bowl victory. Texas had finished in a three-way tie for the SWC title, but entered the game a heavy underdog.

The Classic was just seconds old when the first of the fireworks exploded. Penalized back to his 13-yard line on a holding call, Syracuse quarterback Dave Sarette pitched out to halfback Ger Schwedes, who in turn looked downfield for a streaking Ernie Davis. Schwedes fired the halfback pass and Davis made the reception on the run at his 43. Texas defender Jack Collins leaped high, and just barely touched the ball, but not quite enough to keep Davis from making the grab. Davis was all alone in the open field and raced to the end zone for an 87-yard scoring play, the Classic's longest pass ever. Davis, who would win the coveted Heisman Trophy as a senior in 1961, scored again in the second quarter, and for the day, was on the receiving end of two, two-point conversions.

Not to be outdone, Texas also took advantage of the big play that afternoon. After spotting Syracuse a 15-0 lead, quarterback Bobby Lackey struck with the bomb, a 69-yarder to Collins. However, the Longhorns' bid for two came up short as Rene Ramirez was stopped short of the goal line. In the fourth quarter, Lackey put the Longhorns on the scoreboard for the final time, diving in from the one. Lackey then passed to Richard Shulte for the conversion.

Game Summary

SYRACUSE	7	8	8	0	**23**
TEXAS	0	0	6	8	**14**

FIRST QUARTER
Syracuse: Ernie Davis 87 pass from Ger Schwedes (Bob Yates kick), 13:37, 87 yards

SECOND QUARTER
Syracuse: Davis 1 run (Davis pass from Dave Sarette), 6:20, 80 yards in 12 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Jack Collins 69 pass from Bobby Lackey (Rene Ramirez run fail), 13:14, 73 yards in 2 plays following second half kickoff
Syracuse: Schwedes 3 run (Davis pass from Sarette), 7:24, 24 yards in 3 plays following pass interception by Ernie Davis.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas: Lackey 1 run (Richard Shulte pass from Lackey), 7:39, 54 yards in 6 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Ernie Davis, Syracuse
Maurice Doke, Texas

COACHES
Ben Schwartzwalder, Syracuse
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Cloudy and cool

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	SU	TEXAS
First Downs	12	10
Rushing	7	5
Passing	4	4
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Net Yards	42-133	56-145
Net Yards Passing	181	99
Passes	9-12-1	4-15-1
Total Plays	54	71
Total Net Yards	314	244
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-67	7-61.5
Punts-Average	6-33.3	5-42.4

RUSHING
Syracuse: Davis 8-57, A. Baker 6-26, Schwedes 8-25, Sarette 10-19, Easterly 3-3, Weber 3-2, Nichols 3-2, Hart 1-(-1).
Texas: Branch 11-71, Ramirez 9-36, Gurwitz 6-9, Cotten 5-8, Dowdle 4-8, Russell 2-4, Lackey 3-3, Collins 9-3, Blanch 1-3, Saxton 6-0.

PASSING
Syracuse: Schwedes 2-2-0, 97 yards; Easterly 2-2-0, 49 yards: Sarette 5-8-1, 45 yards.
Texas: Lackey 3-9-0, 92 yards: Saxton 1-3-0, 7 yards; Collins 0-3-1.

RECEIVING
Syracuse: E. Davis 1-87, Erickson 2-49, Mautino 2-22, Skonieczki 2-19, Bartlett 1-8, Brokaw 1-6.
Texas: Collins 1-69, Ramirez 2-23, Gurwitz 1-7.

PUNTING
Syracuse: Gilburg 5-29.6, Brokaw 1-52.0.
Texas: Collins 5-42.4.

1961 JANUARY 2

DUKE 07
ARKANSAS 06

ATTENDANCE: **70,500**



Game Summary

DUKE	0	0	0	7	**7**
ARKANSAS	0	0	6	0	**6**

THIRD QUARTER
Arkansas: Lance Alworth 49 punt return (Mickey Cissell kick blocked by Dave Unser), 2:53.

FOURTH QUARTER
Duke: Tee Moorman 9 pass from Don Altman (Art Browning kick), 2:45, 73 yards in 18 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Dwight Bumgarner, Duke
Lance Alworth, Arkansas

COACHES
Bill Murray, Duke
Frank Broyles, Arkansas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	DUKE	ARK.
First Downs	10	12
Rushing	7	9
Passing	3	3
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	43-96	45-148
Net Yards Passing	93	71
Passes	13-71-1	5-13-2
Total Plays	60	58
Total Net Yards	189	219
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-15	4-40
Punts-Average	8-36.9	6-30.8

RUSHING
Duke: Wilson 13-32, Wright 9-26, Arrington 5-14, McGee 3-10, Leggett 5-8, Tinnell 5-6, Rappold 2-1, Burch 1-0, Altman 1-(-1).
Arkansas: Alberty 13-44, Alworth 11-33, Horton 5-32, McKinney 10-31, Moore 4-7, Cox 1-1, Moody 1-0.

PASSING
Duke: Altman 12-15-0, 83 yards; Wright 1-1-0, 10 yards; Rappold 0-1-1, 0 yards.
Arkansas: McKinney 4-10-1, 58 yards; Moore 1-3-0, 13 yards.

RECEIVING
Duke: Moorman 8-45, Wilson 3-30, Wright 1-11, Spoda 1-7.
Arkansas: Alworth 3-41, Collier 2-30.

PUNTING
Duke: Clark 8-36.9.
Arkansas: Alworth 6-30.8.

This game marked the Classic's Silver Anniversary, as well as a dazzling performance by Arkansas' spectacular halfback, Lance Alworth. But, it was the men from Duke, led by Don Altman, the Blue Devil quarterback, Claude "Tee" Moorman, the All-America "lonesome end," and big Dave Unser that had the final say.

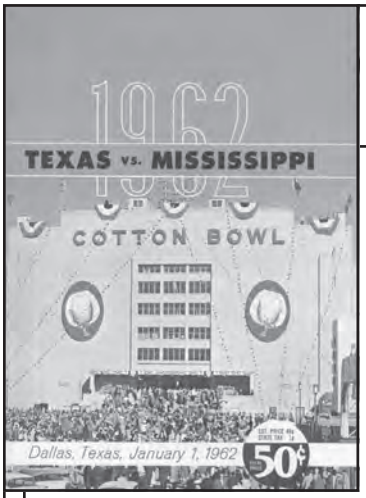
For three quarters, Alworth enjoyed a tremendous afternoon, running, receiving, returning kickoffs and punts as well as handling the Hogs' punting chores, while under intense pressure from Duke's massive defenders. His most exciting play of the day came in the third quarter. Arkansas was forced to punt at the Blue Devil 41. The snap was high and Alworth had to leap to control it. When he came down, four Duke linemen were less than a step away, ready to make the kill. Alworth took off to his right, cut downfield and while running at near top speed, dropped the ball and kicked it. The ball angled toward the corner and bounced out of bounds at the two. It was an unbelievable play. Duke kicked the ball back to the Razorbacks two plays later and it was Alworth again who provided the suspense. Taking it at the Duke 49, Alworth — the nation's leading punt returner — shot through an opening and was in the clear, on his way to the end zone for his first return touchdown. The way both teams' defensive units were playing, Alworth's score seemed enough to win even though Mickey Cissell's extra point attempt was blocked by Unser.

But, as much as the third period belonged to Arkansas, the fourth quarter momentum swung to the Blue Devils. Returning an Alworth punt to its 27, Duke launched its one big drive of the afternoon. Slowly and methodically, Altman directed the Duke attack. Ten minutes remained. Five times Altman connected with Moorman, his favorite receiver, in their march up the field. For most of the afternoon, Moorman truly was "lonesome." At times he never joined his teammates in the huddle.

With the ball resting on the Arkansas 30, Alworth almost came up with yet another big play, as he leaped in front of Moorman for a sure interception. But, the ball slipped through his grasp and into the Duke receiver's hands. The drive ended with Altman's nine-yard scoring toss to Moorman. The score now tied, Art Browning added the extra point, and with 2:45 left, the Blue Devils held a slim 7-6 advantage. As Alworth retreated near his goal line to receive the Duke kickoff, there still was a glimmer of hope. But just as he prepared to turn on his remarkable speed, Unser came up with his second key play of the afternoon, crashing into Alworth at the 32. The ball tumbled free and Duke recovered. For Arkansas, the game was over.



Tee Moorman, Duke



TEXAS 12
OLE MISS 07

1962
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **75,000**

Both Texas and Ole Miss had gained the No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press poll during the regular season. The Longhorns held the top spot during the first two weeks of November before TCU knocked them from the unbeaten ranks. Ole Miss had moved into first-place on October 9th. Even though both had suffered unexpected midseason losses, neither team had dropped very far in the polls. On New Year's Day, the 26th Cotton Bowl featured a top attraction: No. 3 Texas vs. No. 5 Ole Miss, both 9-1-0.

The Rebels were the nation's total offense leader, and second in passing. Texas was the nation's second best rushing team and the fourth best in total offense. Ole Miss was led by three gifted quarterbacks: Doug Elmore, Glynn Griffing, and Perry Lee Dunn. The Longhorns had four running backs ranked among the Southwest Conference's top ten rushers: James Saxton, Jerry Cook, Tommy Ford, and Ray Poage. Both teams also boasted solid defenses. This Classic was bound to be one for the ages, and it was.

Never had an SWC team defeated Ole Miss in a post-season bowl game, but by halftime Texas appeared well on its way to becoming the first. Saxton, Texas' All-America tailback who led the SWC in rushing that season, gave the Horns an early 6-0 lead, plunging one yard for the score. The touchdown was set up on an interception, the Longhorns' second of five for the day.

The Longhorn offense flexed its offensive muscle again in the second period, driving 72 yards in nine plays. Quarterback Mike Cotten led the Texas rampage, moving the Horns to the Ole Miss 24. At that point, Cotten rolled right and hit Jack Collins with a perfect toss at the 16. Aided by Charles Talbert's crunching block, Collins sidestepped two defenders and sprinted into the end zone. To offset the missed extra point after the first score. Texas elected to go for two, but it, too, failed as Collins was stopped a yard short of the goal line.

At this point, Texas was threatening to turn the game into a rout. It was the first time in 17 games the Ole Miss defense had allowed a pair of touchdowns, and it was the first time in eight years the Rebels had trailed by a dozen points at the half. But, in the second half, the Rebels let it be known that 12 points might not necessarily be enough to win. Taking over on their own 14, after Saxton pulled off a 73-yard quick kick, the Rebels began to roll. Within four minutes, Ole Miss was on the scoreboard. Griffing passed 20 yards to Reed Davis, to trim the Texas lead to 12-7.

Only five points separated the two teams and tension began to build. The clock had ticked down to the 8:20 mark and it was time for the Texas defense to take over. Already the Horns had snared five interceptions, but to win more big plays had to be made.

A short punt gave Ole Miss field position at its 45, and it took just six plays for Griffing to reach the Texas 23. But, just when things began to look promising for the Rebels, their luck evaporated. Safety Duke Carlisle batted down a third down pass, and on fourth-and-two, end Bob Moses stepped forward for Texas. As Griffing pulled away from center he slipped and never had time to recover. Moses met him head-on to stuff the play for a yard loss. The ball went over on downs to Texas and Ole Miss never seriously threatened again. The Horns ran out the clock and the SWC recorded its first-ever bowl victory over the Rebels.

Game Summary

OLE MISS	0	0	7	0	**7**
TEXAS	6	6	0	0	**12**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: James Saxton 1 run (Eldon Moritz kick blocked by James Dunaway), 0:47, 34 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Tommy Ford.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Jack Collins 24 pass from Mike Cotten (Collins run fail) 4:52, 72 yards in 9 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Ole Miss: Reed Davis 20 pass from Glynn Griffing (Wes Sullivan kick), 3:35, 86 yards in 8 plays following quick kick.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Mike Cotten, Texas
Bob Moses, Texas

COACHES
Johnny Vaught, Ole Miss
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MISS	TEXAS
First Downs	17	12
Rushing	9	7
Passing	8	4
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	37-127	42-123
Net Yards Passing	192	60
Passes	15-37-5	6-13-3
Total Plays	74	55
Total Net Yards	319	183
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	3-35
Punts-Average	4-32.5	5-40.2

RUSHING
Ole Miss: Griffing 10-45, Doty 5-29, Randall 4-13, Morris 3-10, Roberts 4-10, Elmore 7-10, Guy 2-8, Holloway 2-2.
Texas: Poage 11-54, Cotten 11-25, Saxton 9-22, Culpepper 3-15, Cook 2-8, Russell 1-5, Ford 2-3, Collins 3-(-9).

PASSING
Ole Miss: Griffing 12-29-3, 163 yards; Elmore 3-8-2, 29 yards.
Texas: Cotten 6-13-3, 60 yards.

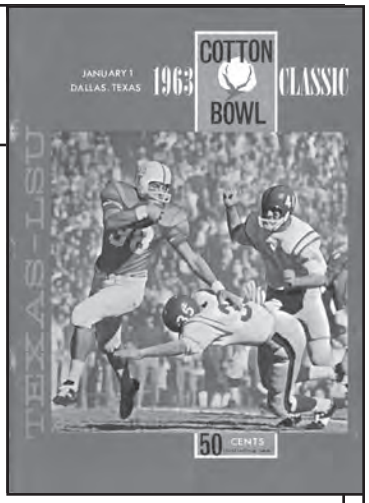
RECEIVING
Ole Miss: Guy 4-43, Doty 4-41, Holloway 3-30, Dabbs 1-32, Davis 1-20, Sullivan 1-14, Randall 1-12.
Texas: Collins 2-30, Saxton 3-18, Ford 1-12.

PUNTING
Ole Miss: Elmore 3-30.0, Dunn 1-40.0.
Texas: Collins 4-32.0, Saxton 1-73.

1963 JANUARY 1

LSU	**13**
TEXAS	00

ATTENDANCE: **75,500**



Game Summary

LSU	0	3	7	3	**13**
TEXAS	0	0	0	0	**0**

SECOND QUARTER
LSU: Lynn Amedee 23 FG, 0:08, 80 yards in 14 plays following missed field goal.

THIRD QUARTER
LSU: Jimmy Field 22 run (Amedee kick), 13:06, 37 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Amedee on second half kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
LSU: Amedee 37 FG, 4:58, 50 yards in 13 plays following fumble recovery by Buddy Hamic.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Lynn Amedee, LSU
Johnny Treadwell, Texas

COACHES
Charles McClendon, LSU
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	LSU	TEXAS
First Downs	17	9
Rushing	8	4
Passing	8	5
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	58-126	28-80
Net Yards Passing	133	92
Passes	13-21-0	8-22-3
Total Plays	79	50
Total Net Yards	259	179
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	1-15	4-44
Punts-Average	9-41.8	8-46.8

RUSHING
LSU: Stovall 12-36, LeBlanc 6-23, Campbell 9-20, Ward 6-15, Cranford 8-10, Amedee 2-10, Wilkins 5-8, Robinson 2-4, Field 8-0.
Texas: Cook 10-39, Wade 3-17, Ford 5-15, Culpepper 1-4, Koy 4-4, Genung 5-1.

PASSING
LSU: Amedee 9-13-0, 94 yards; Field 4-8-0, 39 yards.
Texas: Genung 5-9-0, 59 yards: Wade 3-13-3, 33 yards.

RECEIVING
LSU: Truax 3-49, Cranford 2-16, Stovall 2-14, Wilkins 2-9, Neumann 1-16, Sykes 1-11, LeBlanc 1-4, Gates 1-14.
Texas: Koy 2-15, Green 1-18, Dixon 1-17, Talbert 1-15, Sands 1-8, House 1-13, Ford 1-6.

PUNTING
LSU: Stovall 9-41.8.
Texas: Koy 8-46.8.

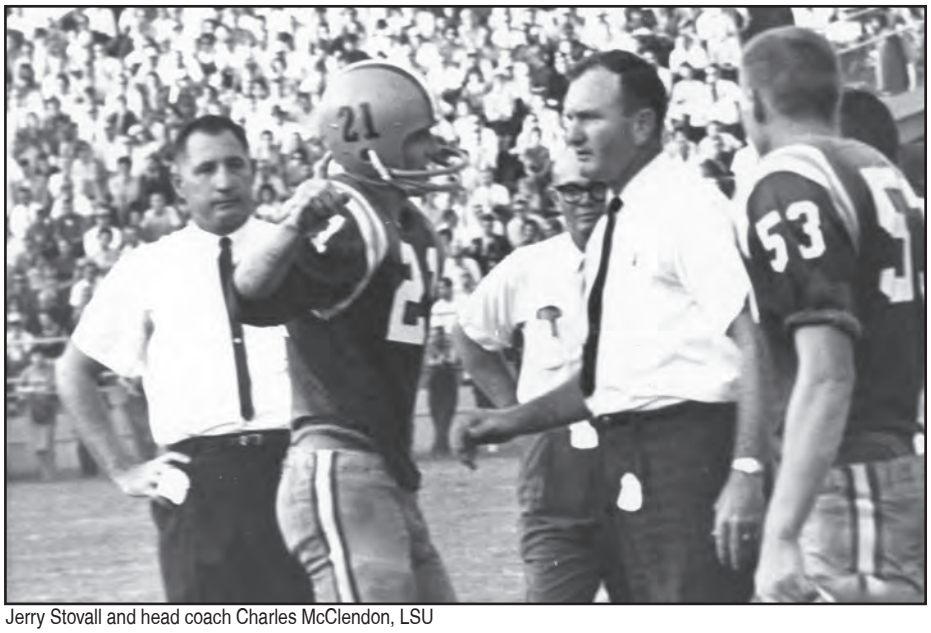
For the first time in 39 years, Texas went through its regular-season campaign unbeaten. At 9-0-1, the Longhorns' only blemish was a 14-14 tie with Rice in late October. Again, Texas found itself back in the Cotton Bowl, and for the second year in a row, the Longhorns would face an opponent from the Southeastern Conference. For LSU, it had been 16 years since its last appearance in the Classic, and it wasn't a memorable experience, battling Arkansas to a 0-0 tie.

But this time around, the goose egg ended up on only one side of the scoreboard thanks to a pair of Tiger quarterbacks named Lynn Amedee and Jimmy Field. LSU abandoned its conservative "three yards and a cloud of dust" offensive philosophy for a high flying aerial assault on the Texas defense. The Tigers had completed only 40 passes during the entire season. This was another day, however, as LSU completed 13 of 21 pass attempts, two shy of the record 15 completions set the previous year by Ole Miss.

The Tigers' big offensive gun was All-America halfback Jerry Stovall, and for Texas, Ray Poage, Tommy Ford, and Jerry Cook were the chief offensive threats. Johnny Treadwell was the Longhorns' defensive leader while LSU relied on its famed "Chinese Bandits."

Neither team could generate a sustained drive in the first quarter of play, but late in the second period, with Amedee and Field alternating at quarterback, the Tigers began to move, driving from their 20 to the Texas five-yard line. LSU had used all of its time outs, and with the clock rolling, the Tigers had no choice on third down but to go for three. Field dashed in with the kicking tee and Amedee booted home a 23-yarder with just eight seconds left. This was the Classic's first field goal since the 1942 game and was only the fourth in its 27-year history.

Texas jumped into the frying pan to begin the second half, fumbling the kickoff at the 37. In two minutes, LSU had increased its lead to 10-0. Facing third and nine from the Texas 22, Field dropped back to pass and looked hopelessly trapped by the Longhorn pass rush. Suddenly, Field saw daylight, cutback behind the Texas pursuit and raced 22 yards for his first touchdown of the year. Amedee recorded his second field goal late in the game, connecting on a 37-yarder with 4:58 left to shutout the Horns, 13-0.


Jerry Stovall and head coach Charles McClendon, LSU



TEXAS 28
NAVY 06

1964 JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **75,300**

The pre-game furor over which team deserved the No. 1 ranking. Texas, with a perfect 10-0-0 record, was ranked No. 1 in the final regular-season rankings. Navy was just a step behind the Longhorns at No. 2 with a 9-1-0 mark. In addition to the lofty rankings involved, Navy also boasted the 1963 Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback Roger Staubach. However, it was Duke Carlisle, the Longhorns' defensive ace in the '62 Classic, who stole the show. Moved to quarterback at the start of the season, Carlisle enjoyed a spectacular afternoon, passing for two touchdowns and running for another. As expected, the Texas defense was spectacular, holding an offense that averaged better than 31 points per game to just six, and minus 14 yards rushing. Outland Trophy winner Scott Appleton was the defensive ringleader.


Tommy Nobis, Texas

The eastern press had proclaimed for weeks that Navy, not Texas, was the nation's best even though the Middies had lost to SMU by a 32-28 count. It was one of the biggest upsets of the year, and it happened on this very Cotton Bowl turf. Always rich in football tradition, Texas was in the midst of its most successful era to date; winning its first national championship, two consecutive undefeated seasons, and competing in its third straight Cotton Bowl Classic.

Texas won the toss, elected to receive and on the game's sixth play Carlisle went for the bomb. The target was 18-year old Phil Harris, the youngest man on the field, flying down the left sideline. Harris grabbed the pass at the Navy 45 and galloped into the end zone. The play covered 58 yards and it marked the eighth time in 11 games that season that Texas had scored on its first possession. Six minutes into the second quarter, the Carlisle-Harris combo hooked up again, this time for a 63-yard scoring play. A fumble recovery at the Navy 34 set up yet another touchdown for the Longhorns before the half. Carlisle went the final nine yards and at intermission the Horns were up, 21-0.

Texas produced its last score of the game late in the third quarter to boost its lead to 28-0. Fearing a shutout, Navy went to work with Staubach at the helm. For the day, Staubach completed a record 21 of his 31 passing attempts. It was Staubach's arm that led Navy to its only touchdown, completing four passes for a total of 57 yards on a 75-yard drive. Staubach carried over from the two to end the day's scoring.

Game Summary

NAVY	0	0	0	6	**6**
TEXAS	7	14	7	0	**28**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Phil Harris 58 pass from Duke Carlisle (Tony Crosby kick), 12:02, 78 yards in 6 plays following opening kickoff.
SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Harris 63 pass from Carlisle (Crosby kick), 9:12, 63 yards in 1 play following punt.
Texas: Carlisle 9 run (Crosby kick), 2:39, 34 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Bobby Gamblin.
THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Harold Philipp 2 run (Crosby kick), 2:40, 52 yards in 6 plays following punt.
FOURTH QUARTER
Texas: Roger Staubach 2 run (Staubach pass fail), 11:59, 75 yards in 14 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Scott Appleton, Texas
Duke Carlisle, Texas
COACHES
Wayne Hardin, Navy
Darrell Royal, Texas
WEATHER
Ideal

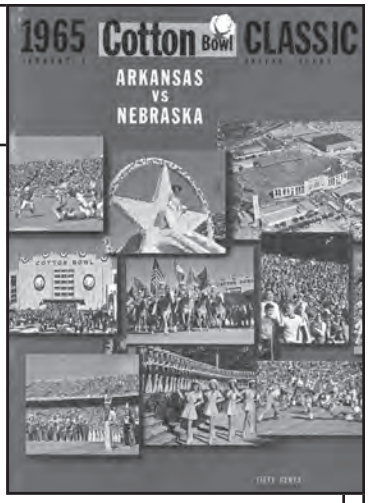
Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	NAVY	TEXAS
First Downs	16	18
Rushing	0	9
Passing	14	8
Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Net Yards	29-(-14)	43-168
Net Yards Passing	227	234
Passes	22-34-1	8-21-1
Total Plays	63	64
Total Net Yards	213	402
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-35	8-72
Punts-Average	6-36.5	3-43.3

RUSHING
Navy: Donnelly 8-12, Ownsworth 1-8, Sai 5-8, Teall 1-3, Ulrich 1-1, Markoff 1-1, Staubach 12-(-47).
Texas: Carlisle 11-54, Ford 9-39, Stockton 5-35, Philipp 6-23, Green 7-18, King 1-9, Harris 2-5, Kristynik 1-1, Dixon 1-(-16).
PASSING
Navy: Staubach 21-31-1, 228 yards; Abel 0-1-0; Orr 0-1-0; Donnelly 1-1-0, (-1 yard).
Texas: Carlisle 7-19-1, 213 yards; Wade 1-2-0, 21 yards.
RECEIVING
Navy: Orr 9-112, Sjuggerud 4-52, Donnelly 3-16, Campbell 2-16, Henderson 1-13, Kellner 1-12, Sai 1-7, Staubach 1-(-1).
Texas: Harris 3-157, Lammons 2-30, Talbert 2-26, Sauer 1-21.
PUNTING
Navy: Ince 6-36.5.
Texas: Gaynor 3-43.3.

1965 JANUARY 1

ARKANSAS 10
NEBRASKA 07



ATTENDANCE: **75,000**

Game Summary

NEBRASKA	0	7	0	0	**7**
ARKANSAS	3	0	0	7	**10**

FIRST QUARTER
Arkansas: Tom McKnelly 31 FG, 9:47, 44 yards in 8 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Nebraska: Harry Wilson 1 run (Duncan Drum kick), 7:45, 69 yards in 10 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Arkansas: Bobby Burnett 3 run (McKnelly kick), 4:41, 80 yards in 9 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Ronnie Caveness, Arkansas
Fred Marshall, Arkansas

COACHES
Bob Devaney, Nebraska
Frank Broyles, Arkansas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	NEB.	ARK.
First Downs	11	11
Rushing	8	3
Passing	2	8
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	44-100	34-45
Net Yards Passing	68	131
Passes	8-16-2	11-19-1
Total Plays	60	53
Total Net Yards	168	176
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-25	6-50
Punts-Average	6-33.3	6-40.2

RUSHING
Nebraska: Wilson 12-84, Solich 11-34, McCloughan 8-24, Hohn 5-9, White 1-0, Churchich 7-(-51).
Arkansas: Burnett 11-23, Lindsey 3-14, Brausell 5-9, Marshall 15-(-1).

PASSING
Nebraska: Churchich 8-15-2, 68 yards; McCloughan 0-1-0.
Arkansas: Marshall 11-19-1, 131 yards.

RECEIVING
Nebraska: Wilson 1-36, White 2-18, Jeter 1-8, McCloughan 3-3, Solich 1-3.
Arkansas: Lindsey 3-54, Burnett 5-44, Lamb 3-33.

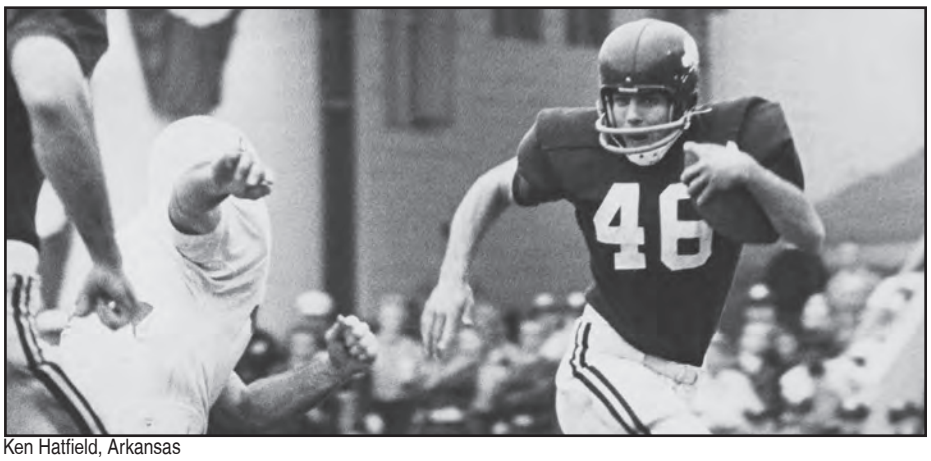
PUNTING
Nebraska: Kirkland 6-33.3.
Arkansas: Nix 6-40.2.

This was to be Arkansas' finest hour. The Razorbacks, undefeated (10-0-0) and ranked second nationally behind Alabama in the final Associated Press and United Press International polls, had something to prove. When the day was done, Arkansas had more than proven itself as a legitimate heir to the national crown. Alabama was the wire service champ and nothing could be done to reverse that decision. But, the Grantland Rice award, voted by the Football Writers of America and presented after the completion of post-season play to what it considered the nation's best football team, still lay in the balance. But, to reach the pinnacle, the Hogs first had to dispose of No. 6 Nebraska which would be no easy chore. After a little more than three quarters of play, Arkansas' chances of doing just that looked slim.

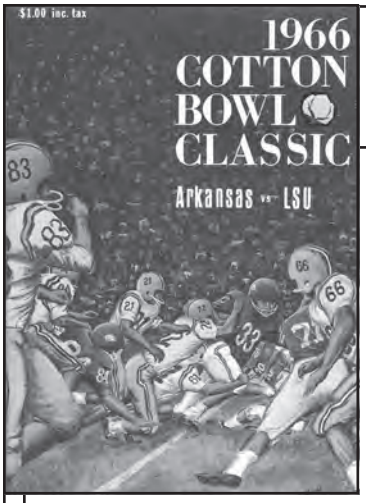
The Razorbacks had jumped to an early 3-0 lead on their first possession when Tom McKnelly's 31-yard field goal split the uprights. However, the three point advantage was short-lived. Nebraska's beefy Cornhuskers utilized the big play in the second quarter to move in front, and sophomore halfback Harry Wilson led the way. Slipping down the sideline, Wilson took a Bob Churchich pass 36 yards to the Arkansas 18. Moments later, Churchich ripped through the Razorback defense for 10, and on the next play Wilson went over right guard for the touchdown. The score and subsequent extra point gave coach Bob Devaney's well drilled Huskers a 7-3 lead which held up almost to the end.

The game clock showed 9:21 when Arkansas quarterback Fred Marshall launched the comeback. The Hogs found themselves 80 yards away from destiny and with precious little time to achieve it. Marshall started the drive throwing for 12 yards to Jerry Lamb. He then came right back with an 11-yard strike to Bobby Burnett out of the backfield. Three plays later, the Hogs were at the Nebraska 43. Flushed from the pocket as he was looking to pass, Marshall wiggled free and dashed up the middle for 10 yards. Now came the clincher. Marshall came out firing and found halfback Jim Lindsey open at the 25. Lindsey took the pass and rambled to the Husker five. The play covered 28 yards. From there, Burnett leaped tacklers to reach the three, then took a pitchout from Marshall, turned the corner and carried a defender with him as he crossed the goal line. With 4:41 left to play, McKnelly boomed the final point through the post, 10-7.

The Razorbacks were Cotton Bowl champions for the first time. Things fell into place after that. Later in the evening, arch-rival Texas came through for the Hogs in the Orange Bowl, knocking off Alabama 21-17 to open the door for Arkansas' first ever national title. For the second consecutive year, the Cotton Bowl held the key to the national championship.



Ken Hatfield, Arkansas



LSU 14
ARKANSAS 07

1966
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **76,200**

For the second time in four years, the Bengal Tigers presented coach Charles McClendon with a perfect Cotton Bowl game. Unranked LSU (7-3-0) sprang one of the Classic's biggest upsets, downing No. 2 Arkansas, 14-7, and ended college football's longest winning streak at 22. The Hogs (10-0-0) last defeat came by the same score, on the same Cotton Bowl turf, to SMU in the ninth game of 1963. That also was the last time the Hogs had been blanked in the final two quarters until the Bengals turned the trick on that day.

Arkansas had not beaten LSU since 1929, and in the 1947 Classic the two teams battled to a scoreless tie. But, things were different now. The Razorbacks were the heavy favorites, and the unexpected happened. Prone to turnovers and injuries throughout the season, LSU did not yield a fumble or an interception to the Hogs while quarterback Pat Screen handled the mixture of short passing and the inside power game to perfection.

But it didn't start out that way. On its second possession, Arkansas rolled 87 yards on 11 brilliantly executed plays en route to its only score. Harry Jones dazzled the Tigers with power sweeps and Bobby Burnett pounded the middle. Quarterback Jon Brittenum was in total control, and whipped a 19-yard aerial to Bobby Crockett for the touchdown. The drive consumed just 1:27 and the Razorbacks were on the scoreboard, 7-0.

The Tigers roared back two possessions later for an 80 yard march of their own. Tailbacks Jim Dousay and Joe Labruzzo pounded the middle of the Hogs' defense repeatedly with short but effective gains that led to the Arkansas end zone. The LSU drive consisted of 16 plays, and by the time Labruzzo carried over from the three, a full 8:17 had elapsed. Doug Moreau's kick tied it at 7-7. Three plays after the LSU touchdown, Brittenum was forced to the sideline with a shoulder injury. His replacement, Ronny South, fumbled on the very next play at the Arkansas 34. LSU seized the momentum. Labruzzo again hammered for short yardage, carrying on five consecutive plays, the last one took him over for the score with 18 seconds left in the half and LSU led for the first time.

Brittenum returned to duty for the Hogs in the third quarter and twice moved Arkansas inside LSU territory, only to come up empty each time. LSU couldn't move the ball at all and failed to gain a first down the entire period. However, as the fourth quarter rolled around, momentum had shifted again. LSU began a march that would take them all the way to the Arkansas two before the Hog defense forced the Tigers to go for three. But, the kick sailed wide and the Hogs had escaped.

Twice in the closing minutes, Brittenum took his Hogs on long drives, only to be intercepted at the LSU 20 to kill the first one, and time simply ran out on them at the end with the ball on the Tiger 24. LSU had done it again. Three years before, they surprised mighty Texas, 13-0. Now the victim was Arkansas, 14-7.

Game Summary

LSU	0	14	0	0	**14**
ARKANSAS	7	0	0	0	**7**

FIRST QUARTER
Arkansas: Bobby Crockett 19 pass from Jon Brittenum (Ronnie South kick), 3:35, 87 yards in 11 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
LSU: Joe Labruzzo 3 run (Doug Moreau kick), 4:15, 80 yards in 16 plays following missed field goal.
LSU: Labruzzo 1 run (Moreau kick), 0:18, 34 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Bill Bass.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Joe Labruzzo, LSU
David McCormick, LSU

COACHES
Charles McClendon, LSU
Frank Broyles, Arkansas

WEATHER
Good

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	LSU	ARK.
First Downs	11	22
Rushing	9	11
Passing	6	10
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	54-166	37-129
Net Yards Passing	100	177
Passes	8-11-0	15-24-1
Total Plays	65	61
Total Net Yards	266	306
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-62	2-10
Punts-Average	6-42.2	3-34.0

RUSHING
LSU: Labruzzo 21-69, Dousay 14-38, Screen 5-20, Masters 7-17, LeBlanc 4-8, Stokley 2-11, Schwab 1-3.
Arkansas: H. Jones 10-79, Burnett 12-44, Woodlee 1-14, Lindsey 4-2, South 1-(-1), Brittenum 9-(-9).

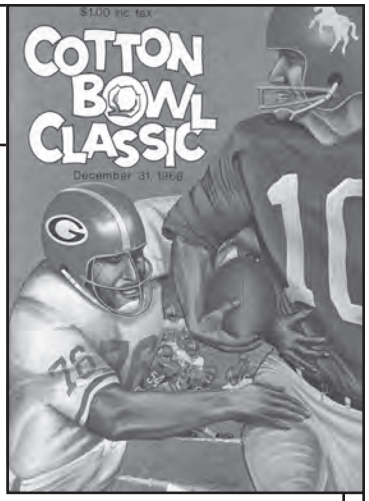
PASSING
LSU: Screen 7-10-0, 82 yards; Stokley 1-1-0, 18 yards.
Arkansas: Brittenum 15-24-1, 177 yards.

RECEIVING
LSU: Masters 4-45, Labruzzo 1-19, Schwab 1-18, Moreau 1-12, Dousay 1-6.
Arkansas: Crockett 10-129, H. Jones 2-26, Burnett 2-10, Lindsey 1-12.

PUNTING
LSU: Brown 6-42.2.
Arkansas: Nix 3-34.0.

1966
DEC. 31, '66

GEORGIA 24
SMU 09



ATTENDANCE: **73,000**

Actually, this was the second Cotton Bowl Classic played in 1966 — it was played on Saturday, Dec. 31. But, regardless when the game was held, Georgia was simply too strong for the SMU Mustangs who were making their first Cotton Bowl appearance since the days of Doak Walker, 18 years before.

The Bulldogs opened in spectacular fashion. Kent Lawrence, Georgia's miniature sophomore halfback, sprinted 74 yards on the Bulldogs' third play to stake an early 7-0 lead. Minutes later, SMU began to threaten after a poor Georgia punt traveled just 15 yards to the Bulldog 34. The Mustangs jumped on the opportunity, driving to the Georgia five where Dennis Partee was called on to trim the Bulldog lead back to four. Partee's 22-yard attempt was perfect and SMU was on the scoreboard.

The ensuing kickoff came to Lawrence and again he was off to the races, returning the kick 36 yards. Georgia was back on the move. Lawrence combined with Ronnie Jenkins to push the Dawgs into scoring range, setting up Bobby Etter's 28-yard placement. Etter's kick stretched the Georgia lead to 10-3, but the first half still was far from over.

The second quarter found the Bulldogs knocking on the door again with the ball at the Pony 22. Two plays later, Billy Payne wrestled Kirby Moore's 20-yard toss away from SMU defender Floyd Burke for Georgia's third score.

Just before halftime, SMU put together its only sustained offensive spurt of the day. However, the Mustangs did it the hard way, overcoming three illegal procedure penalties during the course of the 72-yard drive. Jerry LeVias, the SWC Player of the Year, sparked the drive with a pair of key receptions, and Mike Richardson got the touchdown, diving over right guard for the final yard to narrow the Georgia lead to 17-9.

Georgia continued its domination of the game through the third quarter, rolling up 24 offensive plays to the Mustangs' 11. The score remained at 17-9 as the two teams headed into the final 15 minutes, but not for long. The quarter opened with the Dawgs at the SMU five, and in two plays, Jenkins had gained his first touchdown and Georgia's last. The score increased to 24-9, and time was becoming a factor. SMU's best shot came two possessions later after a pass interception set the Mustangs up at the Georgia 40 with 7:11 left. On first down, White passed to Larry Jernigan for 38 yards to the Bulldog two. However, that's as far as they went. Three plays produced minus yardage and Georgia took over at its five to quell the SMU threat.

Game Summary

GEORGIA	10	7	0	7	**24**
SMU	3	6	0	0	**9**

FIRST QUARTER
Georgia: Kent Lawrence 74 run (Bobby Etter kick), 13:55, 76 yards in 2 plays following opening kickoff.
SMU: Dennis Partee 22 FG, 6:17, 29 yards in 10 plays following punt
Georgia-Etter 28 FG, 1:24, 43 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Georgia: Billy Payne 20 pass from Kirby Moore (Etter kick) 14:11, 33 yards in 5 plays following pass interception by Steve Neuhaus.
SMU: Mike Richardson 1 run (Partee kick fail), 1:14, 72 yards in 13 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Georgia: Ronnie Jenkins 4 run (Etter kick), 14:33, 59 yards in 13 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Kent Lawrence, Georgia
George Patton, Georgia

COACHES
Vince Dooley, Georgia
Hayden Fry, SMU

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

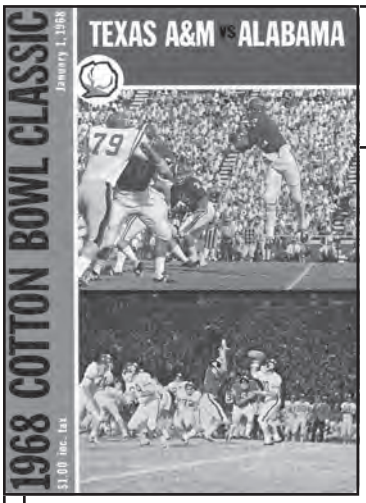
TEAM STATS	UGA	SMU
First Downs	17	11
Rushing	13	5
Passing	4	5
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	56-284	43-40
Net Yards Passing	79	165
Passes	6-14-1	10-20-3
Total Plays	70	63
Total Net Yards	363	205
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-37	7-45
Punts-Average	4-28.5	4-36.5

RUSHING
Georgia: Lawrence 16-149, Jenkins 23-88, Patton 1-16, Wheeler 4-13, Johnson 7-12, Moore 5-6.
SMU: Jernigan 9-28, Richardson 11-24, May 2-12, Moore 1-2, Livingston 1-(-5), White 19-(-21).

PASSING
Georgia: Moore 6-11-1, 79 yards; Patton 0-3-0.
SMU: White 9-17-1, 160 yards; Livingston 1-3-2, 5 yards.

RECEIVING
Georgia: Payne 3-49, Johnson 2-27, Lawrence 1-3.
SMU: LeVias 3-62, Richardson 3-45, Jernigan 2-42, Goodrich 2-16.

PUNTING
Georgia: Moore 4-28.5.
SMU: Perez 4-36.5.



TEXAS A&M 20
ALABAMA 16

1968
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **73,800**

Sitting at the edge of their seats, nearly 74,000 chilled fans waited for the "Bear" and his troops to pull off a miracle. Eighth-ranked Alabama was on the verge of an upset by unranked Texas A&M, 20-16. Neither the Aggie nor Crimson Tide faithful could believe what they were seeing. Aggie coach Gene Stallings was minutes away from pulling off the biggest upset of his young coaching career, and the victim would be his former mentor at A&M, Paul "Bear" Bryant.

The Aggies played Bryant-like, clutch football the full 60 minutes, turning an Alabama interception and fumble into first half touchdowns to lead 13-10 at halftime. Then, midway through the third quarter, A&M turned a short, 28-yard Alabama punt into its final score of the afternoon. Stallings utilized the element of surprise to its fullest sending his quarterback Edd Hargett into the game with instructions to air out the stadium. In the first half alone, Hargett put the ball up 21 times.

While the Aggies performed flawlessly, the Tide was playing totally out of character. When Hargett threw for 28 yards to split end Barney Harris at the Alabama 15, Bryant's men on the field numbered only ten. The play set up A&M's first score, another Hargett pass completion to Larry Stegent that covered the final 13 yards to tie the game at 7-7.

The Tide surged back in front, 10-7, on the first play of the second quarter on the strength of Steve Davis' 36-yard field goal. The score held up until the final minute of the half when Hargett fired a seven-yard shot to Tommy Maxwell. Just 21 seconds were left and the Aggies grabbed the lead for the first time, 13-10.

Then came the third quarter and Wendell Housley added to the A&M lead, bowling over three Bama defenders for 20 yards and boosted the score to 20-10. But, Alabama had been quiet for too long. The Tide took the A&M kickoff and went to work, driving 83 yards in nine plays to get within four and set up a dramatic finish.

Time was at a minimum when Alabama started its final rally. Driving from its own 20, Bama moved the ball with shear determination. Quarterback Kenny Stabler was at the controls. A holding call accessed to the Aggies soon advanced the ball to the Tide 44. Within seconds, Stabler had his team at the A&M 35 with a first down. Bryant's pacing along the sideline quickened.

However, that's when the Tide began to fall apart. Three straight passes fell incomplete. A fourth down pass gained six to the 29, four yards shy of the needed first down. For Alabama, the miracle never came. The ball went over to A&M and it was just a matter of time before the Aggies claimed their first Cotton Bowl Classic victory in 27 years.

Game Summary

ALABAMA	7	3	6	0	**16**
TEXAS A&M	7	6	7	0	**20**

FIRST QUARTER
Alabama: Kenny Stabler 3 run (Steve Davis kick), 8:22, 80 yards in 10 plays after taking over on downs
Texas A&M: Larry Stegent 13 pass from Edd Hargett (Charlie Riggs kick), 5:22, 43 yards in 4 plays following pass interception by Tommy Maxwell

SECOND QUARTER
Alabama: Davis 36 FG, 14:56, 56 yards in 11 plays following kickoff
Texas A&M: Tommy Maxwell 7 pass from Hargett (Riggs kick fail), 0:16, 56 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Jim Piper

THIRD QUARTER
Texas A&M: Wendell Housley 20 run (Riggs kick), 8:32, 52 yards in 6 plays following punt
Alabama: Stabler 2 run (David Chatwood run fail), 3:55, 83 yards in 9 plays following kickoff

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Grady Allen, Texas A&M
Edd Hargett, Texas A&M
Bill Hobbs, Texas A&M

COACHES
Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama
Gene Stallings, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Cold, cloudy

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UA	A&M
First Downs	14	13
Rushing	5	6
Passing	6	7
Penalty	3	0
Rushes-Net Yards	42-135	44-114
Net Yards Passing	179	143
Passes	16-26-3	11-22-0
Total Plays	68	66
Total Net Yards	314	257
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-37	7-83
Punts-Average	6-37.5	10-41.0

RUSHING
Alabama: Chatwood 12-62, Martin 5-36, Morgan 6-17, Wade 5-16, Raburn 2-3, Stabler 12-1.
Texas A&M: Housley 10-59, Stegent 18-56, Sallee 5-10, Hargett 11-(-11).

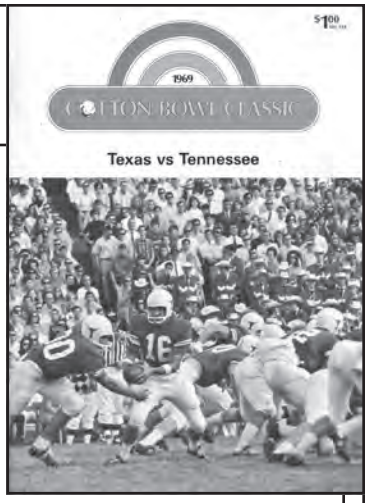
PASSING
Alabama: Stabler 16-26-3, 179 yards.
Texas A&M: Hargett 11-22-0, 143 yards.

RECEIVING
Alabama: Homan 6-90, Willis 4-39, Husband 2-19, D. Ford 1-19, Chatwood 1-11, Morgan 1-1, Raburn 1-0.
Texas A&M: Stegent 4-51, Harris 2-38, Long 2-18, Buckman 1-21, Sallee 1-8, Maxwell 1-7.

PUNTING
Alabama: Davis 6-37.5.
Texas A&M: O'Neal 10-41.0

1969 JANUARY 1

TEXAS 36
TENNESSEE 13



ATTENDANCE: **70,000**

It was the rubber match in the Cotton Bowl series between Texas and Tennessee. In 1951, the Volunteers scored a 20-14 upset over the Longhorns, but two years later in 1953, Texas returned the favor with a 16-0 pounding of the Vols. But, the licking Tennessee absorbed 16 years earlier was by no means comparable to the beating it would take today.

It was the first Classic display of the Wishbone T formation and all of college football may have been a little in awe that day of the 36-13 pasting the Longhorns applied to the Vols. Newspaper headlines the next day proclaimed Texas had taken "The Street to Success." Of course, the reference was to the Horns' outstanding young quarterback James Street, who directed the Texas offense with shear precision. Street had taken over the Longhorns' quarterback duties two games into the season, and it was the beginning of a legendary career.

The Texas offense had never been more ruthless. By halftime, the Horns had all but crushed Tennessee, 28-0. Known for its awesome running game, Texas unloaded upon the Volunteers with a full round of artillery. Street and receiver Cotton Speyrer hooked up for two of the Classic's longest scoring plays ever, a 78-yard bomb in the opening quarter, and a 79-yarder late in the third. And if the aerial show wasn't scary enough, the vaunted Tennessee defense frantically looked for ways to plug up leaks that allowed the heralded Texas running backs to storm for 279 yards. The trio of Chris Gilbert, Steve Worster, and Ted Koy comprised one of the SWC's most talented offensive units in history, and each scored on plays that might be regarded as near monuments to offensive execution and blocking techniques.

Worster started the Texas scoring avalanche on a 14-yard blast. Then came the bomb from Street to Speyrer, and five minutes into the second quarter, Koy slashed nine yards for the third Texas touchdown. Gilbert added the fourth with 1:17 left in the half, taking a Street pitchout five yards for the score. Street then passed to Speyrer for the two-point conversion, and the Longhorns had the game completely out of reach, 28-0.

With the offense demonstrating complete domination of the Vols, the Texas defense almost went unnoticed. But, it shouldn't have. Seldom had the Steers been more deadly. The two Tennessee quarterbacks never had a chance against the muscle of Bill Atessis, Loyd Wainscott, Leo Brooks and Bill Zapalac, as well as the secondary work applied by Tom Campbell, Bill Bradley, and Ronnie Ehrig. This was a blue-ribbon day for the Longhorns, yet only eight of Texas' 22 starters were seniors. It was evident an even bigger victory was not too far away.

Game Summary

TENNESSEE	0	0	7	6	**13**
TEXAS	13	15	8	0	**36**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Steve Worster 14 run (Happy Feller kick), 5:14, 80 yards in 13 plays following missed field goal.
Texas: Cotton Speyrer 78 pass from James Street (Feller kick fail), 4:36, 78 yards in 1 play following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Ted Koy 9 run (Feller kick), 10:23, 61 yards in 7 plays following punt.
Texas: Chris Gilbert 5 run (Speyrer pass from Street), 3:31, 54 yards in 8 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Tennessee: Gary Kreis 17 pass from Bobby Scott (Karl Kremser kick), 9:40, 38 yards in 4 plays following pass interception by Jimmy Young.
Texas: Speyrer 79 pass from Street (Bill Bradley run), 5:57, 79 yards in 1 play following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Tennessee: Mike Price 3 pass from Scott (Scott pass fail), 1:00, 97 yards in 5 plays after taking over on downs.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tom Campbell, Texas
Cotton Speyrer, Texas
James Street, Texas

COACHES
Doug Dickey, Tennessee
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Cold, partly cloudy

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	TENN.	TEXAS
First Downs	16	22
Rushing	9	16
Passing	6	6
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	35-83	60-279
Net Yards Passing	192	234
Passes	16-41-3	8-14-1
Total Plays	76	74
Total Net Yards	275	513
Fumbles-Lost	5-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-17	5-60
Punts-Average	8-42.1	7-40.7

RUSHING
Tennessee: Pearce 2-26, Pickens 8-20, McClain 2-19, Flowers 4-8, Scott 11-8, Wold 1-2, Wyche 7-0.
Texas: Worster 10-85, Gilbert 13-82, Koy 13-45, Street 12-38, Dale 4-13, Norwood 3-7, Callison 2-5, Speyrer 1-2, Robinson 2-2.

PASSING
Tennessee: Scott 11-30-3, 159 yards; Wyche 5-11-0, 33 yards.
Texas: Street 7-13-1, 200 yards; Norwood 1-1-0, 34 yards.

RECEIVING
Tennessee: Kreis 3-77, McClain 3-57, Pickens 2-27, Baker 1-17, DeLong 2-14, Flowers 2-6, Price 1-3, Pearce 2-(-9).
Texas: Speyrer 5-161, Bradley 1-34, Worster 1-25, Lester 1-14.

PUNTING
Tennessee: Weaver 8-42.1.
Texas: Bradley 7-40.7.



TEXAS 21
NOTRE DAME 17

1970
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **72,000**

Collegiate football's centennial season soon would come to a flashy end, and for the grand finale, the nation's eyes would focus upon Dallas and the 34th annual Cotton Bowl. For this Classic would become a dream matchup; Texas, ranked No. 1 and proclaimed national champions by President Richard Nixon, versus Notre Dame, the legendary gridiron powerhouse, making its first post-season appearance in 45 years.

This truly was to become one of the Classic's memorable games. The Longhorns were fresh from their famed 15-14 come-from-behind victory over No. 2 Arkansas, known best as "The Big Shootout." Texas was a perfect 10-0-0. Ninth-ranked Notre Dame carried an 8-1-1 mark to Dallas. But, more notably was the fact the only other time the Fighting Irish had gone bowling was in the 1925 Rose Bowl when the legendary Four Horsemen led the way to a 27-10 defeat of Stanford. Now, 45 years later, three of the surviving Four Horsemen would come to Texas to spread Irish lore for the bowl-starved Notre Dame loyalists.

The Irish had plenty of incentive to keep its perfect bowl record intact, and when Notre Dame jumped to a 10-0 lead, the game looked to have the makings of the centennial season's most colossal upset. The Longhorns won the toss and elected to kick. In trotted quarterback Joe Theismann to direct the Irish on a 72-yard march up the field en route to Scott Hempel's 26-yard field goal. The 3-0 Notre Dame lead held up for the remainder of the first quarter. Then, 12 seconds into the second, Theismann unloaded the bomb. Just as he turned to throw, Tom Gatewood slipped behind Longhorn defender Danny Lester. The pass was on target and Gatewood went in for an easy 54-yard score.

Down 10-0, Texas roared back. James Street, the Longhorns' brilliant Wishbone quarterback, took control and in nine plays had Texas in the end zone. A 17-yard pass to Cotton Speyrer, another completion of 16 yards to Randy Peschel, and a 17-yard sprint by halfback Jim Bertelsen moved the Horns to the Notre Dame 10. Three plays later, Bertelsen crashed the goal line to cut the Irish lead back to three, 10-7.

That's the way it stood as the teams changed ends of the field to begin the fourth quarter. By then, however, Texas was on a roll, moving from its 23 to the Notre Dame 37. From there, Street and company continued to grind out the yardage with halfback Ted Koy gaining the last three to put the Horns ahead for the first time, 14-10. Now, it was Notre Dame's turn to move. Theismann started the drive at his 20 and ended it with a 24-yard scoring toss to halfback Jim Yoder. The Irish were back in front, 17-14, but not for long. The game clock was ticking with 6:47 left, enough time for one more Texas drive...and it was a classic. The march was good for 76 yards in 17 plays, and the key was a fourth down play at the Irish ten. Street had to hurry his throw under duress to Speyrer. The pass was short, but Speyrer stopped, turned back and made a diving catch just before the ball hit the ground at the two. Seconds later, reserve halfback Billy Dale plunged over from the one with just 1:08 left. With that, Texas wrapped up its second national championship.

Walter Robertson of the Dallas Morning News may have summed it up best when he wrote, "The initial temptation would be to rank the Texas-Arkansas game as tops for the first 100 years of college football, and then start the second centennial running with this one."

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	3	7	0	7	**17**
TEXAS	0	7	0	14	**21**

FIRST QUARTER
Notre Dame: Scott Hempel 26 FG, 8:41, 72 yards in 16 plays following opening kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Notre Dame: Tom Gatewood 54 pass from Joe Theismann (Hempel kick), 14:40, 54 yards in 1 play following punt.
Texas: Jim Bertelsen 1 run (Happy Feller kick), 3:22, 74 yards in 9 plays following kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas: Ted Koy 3 run (Feller kick), 10:05, 77 yards in 18 plays following punt.
Notre Dame: Jim Yoder 24 pass from Theismann (Hempel kick), 6:52, 80 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.
Texas: Billy Dale 1 run (Feller kick), 1:08, 76 yards in 17 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Bob Olson, Notre Dame
Steve Worster, Texas

COACHES
Ara Parseghian, Notre Dame
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Cool, clear

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	ND	TEXAS
First Downs	25	25
Rushing	13	19
Passing	12	6
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	43-189	67-331
Net Yards Passing	231	107
Passes	17-27-2	6-11-1
Total Plays	70	78
Total Net Yards	410	438
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	1-5
Punts-Average	7-36.6	4-39.8

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Barz 10-49, Theismann 11-48, Huff 11-39, Allan 7-47, Yoder 2-4, Crotty 2-2.
Texas: Worster 20-155, Bertelsen 18-81, Koy 12-40, Street 10-31, Speyrer 1-13, Dale 6-11.

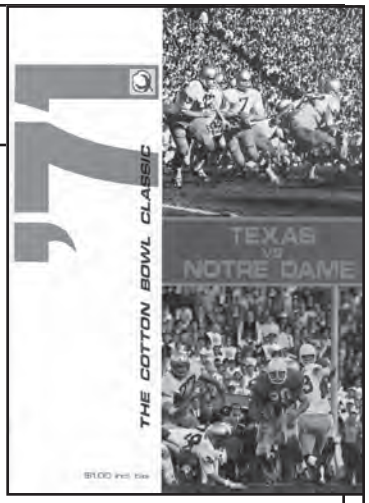
PASSING
Notre Dame: Theismann 17-27-2, 231 yards.
Texas: Street 6-11-1, 107 yards.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame: Gatewood 6-112, Allan 3-43, Crotty 3-8, Huff 2-15, Yoder 1-24, Poskon 1-22, Barz 1-7.
Texas: Speyrer 4-70, Bertelsen 1-21, Perschel 1-16

PUNTING
Notre Dame: DeArrietta 6-39.7, Yoder 1-18.0.
Texas: Monzingo 4-39.8.

1971
JANUARY 1

NOTRE DAME 24
TEXAS 11



ATTENDANCE: **72,000**

Only coach Ara Parseghian and his players could say for sure, but if revenge was a motive, then the Fighting Irish more than settled their score with No. 1 Texas. Notre Dame caused nine Texas fumbles, and All-America quarterback Joe Theismann accounted for the first 18 of the Irish's 24 points to end the Longhorns' winning streak at 30. Ironically, the longest winning streak in college football history also died by the same sword more than 14 years earlier, when an equally inspired Notre Dame team snapped Oklahoma's 47-game unbeaten string with a 7-0 upset.

This time, the Irish did it in the most touted bowl rematch ever after Texas escaped with a 21-17 victory in the dying minutes of the 1970 Classic. Notre Dame blitzed across all three of its touchdowns in a span of ten minutes during the first and second quarters, and then dug in to make sure Texas never regained control.

Both teams displayed their offensive fireworks in the first half as the Irish built up a 24-11 advantage that held up until the final buzzer. Texas quarterback Eddie Phillips, who would set a Classic total offense record with 363 yards before the afternoon was over, put the Longhorns in motion early, scampering 63 yards off the triple option before Ralph Stepaniak drug him down at the Notre Dame 10. But, the Horns couldn't take advantage of Phillips' long-gainer and called on Happy Feller to boot a 23-yard field goal for an early 3-0 advantage.

The Texas lead was short-lived, however. Moving from their own 20, the Irish quickly drove to their go-ahead touchdown. Theismann finished it off with a 26-yard completion to his All-America receiver Tom Gatewood. Notre Dame then came right back to score again following a Texas fumble at the Horn 13. Theismann carried over from the three and the Irish led 14-3 at the end of the first quarter. Notre Dame soon expanded its advantage to 21-3 in the opening minutes of the second, and Theismann again was the one responsible for the score, keeping for the final 15 yards. Texas put together one last sustained drive, as Phillips began operations at the Longhorn 16. It was a typical Texas-style march, totaling 18 plays and seven minutes. Of those 84 yards, Phillips ran or passed for 72 of them. Halfback Jim Bertelsen carried for the final two and Danny Lester added the two-point conversion to make it 21-11. Just before the half ended, Notre Dame returned to the scoreboard for the last time when Scott Hempel booted a 36-yard field goal.

The final 30 minutes went scoreless, but Notre Dame had this game on ice long before the half. Coach Ara Parseghian had found a cure for the powerful Texas triple option.

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	14	10	0	0	**24**
TEXAS	3	8	0	0	**11**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Happy Feller 23 FG, 11:28, 67 yards in 5 plays following punt.
Notre Dame: Tom Gatewood 26 pass from Joe Theismann (Scott Hempel kick), 7:58, 80 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
Notre Dame: Theismann 3 run (Hempel kick), 5:11, 13 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Tom Eaton on kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Notre Dame: Theismann 15 run (Hempel kick), 13:28, 53 yards in 5 plays following punt.
Texas: Bertelsen 2 run (Danny Lester pass from Eddie Phillips), 1:52, 84 yards in 18 plays following quick kick.
Notre Dame: Hempel 36 FG, 0:24, 57 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Clarence Ellis, Notre Dame
Eddie Phillips, Texas

COACHES
Ara Parseghian, Notre Dame
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Cool, clear

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	ND	TEXAS
First Downs	16	20
Rushing	9	10
Passing	7	9
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	53-146	55-216
Net Yards Passing	213	210
Passes	10-19-1	10-27-1
Total Plays	72	82
Total Net Yards	359	426
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	9-5
Penalties-Yards	5-52	3-33
Punts-Average	8-45.8	5-32.6

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Cieszkowski 13-52, Parker 13-48, Gulyas 9-24, Theismann 18-22.
Texas: Phillips 23-164, Worster 16-42, Wiggington 6-10, Bertelsen 8-5, Dale 1-2, Lester 1-(-7).

PASSING
Notre Dame: Theismann 9-16-1, 176 yards; Bulger 1-2-0, 37 yards; Steenberger 0-1-0.
Texas: Phillips 9-17-0, 199 yards; Wiggington 1-10-1, 11 yards.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame: Yoder 2-96, Gatewood 2-43, Ellis 1-37, Parker 2-7, Creaney 1-19, Cieszkowski 2-11.
Texas: Comer 4-67, Bertelsen 3-85, Lester 2-17, Dale 1-41.

PUNTING
Notre Dame: Yoder 8-45.8.
Texas: Keithley 5-32.6.



PENN STATE 30
TEXAS 06

1972
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **70,000**

Chalk one up for Penn State. The Nittany Lions stormed through, over and around Texas in every phase of the game to score a resounding 30-6 victory. Rarely had a Darrell Royal team been subjected to a licking such as the one Penn State doled out in the 36th annual Cotton Bowl. The Lions were aching for redemption after closing the season at Tennessee with a 31-11 loss to the Vols, depriving them of an undefeated season and a lofty national ranking. With the defeat, Penn State skidded from fifth to tenth before reaching Dallas. Unfortunately for Texas, the two teams crossed paths at a most inopportune time.


Jim Bertelsen, Texas

So thorough was the Penn State domination, the Longhorns failed to score a touchdown for the first time in 80 games, dating back to October, 1964, when a pair of field goals gave them a 6-3 decision over Rice. Neither Eddie Phillips nor Donnie Wiggington could fire up what had been a consistent Texas Wishbone attack. Coach Joe Paterno's team had all the ingredients of a great ball club: a clever quarterback with John Hufnagel, an All-America halfback in Lydell Mitchell, a sturdy offensive line headed by tackle Dave Joyner, and an alert defense stocked with heroes, namely Bruce Bannon.

The first half turned into a kicking exhibition between the Longhorns' Steve Valek and the Lions' Alberto Vitiello. Texas won that battle as Valek booted a 29-yarder at the close of the first quarter. Vitello hammered one through from 21 yards out early in the second, and Valek came back to add a 40-yarder just as the first half expired. No one realized it at the time, but that's also when the Texas scoring punch expired. For the game, the Longhorns fumbled five times and lost three. Each time, Penn State converted the Texas turnover into points.

Phillips began the Nittany Lions second half charge, fumbling on the Horns' third play and Penn State made the recovery at the Texas 41. It was only a matter of time. Penn State drove the rest of the way for what turned out to be the clinching touchdown. Mitchell crashed over from the one and the Lions were in front, 10-6. Within three minutes, the lead grew to 17-6 when Hufnagel hit Scott Skarzynski streaking down the sideline for a 65-yard surprise. The nearest Texas defender was 20 yards away. Penn State never let up after that. The Lions next three possessions turned into 13 points and the final result was decisive, 30-6.

Game Summary

PENN STATE	0	3	17	10	**30**
TEXAS	3	3	0	0	**6**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Steve Valek 29 FG, 1:14, 23 yards in 7 plays following punt

SECOND QUARTER
Penn State: Alberto Vitiello 21 FG, 10:38, 17 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Charlie Mesko
Texas: Valek 40 FG, 0:03, 38 yards in 3 plays following pass interception by Glen Gaspard

THIRD QUARTER
Penn State: Lydell Mitchell 1 run (Vitiello kick), 11:41, 41 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Charlie Zapiec.
Penn State: Scott Skarzynski 65 pass from John Hufnagel (Vitiello kick), 8:44, 67 yards in 2 plays following punt.
Penn State: Vitiello 37 FG, 2:17, 23 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Gregg Ducatte.

FOURTH QUARTER
Penn State: Vitiello 22 FG, 8:16, 78 yards in 14 plays following punt.
Penn State: Hufnagel 4 run (Vitiello kick), 3:18, 64 yards in 9 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Bruce Bannon, Penn State
Lydell Mitchell, Penn State

COACHES
Joe Paterno, Penn State
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Cool, cloudy

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	PENN ST	TEXAS
First Downs	18	15
Rushing	13	12
Passing	5	3
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	56-239	52-159
Net Yards Passing	137	83
Passes	7-13-1	5-14-0
Total Plays	69	66
Total Net Yards	376	242
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-3
Penalties-Yards	2-30	1-5
Punts-Average	5-36.0	5-33.0

RUSHING
Penn State: Mitchell 27-146, Harris 11-47, Donchez 8-29, Hufnagel 8-14, Herd 1-2, Stilley 1-1.
Texas: Bertelsen 14-58, Ladd 8-45, Burrisk 7-43, Fleming 6-11, Steakley 2-9, Lowry 1-4, Wigginton 2-(-1), Phillips 12-(-10).

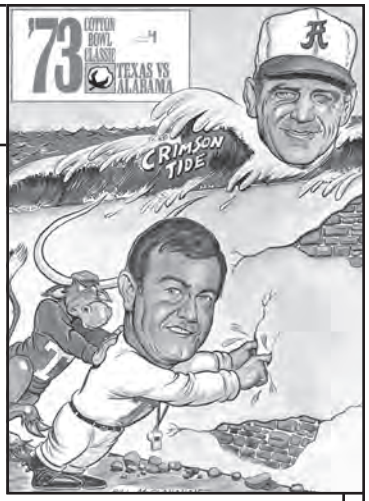
PASSING
Penn State: Hufnagel 7-12-1, 137 yards; Joachim 0-1-0.
Texas: Phillips 3-8-0, 59 yards: Wiggington 2-6-0, 24 yards.

RECEIVING
Penn State: Skarzynski 2-81, Parson 3-48, Debes 1-7, Donchez 1-1.
Texas: Burrisk 3-45, Kelly 2-38.

PUNTING
Penn State: Parson 5-36.0.
Texas: Lowry 5-33.0.

1973 JANUARY 1

TEXAS 17
ALABAMA 13



ATTENDANCE: **70,000**

Not even an inflamed pair of tonsils could prevent Texas from springing a 17-13 surprise on No. 4 Alabama. The tonsils belonged to Texas quarterback Alan Lowry who spent a sleepless New Year's Eve and at game time was on the verge of admitting that he just couldn't play. For the Longhorns sake, it never reached that point. For it was Lowry who made the difference in the end.

The Horns were spending their fifth straight holiday in Dallas, and were determined to put an end to their two-game losing streak in the Classic. No doubt, Texas partisans were relieved to see Alabama jump onto the scoreboard first when Greg Gantt kicked himself into the Cotton Bowl record book with a 50-yard field goal. Scoring first was not a profitable practice. In the last three Classics, the team that scored first, and coincidently by a field goal, went on to lose the game. So, Gantt's record three-pointer couldn't have been more encouraging.

However, when the Crimson Tide moved in front 10-0, things suddenly didn't look so promising. The game was barely 10 minutes old when Wilbur Jackson took a pitchout, turned the corner, and zoomed 31 yards into the end zone. All 10 Alabama points were the result of a pair of Lowry interceptions. Steve Wade snagged both of them, his second return went for 42 yards and set the stage for Jackson's sprint. Billy Schott got Texas on the scoreboard in the opening minutes of the second quarter with a 24-yard field goal, but the Tide's Bill Davis answered right back as the gun sounded to end the first half with a 30-yard effort that just cleared the crossbar. At the half, Alabama was comfortably in front, 13-3.

While everything seemed to go against the Longhorns in the first half, things finally began to click in the second. Running back Roosevelt Leaks, the Longhorns' sophomore sensation, was outstanding. Leaks gained 37 of his 120 total yards in Texas' 59-yard scoring drive early in the third quarter that shot the Horns back into the picture. Lowry got the touchdown to move Texas within three. The score remained 13-10 as the game rolled into the final quarter. Then Lowry began to work his magic. Terry Melancon had just intercepted his second pass of the game, this time in the Texas end zone to kill an Alabama scoring threat. The clock was down to 7:42 when the Horns put the ball in play at the 20. Soon, Texas had crossed midfield to the Alabama 42 on the strength of two long pass completions. Two rushing plays moved the ball to the 34, and Lowry was ready to pull off the day's biggest play.

It was by design all the way. Lowry took the snap on the third and two, hid the ball on his hip and executed the bootleg to perfection. Lowry rolled to his left, then cut sharply to the sideline and outran everyone for the goal line and the game-winning touchdown. It was a gutsy call. Some claimed Lowry had stepped out of bounds at the 10. He said no, his teammates said no, and the officials said no.

Alabama tied to rally, however linebacker Randy Braband would have none of it. On fourth and inches at the Texas 43, Braband roared through to smother the Bama running back for a yard loss. Only 1:52 was left to play when Braband made his stirring defensive play and, in effect, slammed the door on the Crimison Tide's comeback hopes.

Game Summary

ALABAMA	10	3	0	0	**13**
TEXAS	0	3	7	7	**17**

FIRST QUARTER
Alabama: Greg Gantt 50 FG, 10:06, 17 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Steve Wade.
Alabama: Wilbur Jackson 31 run (Bill Davis kick), 4:49, 31 yards in 1 play following pass interception by Wade.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Billy Schott 24 FG, 13:34, 71 yards in 16 plays following kickoff.
Alabama: Davis 30 FG, 0:03, 66 yards in 7 plays following missed field goal.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Alan Lowry 3 run (Schott kick), 4:43, 59 yards in 15 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas: Lowry 34 run (Schott kick), 4:22, 80 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Terry Melancon.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Randy Braband, Texas
Alan Lowry, Texas

COACHES
Paul "Bear" Bryant
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Partly cloudy, cool

Game Statistics

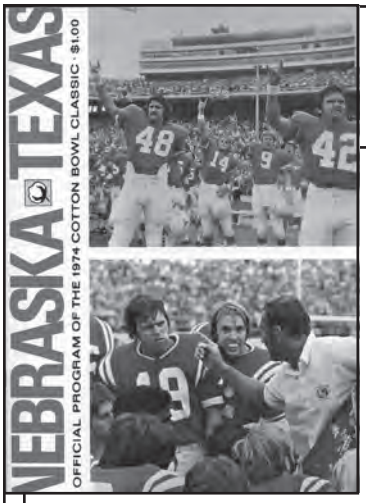
TEAM STATS	UA	TEXAS
First Downs	15	20
Rushing	8	15
Passing	7	4
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	42-138	69-317
Net Yards Passing	186	61
Passes	11-18-2	5-11-2
Total Plays	60	80
Total Net Yards	324	378
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	0-0
Punts-Average	5-29.4	2-44.0

RUSHING
Alabama: Jackson 10-64, Bisceglia 11-30, T. Davis 9-20, LaBue 4-15, Beck 5-6, Billingsley 3-3.
Texas: Leaks 15-120, Lowry 16-117, Landry 11-37, Ealey 11-24, Fleming 5-18, Moore 1-1.

PASSING
Alabama: T. Davis 10-17-2, 174 yards; Sharpless 1-1-0, 12 yards.
Texas: Lowry 5-11-2, 61 yards.

RECEIVING
Alabama: Wood 5-81, Wheeler 2-57, Jackson 1-21, LaBue 2-15, T. Davis 1-12.
Texas: Moore 2-24, Kelly 1-20, Whittier 1-16, Ealey 1-1.

PUNTING
Alabama: Wade 5-29.4.
Texas: Lowry 2-44.0



NEBRASKA 19
TEXAS 03

1974
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **68,500**

This was a game of streaks. Texas was making its sixth consecutive trip to the Cotton Bowl. And, for the fifth straight year, the team that took a 3-0 lead lost the game. The Longhorns were unlucky enough to gain that distinction, too. For Nebraska, the Cornhuskers awarded their coach Tom Osborne with his first bowl victory. It was a convincing one, too. The fact the Huskers beat the eighth-ranked Longhorns wasn't nearly as shocking as the method in which they went about it. With the exception of a brilliant goal line stand in the closing seconds of the first half, Texas had very little to cheer about.


Steve Manstedt, Nebraska

For once, Roosevelt Leaks, Texas' All-America fullback, was not a factor, unless his freakish second quarter fumble could be considered as such. The Longhorns had scored on their first possession when Billy Schott banged through a 22-yard field goal. The score was set up by a Nebraska fumble. The second period began in much the same fashion as the first. The Huskers turned the football over on an interception at their 32. Texas was ready to cash in again. Leaks gained three yards on first down, but on the next play, was hit hard and the ball shot straight up in the air. Defensive end Steve Manstedt couldn't have been in better position. Manstedt saw the ball squirt up, grabbed it and dashed 65 yards to the Texas six before the Longhorns could drag him down. The end result was Rich Sanger's 24-yard field goal that tied the score, at 3-3.

Seconds before the half, Nebraska was denied a golden opportunity. Moving from their own 20, the Huskers used less than four minutes to reach all the way to the Texas one. The clock was down to 1:29, more than enough time to punch the ball across. First and goal turned into second and third down, and the ball hadn't moved. Each time, the Huskers were turned away by a solid Texas wall of defenders, inspired by linebacker Wade Johnston. The final blast came from Maury Damkroger and Johnston was there to stuff him again short of the goal line as time ran out.

The second half turned into a much different game. Nebraska received inspired leadership from backup quarterback Steve Runty who led the Huskers to two third quarter scores. The first came at the 3:05 mark on Ritch Bahe's 12-yard run. A minute and a half later, Tony Davis put the Huskers ahead 16-3 on a three-yard pitchout. Sanger returned early in the fourth quarter to nail the lid shut with his 43-yard field goal that made it 19-3.

Game Summary

NEBRASKA	0	3	13	3	**19**
TEXAS	3	0	0	0	**3**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Billy Schott 22 FG, 9:30, 29 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Wade Johnston.

SECOND QUARTER
Nebraska: Rich Sanger 24 FG, 9:05, 1 yard in 4 plays following mid-air fumble recovery and return of 65 yards by Steve Manstedt.

THIRD QUARTER
Nebraska: Ritch Bahe 12 run (Sanger kick), 3:05, 59 yards in 8 plays following missed field goal.
Nebraska: Tony Davis 3 run (Sanger kick blocked by Jay Arnold), 1:23, 19 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by John Bell.

FOURTH QUARTER
Nebraska: Sanger 43 FG, 8:02, 63 yards in 13 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tony Davis, Nebraska
Wade Johnston, Texas

COACHES
Tom Osborne, Nebraska
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER
Partly cloudy, cool

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	NEB	TEXAS
First Downs	21	11
Rushing	14	6
Passing	5	1
Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Net Yards	58-240	37-106
Net Yards Passing	91	90
Passes	7-17-2	7-17-2
Total Plays	75	54
Total Net Yards	331	196
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	6-3
Penalties-Yards	4-51	2-30
Punts-Average	3-40.0	4-39.8

RUSHING
Nebraska: Davis 28-106, Humm 6-29, Powell 6-27, Bahe 7-26, Damkroger 5-19, Runty 1-16, O'Leary 1-7, Moran 1-2, Everett 2-3, Westbrook 1-5.
Texas: Akins 15-44, Leaks 13-48, Bennett 2-12, Aboussie 3-8, Clayborn 2-5, Presley 2-(-11).

PASSING
Nebraska: Humm 5-13-2, 75 yards; Runty 2-4-0, 16 yards.
Texas: Akins 0-4-1; Presley 7-13-1, 90 yards.

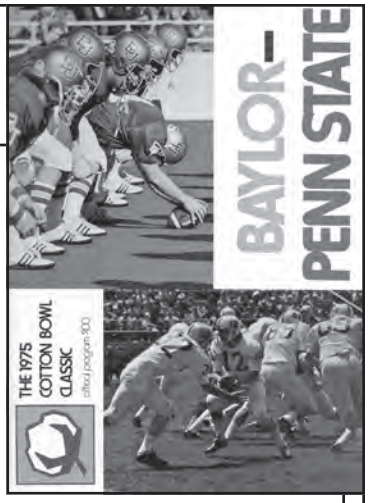
RECEIVING
Nebraska: Bahe 2-35, Anderson 1-20, Damkroger 1-16, Longwell 1-12, Davis 2-8.
Texas: Alford 3-32, Moore 1-20, Clayborn 2-18, Kelly 1-20.

PUNTING
Nebraska: Sanger 3-40.0
Texas: Dean 4-39.8.

1975 JANUARY 1

PENN STATE 41
BAYLOR 20

ATTENDANCE: **68,500**




Steve Beaird, Baylor

The 1974 Southwest Conference campaign was dubbed the "Miracle on the Brazos." Baylor had claimed its first SWC championship in 50 seasons and earned its first ever berth into the Classic. In fact, it was Baylor's first New Year's Day bowl appearance since 1957. The Bears even kept alive the Cotton Bowl streak for teams that score first, lose. While Baylor was new to such New Year's Day activities, Penn State was full of bowl-wise veterans, and it was the school's third trip to Dallas.

Five times in their 10-victory season, the Nittany Lions came from behind to win. Today would become their sixth. For two and a half quarters, Baylor's Bears played like old hands before the Eastern powerhouse. The two teams traded first quarter turnovers before Baylor began its march to a 7-0 lead. Penn State had just picked off a Neal Jeffrey pass at the Baylor 23. But, two plays later, the Nittany Lions coughed up the ball themselves at the Bear 16. That set the stage for the impressive Baylor drive. In four minutes, Jeffrey had his team in scoring position. Steve Beaird went the last four yards and Baylor was on the scoreboard with only 41 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Moving the football really wasn't a problem for the Lions in the first half, but punching it across the goal line was. It wasn't until the clock ticked down to 1:13 in the half that Penn State finally cracked the scoreboard with a 25-yard Matt Bahr field goal. When play resumed in the third quarter, it was quarterback Tom Shuman's turn to shine, engineering an 80-yard Penn State drive that put them in the lead for the first time at 10-7. Shuman threw strikes of 42 and 20 yards to his tight end Dan Natale to fuel the march, while Tom Donchez ended it with a one-yard plunge up the middle for a 10-7 lead. The Bears came roaring back in the waning minutes of the quarter to regain the lead when Jeffrey hit Ricky Thompson for 35 yards, making it a 14-10 ballgame.

The seesaw battle continued. With its next possession, Penn State took the lead for good. Starting from their 48, Donchez gained three on first down, and Shuman decided it was time to go deep. Freshman Jimmy Cefalo worked his way behind Baylor defensive back Scooter Reed and Shuman's pass was on the money. Cafalo made the grab at the nine and then cruised in for the score, 17-14. It was more of the same in the fourth quarter. Penn State turned each possession into points: Cefalo scored from the three; Bahr hit another field goal; Shuman kept at left guard for two and the touchdown which made it 34-14; and linebacker Joe Jackson scooped up Baylor's outside kick on the last play of the game and ran 50 yards for the final score. Penn State's 41 points was a Classic record.

Game Summary

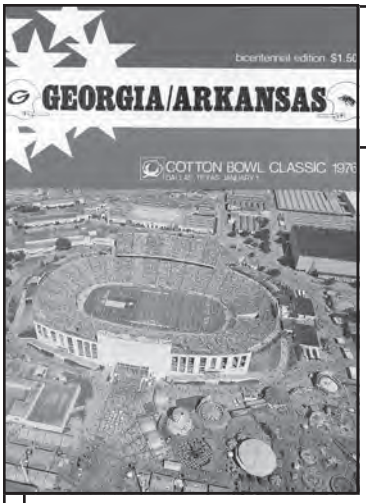
PENN STATE	0	3	14	24	**41**
BAYLOR	7	0	7	6	**20**

FIRST QUARTER
Baylor: Steve Beaird 4 run (Bubba Hicks kick), 0:41, 84 yards in 11 plays following fumble recovery by Tommy Turnipseede.
THIRD QUARTER
Penn State: Tom Donchez 1 run (John Reihner kick), 10:46, 80 yards in 9 plays following second half kickoff.
Baylor: Ricky Thompson 35 pass from Neal Jeffrey (Hicks kick), 4:23, 55 yards in 4 plays following punt.
Penn State: Jimmy Cefalo 49 pass from Tom Shuman (Reihner kick), 3:28, 52 yards in 2 plays following kickoff.
FOURTH QUARTER
Penn State: Jimmy Cefalo 3 run (Reihner kick), 11:47, 68 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Penn State: Bahr 33 FG, 6:17, 54 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Penn State: Shuman 2 run (Reihner kick), 3:27, 18 yards in 5 plays following pass interception by Mike Johnson.
Baylor: Thompson 11 pass from Mark Jackson (Jackson pass fail), 0:14, 70 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
Penn State: Joe Jackson 50 kickoff return (Reihner kick), 0:02.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tom Shuman, Penn State
Ken Quesenberry, Baylor
COACHES
Joe Paterno, Penn State
Grant Teaff, Baylor
WEATHER
Cloudy, 44 degrees, 16 mph winds

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	PENN ST	BU
First Downs	23	20
Rushing	13	6
Passing	9	10
Penalty	1	4
Rushes-Net Yards	56-265	42-138
Net Yards Passing	226	175
Passes	10-20-0	10-32-2
Total Plays	76	65
Total Net Yards	491	313
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	7-45
Punts-Average	2-36.5	6-34.0

RUSHING
Penn State: Donchez 25-116, Hutton 12-79, Cefalo 11-55, Shuman 5-14, Taylor 1-3, Petchel 2-(-2).
Baylor: Beaird 21-84, McNeil 8-36, M. Jackson 3-18, Kent 3-8, Kilgore 1-6, Ebow 1-4, Franklin 1-2, Jeffrey 4-(-20).
PASSING
Penn State: Shuman 10-20-0, 226 yards.
Baylor: Jeffrey 7-19-2, 135 yards; M. Jackson 3-4-0, 40 yards.
RECEIVING
Penn State: Donchez 4-50, Cefalo 3-102, Natale 3-74.
Baylor: Thompson 3-62, Harper 3-45, A. Jackson 2-38, Kent 1-23, Beaird 1-7.
PUNTING
Penn State: Masella 2-36.5.
Baylor: Moore 6-34.0.



ARKANSAS 31
GEORGIA 10

1976
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **77,500**

It's true that football is a sixty minute game. However, Arkansas was living proof after the 40th annual Classic that two minutes time can mean all the difference between winning and losing. But by New Year's Day, the Hogs had become accustomed to pressure situations. To reach the Cotton Bowl, the Razorbacks had to knock off unbeaten and second-ranked Texas A&M in the last game of the season. And they did, ambushing the Aggies 31-6 to create a three-way tie for the Southwest Conference championship with A&M and Texas. Now, riding a five-game winning streak to Dallas, the final obstacle would be No. 12 Georgia.

Very little good happened for the 18th-ranked Porkers in the first 28 minutes of the contest. In fact, Georgia kept the football for all but seven plays of the first period, and when the score reached 10-0, it looked as if the Dawgs might blow the Hogs right out of the stadium. A field goal on the Bulldogs' first possession, followed by a 21-yard touchdown pass midway through the second quarter, had dumped Arkansas into a very deep hole. But, once the clock struck two minutes, things began to change. On first down at the Georgia 15, Bulldog quarterback Matt Robinson unwittingly turned the game around. Clobbered by the Hogs' Mark Lewis and Johnny Meadors, Robinson fumbled, and linebacker Hal McAfee scooped up the loose ball. Three plays went by and the Razorbacks had moved just three yards. Out came placekicker Steve Little to boot a 39-yard field goal, and Arkansas suddenly was back in the game.

When Little's kick sailed through the uprights, halftime was only 50 seconds away. By then, the Junkyard Dawgs were on the verge of self-destruction. Georgia coach Vince Dooley wanted to head-off Arkansas' newfound confidence. So, he reached deep into his bag of tricks and pulled out the "shoe-string play." It was a no huddle, reverse pass to the quarterback. But, it didn't work, Hog safety Tommy Harris broke up the play, deflecting Ray Goff's lateral pass to Gene Washington. The ball spurted free and "Mr. Reliable," Hal McAfee, again was on the spot to make his second fumble recovery of the afternoon. It was a costly mistake. Just 25 seconds were left to play in the first half, yet Arkansas had the ball at the Georgia 13. Depleted of time outs, quarterback Scott Bull quickly flipped a pass to running back Ike Forte, who turned upfield and rambled 12 yards to the Georgia one. Forte scored on the next play. In a matter of seconds, the Hogs had erased Georgia's ten point lead. The score stood 10-10 at the half.

From the time the gimmick play backfired, Georgia was unable to move past its own 30-yard line until Arkansas had put the score completely out of reach. Three missed field goals denied the Hogs the opportunity to break the deadlock in the third quarter. But, in the fourth, Arkansas more than made up for its missed chances. It all started with Bull's 35-yard bomb to Freddie Douglas, setting up Rolland Fuchs' five-yard touchdown run for the tie-breaker, 17-10. Then the dam burst. Another Georgia turnover led to the Hogs' third touchdown, and then late in the game, Forte returned to the end zone to give Arkansas a 31-10 victory.

Game Summary

GEORGIA	3	7	0	0	**10**
ARKANSAS	0	10	0	21	**31**

FIRST QUARTER
Georgia: Allan Leavitt 35 FG, 9:12, 53 yards in 12 plays following opening kickoff.
SECOND QUARTER
Georgia: Gene Washington 21 pass from Matt Robinson (Leavitt kick), 7:21, 58 yards in 10 plays following fumble recovery by Ronnie Swoopes.
Arkansas: Steve Little 39 FG, 0:50, -7 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Hal McAfee.
Arkansas: Ike Forte 1 run (Little kick), 0:14, 13 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by McAfee.
FOURTH QUARTER
Arkansas: Rolland Fuchs 5 run (Little kick), 11:07, 47 yards in 4 plays following punt.
Arkansas: Micheal Forrest 1 run (Little kick), 9:21, 30 yards in 6 plays following pass interception by Howard Sampson.
Arkansas: Forte 6 run (Little kick), 1:16, 68 yards in 12 plays following punt.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Ike Forte, Arkansas
Hal McAfee, Arkansas
COACHES
Vince Dooley, Georgia
Frank Broyles, Arkansas
WEATHER
Partly cloudy, 65 degrees

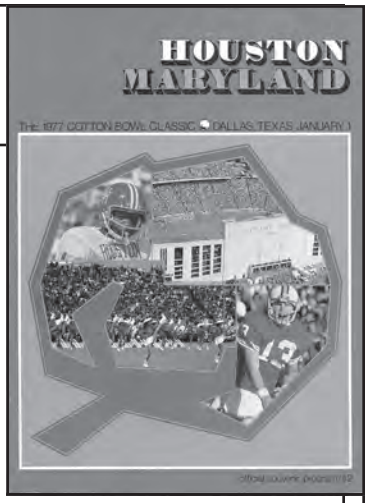
Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UGA	ARK
First Downs	13	20
Rushing	9	16
Passing	3	4
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	47-102	65-235
Net Yards Passing	91	89
Passes	8-18-2	5-14-0
Total Plays	65	79
Total Net Yards	193	324
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	6-1
Penalties-Yards	3-15	5-35
Punts-Average	6-38.7	4-43.0

RUSHING
Georgia: Harrison 14-44, Goff 16-32, Reid 5-15, Washington 1-8, Appleby 1-4, Robinson 8-0, Pollard 2-(-1).
Arkansas: Forte 24-119, Fuchs 16-71, Forrest 5-32, Bull 20-13.
PASSING
Georgia: Robinson 7-15-2, 85 yards; Goff 1-3-0, 6 yards.
Arkansas: Bull 5-13-0, 89 yards; Fuchs 0-1-0.
RECEIVING
Georgia: Davis 3-16, Harrison 2-10, Wilson 1-29, Washington 1-21, Pollard 1-15.
Arkansas: Douglas 2-54, Daily 1-13, Forte 1-12, Fuchs 1-10.
PUNTING
Georgia: Dilts 6-38.7.
Arkansas: Cheyne 4-43.0.

1977 JANUARY 1

HOUSTON 30
MARYLAND 21



ATTENDANCE: **58,500**

With the 1976 season, Houston accomplished what few teams in the nation could ever hope for — join a major conference and in its first season, grab a share of the championship and play in a major bowl game. The 1977 Classic was the Cougars' first New Year's Day bowl game since 1952, and they made the most of it. Houston attacked the undefeated Terrapins relentlessly. By the time the first quarter had come to an end, the Cougars held a commanding 21-0 lead. No other team in Cotton Bowl history had rung up as many points in the opening period as had Houston. Yet, here were the Cougars, relative newcomers to all the festivities that go along with a major bowl appearance, and enjoying every minute of it, or at least the first 48.

Maryland was the 10th team in the Classic's 41-year existence to appear in Dallas undefeated. The Terps were 11-0-0, and naturally, were eyeing a possible national championship as well as boosting the football image of the Atlantic Coast Conference. All the ingredients were there for a classic battle. With the exception of the first three quarters, that's exactly what it turned out to be.

The Cougars had trouble hanging onto the football all season long, and on their first possession, added yet another turnover to its list, as quarterback Danny Davis fumbled at his 36-yard line. This was the break the Terps had been hoping for, but things didn't go as expected for them either. Moving to the UH 10, the Terps could go no further, called on Ed Loncar for the field goal, but the kick was wide. Breathing a sigh of relief, the Cougars quickly went to work, putting together drives of 80, 38, and 24 yards en route to their 21 first quarter points. Dyral Thomas got the first touchdown, rushing for 11 yards. Alois Blackwell then blazed 33 yards for the second score, set up by a blocked punt, and then came back two minutes later with a one-yard run to all but douse Maryland's national championship plans.

By the time the contest had reached the start of the fourth quarter, the Cougars were in front, 27-14. Suddenly, momentum swung to the Terps, adding a bit of drama to what once looked like a Houston runaway. Aided by another UH fumble and quarterback Mark Manges' pin-point passing, Maryland soon was back on the scoreboard, cutting the deficit to a mere six points, 27-21. It wasn't a promising position for the Cougars, and two possessions later, things looked even worse. Houston was backed up deep at its own 11, faced with a must first down situation. Davis dropped back to pass and quickly was surrounded by a fierce Terp pass rush.

But, he got the pass off and flanker Robert Lavergne made the most important catch of the season for the Cougars at the 24. It was a miracle pass and bailed Houston out of a very deep hole. From that point, the Coogs drove to their final score, a 28-yard Lennard Coplin field goal with only 18 seconds left to play.

Game Summary

MARYLAND	0	7	7	7	**21**
HOUSTON	21	6	0	3	**30**

FIRST QUARTER
Houston: Dyral Thomas 11 run (Lennard Coplin kick), 6:27, 80 yards in 11 plays following missed field goal
Houston: Alois Blackwell 33 run (Coplin kick), 3:13, 38 yards in 3 plays following blocked punt by Mark Mohr
Houston: Blackwell 1 run (Coplin kick), 0:51, 24 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Mohr

SECOND QUARTER
Maryland: Mark Manges 6 run (Ed Loncar kick), 9:36, 49 yards in 8 plays following punt.
Houston: Don Bass 33 pass from Danny Davis (Coplin kick fail), 0:55, 97 yards in 7 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Maryland: Eric Sievers 11 pass from Manges (Mike Sochko kick), 1:41, 35 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Larry Seder.

FOURTH QUARTER
Maryland: Tim Wilson 1 run (Sochko kick), 8:46, 30 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Chip Garber.
Houston: Coplin 28 FG, 0:18, 81 yards in 14 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Alois Blackwell, Houston
Mark Mohr, Houston

COACHES
Jerry Claiborne, Maryland
Bill Yeoman, Houston

WEATHER
Cold, cloudy

Game Statistics

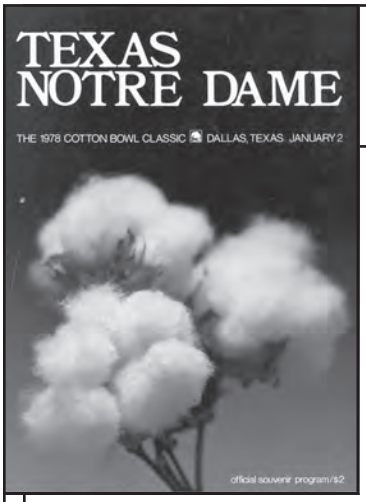
TEAM STATS	UM	UH
First Downs	17	20
Rushing	7	14
Passing	10	4
Penalty	0	2
Rushes-Net Yards	40-120	64-320
Net Yards Passing	179	108
Passes	17-32-0	5-8-0
Total Plays	72	72
Total Net Yards	299	428
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	8-80	5-22
Punts-Average	6-43.7	4-35.8

RUSHING
Maryland: Scott 11-47, Manges 14-32, Wilson 9-28, Maddox 5-13, Richards 1-0.
Houston: Blackwell 22-149, Thomas 14-104, Davis 21-51, Love 2-8, Housman 5-8.

PASSING
Maryland: Manges 17-32-0, 179 yards.
Houston: Davis 5-8-0, 108 yards.

RECEIVING
Maryland: Kinney 5-72, Wilson 5-26, Richards 3-39, Seivers 2-28, Scott 1-11, White 1-3.
Houston: Foster 3-62, Bass 1-33, Lavergne 1-13.

PUNTING
Maryland: Sochko 5-52.4; Team 1-0.0.
Houston: Wyatt 4-35.8.



NOTRE DAME 38
TEXAS 10

1978
JANUARY 2

ATTENDANCE: **76,701**

For the fourth time in history, Texas came to the Cotton Bowl equipped with the nation's No. 1 ranking and a spotless season record. The Longhorns rolled through the SWC race with ease to win their first championship in four seasons. When it came time to tender bowl invitations, fifth-ranked Notre Dame, without hesitation, turned down all others to come to Dallas with the avowed intention of beating the Longhorns and propelling themselves to yet another national championship.

This classic was a headline attraction. It featured college football's Heisman Trophy winner — Earl Campbell, the Outland Trophy winner — Brad Shearer, both of Texas; the Lombardi and Maxwell Award winner — Ross Browner, and the Walter Camp Award winner — Ken MacAfee, both of Notre Dame. As a junior, Browner was awarded the Outland as the season's outstanding interior lineman. Six major individual awards, along with the country's top ranked team and No. 5 Notre Dame, all rolled into one New Year's Day Classic. On paper, Texas had the edge in every department, a team with more ways than one to deliver a knockout punch. Campbell was a franchise running back. Of his 1,744 yards gained that season, more than a thousand of them came after he had been hit at least once. Durable and hard to bring down was his trademark.

But, the game was barely two minutes old when a fumble by Texas quarterback Randy McEachern gave the ball to the Irish at the Longhorn 32, setting up a 47-yard field goal by Dave Reeve. The Longhorns answered right back with Russell Erxleben's 42-yard boot. So, at the end of the first quarter, the teams had battled to a 3-3 tie. But, by then, Notre Dame was well on its way to cashing in on its second fumble recovery. On the first play of the second period, Terry Eurick stepped over left tackle for six yards and the Irish had their first touchdown of the game and led, 10-3. In less than two minutes, quarterback Joe Montana had his team ready to score again. This drive also began with a Texas fumble deep in its own end of the field. Eurick rambled 10 yards to the goal line and Notre Dame was off and running, 17-3.

Before the game was 23 minutes old, the Irish had moved in front 24-3 and there was no catching them.

Although the Irish were aided by six uncharacteristic turnovers, they were in no way mere benefactors of Texas mistakes. Notre Dame controlled the line of scrimmage, offensively and defensively. Texas' only touchdown was set up on a pass interference call on the final play of the first half. For the day, two Notre Dame backs rushed for a hundred yards or more, Jerome Heavens gained 101 yards and Vagas Ferguson an even 100. When the game was over, the two teams had virtually traded places in the national rankings. The Fighting Irish vaulted to the No. 1 spot, while the Longhorns fell to fourth, marking the seventh time the national championship had been won or lost at the Cotton Bowl.

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	3	21	7	7	**38**
TEXAS	3	7	0	0	**10**

FIRST QUARTER
Notre Dame: Dave Reeve 47 FG, 11:35, 2 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Ross Browner.
Texas: Russell Erxleben 42 FG, 6:07, 55 yards in 11 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Notre Dame: Terry Eurick 6 run (Reeve kick), 14:56, 27 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Jim Browner.
Notre Dame: Eurick 10 run (Reeve kick), 11:37, 35 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Willie Fry.
Notre Dame: Vagas Ferguson 17 pass from Joe Montana (Reeve kick), 7:28, 20 yards in 3 plays following pass interception by Doug Becker.
Texas: Mike Lockett 13 pass from Randy McEachern (Erxleben kick), 0:01, 68 yards in 5 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Notre Dame: Ferguson 3 run (Reeve kick), 6:49, 29 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Steve Heimkreiter.

FOURTH QUARTER
Notre Dame: Ferguson 26 run (Reeve kick), 9:41, 50 yards in 5 plays following fake punt attempt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame
Bob Golic, Notre Dame

COACHES
Dan Devine, Notre Dame
Fred Akers, Texas

WEATHER
Cold, sunshine

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	ND	TEXAS
First Downs	26	16
Rushing	15	6
Passing	11	9
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	53-243	50-131
Net Yards Passing	156	160
Passes	14-32-1	11-24-3
Total Plays	85	74
Total Net Yards	399	291
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	4-37	1-5
Punts-Average	5-30.4	3-40.0

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Heavens 22-101, Ferguson 21-100, Eurick 4-16, Lisch 2-16, Stone 2-4, Mitchell 1-3, Montana 1-3.
Texas: Campbell 29-116, Ham Jones 11-63, Thompson 1-2, Johnnie Johnson 1-2, McEachern 8-(-52).

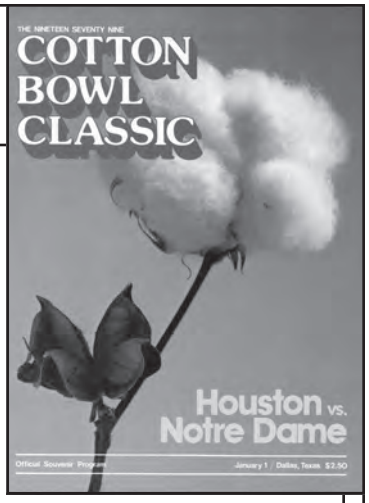
PASSING
Notre Dame: Montana 10-25-1, 111 yards; Lisch 4-7-0, 45 yards.
Texas: McEachern 11-24-3, 160 yards.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame: MacAfee 4-45, Waymer 3-38, Haines 2-29, Ferguson 3-23, Eurick 1-12, Pallas 1-9.
Texas: Harris 4-57, Lam Jones 1-34, Jackson 3-33, Miksch 1-18, Lockett 1-13, Ham Jones 1-5.

PUNTING
Notre Dame: Muno 4-29.8, Restic 1-33.0.
Texas: Erxleben 3-40.0

1979 JANUARY 1

NOTRE DAME 35
HOUSTON 34



ATTENDANCE: **72,000**

Knute Rockne must have been looking down upon the Cotton Bowl festivities on this cold and windy day as the Fighting Irish staged one of the greatest comebacks in bowl history. Weather conditions were less than ideal, but even the elements couldn't offset the classic matchup between Notre Dame's Power-I and the Houston Veer, and the man who invented it, Bill Yeoman. The Cougars boasted of two backs who rushed for more than a thousand yards each, Emmett King and Randy Love, along with a quarterback named Danny Davis, a born leader with a knack of making something out of nothing. Of course, Notre Dame returned to Dallas with its unflappable miracle man, quarterback Joe Montana.

The stage was set for a great show and the teams promptly delivered. The temperature at kickoff was 20 degrees with a wind chill factor of minus-six. The winds were whipping in at 15 to 20 mph, and it got worse after that, especially for Houston. The Fighting Irish jumped to a 12-0 first quarter lead, taking advantage of a pair of Cougar fumbles. Then the momentum shifted, Davis threw to his flanker Willis Adams for the first score, and minutes later, Love carried over from the one to push Houston ahead 14-12 with 6:27 left in the first half. After gaining the lead, the Cougars scored on its next two possessions, both off the toe of Ken Hatfield on 21-yard and 34-yard field goals. By the end of the first half, the two teams had traded positions, the Cougars were up by eight, 20-12. When the two teams changed ends of the field to begin the final period, Houston had increased its lead to 34-12.

That's the way the score stood until the 7:37 mark when the Irish began their comeback. Notre Dame's Tony Belden roared in to block a Houston punt. The ball shot up in the air and came back down into the arms of Steve Cichy who burst out of a crowd and raced 33 yards for the Irish touchdown. Montana, who missed most of the third quarter because of below-normal body temperature, threw for the two-point conversion and it was a 34-20 ballgame. Momentarily, however. Following a Houston punt, Montana took his team 61 yards to the end zone again. What once appeared to be an almost insurmountable 22-point Cougar advantage had quickly evaporated to six. But time was becoming a factor, 4:15 was left to play and the Irish had to hurry.

In two minutes, Notre Dame was threatening again. Montana had just ripped 16 yards for an apparent first down to the UH 20, but was stripped of the ball by linebacker David Hodge and Houston took over. The clock was down to 1:50 and all UH needed was one first down. They never got it. Gambling on fourth and one at its 29, Houston called the dive, but Notre Dame's Joe Gramke and Mike Calhoun stopped King in his tracks. The Fighting Irish had the ball, just 29 yards away from paydirt and 28 seconds to get it there. In succession, Montana scrambled for 11, then hit Kris Haines for a gain of 10 to the eight. The clock stopped as Haines stepped out of bounds. Six seconds were left, and Montana again went for Haines in the corner of the end zone. The pass fell incomplete. Two seconds left, Montana called the same play to Haines, and this time the two connected. With no time left, the score was tied, and Dallas native Joe Unis came on to add the extra point. Illegal procedure was called on the first kick, forcing Unis to try again. It was a pressurized kick, but Unis came through. What a finish — 35-34, Notre Dame!

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	12	0	0	23	**35**
HOUSTON	7	13	14	0	**34**

FIRST QUARTER
Notre Dame: Joe Montana 3 run (Joe Unis kick fail), 6:55, 66 yards in 9 plays following fumble recovery by Jay Case.
Notre Dame: Buchanan 1 run (Montana pass fail), 4:40, 25 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Bob Crable.
Houston: Willis Adams 15 pass form Danny Davis (Kenny Hatfield kick), 0:17, 12 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by Chuck Brown.

SECOND QUARTER
Houston: Randy Love 1 run (Hatfield kick), 6:27, 21 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by David Hodge.
Houston: Hatfield 21 FG, 3:00, 21 yards in 6 plays following pass interception by Hatfield.
Houston: Hatfield 34 FG, 0:03, 39 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Steve Bradham.

THIRD QUARTER
Houston: Davis 2 run (Hatfield kick), 6:29, 38 yards in 8 plays following punt.
Houston: Davis 5 run (Hatfield kick), 4:40, 19 yards in 3 plays following blocked punt by Bobby Harrison.

FOURTH QUARTER
Notre Dame: Steve Cichy 33 return of blocked punt (Vagas Ferguson pass from Montana), 7:25, following punt blocked by Tony Belden.
Notre Dame: Montana 2 run (Kris Haines pass from Montana), 4:15, 61 yards in 5 plays following punt.
Notre Dame: Haines 8 pass from Montana (Unis kick), 0:00, 29 yards in 4 plays after taking over on downs with 28 seconds left.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Joe Montana, Notre Dame
David Hodge, Houston

COACHES
Dan Devine, Notre Dame
Bill Yeoman, Houston

WEATHER
Extremely cold and windy (wind chill -6)

Game Statistics

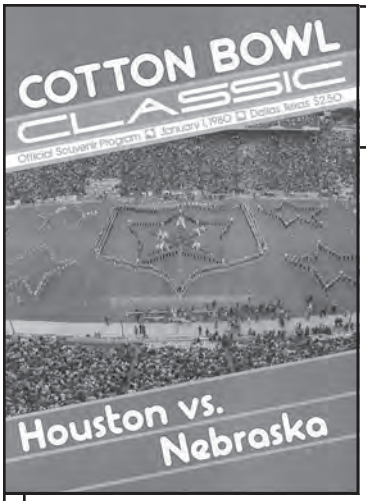
TEAM STATS	ND	UH
First Downs	13	16
Rushing	4	12
Passing	7	3
Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Net Yards	40-131	63-229
Net Yards Passing	163	60
Passes	13-37-4	4-13-0
Total Plays	77	76
Total Net Yards	294	289
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	6-3
Penalties-Yards	8-74	6-39
Punts-Average	7-26.3	10-25.5

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Heavens 16-71, Montana 7-26, Ferguson 10-19, Pallas 4-11, Mitchell 1-3, Buchanan 2-1.
Houston: Davis 19-76, King 21-74, Love 22-73, Brown 1-6.

PASSING
Notre Dame: Montana 13-34-4, 163 yards; Koegel 0-3-0.
Houston: Davis 4-12-0, 60 yards; Brown 0-1-0.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame: Heavens 4-60, Haines 4-31, Masztak 3-49, Holohan 1-14, Ferguson 1-9.
Houston: Adams 2-35, Herring 2-25.

PUNTING
Notre Dame: Boushka 4-33.5, Restic 2-25.0, Team 1-0.0.
Houston: Wyatt 8-31.9, Team 2-0.0.



HOUSTON 17
NEBRASKA 14

1980
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **72,000**

Houston stamped itself in 1979 as a Cotton Bowl team, having earned its third appearance in the Classic in just four seasons as a competing member of the Southwest Conference. The Cougars' opponent was tradition-rich Nebraska, an established bowl veteran, making its 18th post-season visit and third trip to the Cotton Bowl. Both teams were ranked among the nation's top ten teams, the Huskers were seventh and the Cougars were eighth, and each had logged identical 10-1-0 records. Houston was the SWC co-champion, while Nebraska suffered its only loss at the hands of Oklahoma, 17-14, to end the season as the Big Eight runner-up.

The two teams mirrored one another in almost every way. No wonder the game went down to the final 12 seconds before declaring a winner. At the end of the first quarter, Nebraska had taken a 7-0 lead. The Huskers put together one of its patented 14-play, 85-yard drives to take the lead with 5:13 remaining in the opening period. Jarvis Redwine, the Cornhuskers great junior "I" back, skirted the left side for nine yards and the score. Meanwhile, Houston was floundering offensively, and at the end of the first quarter had just 28 total yards, all on the ground. Something had to change and Houston coach Bill Yeoman decided it had to be at quarterback. So, in came Terry Elston and the Cougars gained the spark they desperately needed.

Elston got the drive off and rolling with a nine-yard keeper to the Cougar 38. As Elston went down, so did a penalty flag, and the Huskers were penalized 15 yards for grabbing the Houston quarterback's face mask. The ball now was on the Nebraska 47, and two running plays gained four yards to the 42. Then Elston dropped back to pass for the first time and the target would be Lonell Phea. The play covered 27 yards to the Husker 15. Elston then rolled seven yards around the right side, and finished off the 71-yard march with an eight-yard sprint around left end. The game was tied at 7-7, and 12 minutes were left to play in the first half. Yeoman's decision to replace his starting quarterback, Delrick Brown, with Elston more than paid off.

The third quarter turned into a punting exhibition as seven of the two teams' eight total possessions failed to produce a first down. However, the fourth quarter saw plenty of offense as both teams surged to the lead. Houston jumped to a 10-7 advantage on a 41-yard Ken Hatfield field goal, and Nebraska moved in front on Jeff Quinn's six-yard scoring toss to his tight end Jeff Finn. The Huskers' score looked to be the game-clincher, coming with just 3:56 remaining. Trailing 14-10, the Cougars needed a touchdown, a field goal would do them no good. Elston went back to work with Houston 66 yards away. He used his time wisely, moving the Cougars steadily up the field. By the time they reached inside the Cornhusker 10, only 40 seconds were left to play. Elston gained four to the five, then lost one back to the six. The Cougars regrouped quickly and Elston stopped the clock with an incompletion. The clock now was down to 19 seconds and Houston was out of time outs. It was fourth and one, and Elston retreated one last time, looked and fired five yards deep into the end zone to Eric Herring. It was a pin-point pass and it had to go through two defenders to reach its target. But, it got there. Houston inflicted upon the Huskers exactly what Notre Dame had done to them one year earlier, scoring on a last second play to win for another great Cotton Bowl finish.

Game Summary

NEBRASKA	7	0	0	7	**14**
HOUSTON	0	7	0	10	**17**

FIRST QUARTER
Nebraska: Jarvis Redwine 9 run (Dean Sukup kick), 5:13, 85 yards in 14 plays following punt.
SECOND QUARTER
Houston: Terry Elston 8 run (Kenny Hatfield kick), 12:17, 71 yards in 6 plays following punt.
FOURTH QUARTER
Houston: Hatfield 41 FG, 8:25, 59 yards in 13 plays following punt.
Nebraska: Jeff Finn 6 pass from Jeff Quinn (Sukup kick), 3:56, 31 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Bill Barnett.
Houston: Eric Herring 6 pass from Elston (Hatfield kick), 0:12, 66 yards in 13 plays following kickoff.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Terry Elston, Houston
David Hodge, Houston
COACHES
Tom Osborne, Nebraska
Bill Yeoman, Houston
WEATHER
Good, sunshine

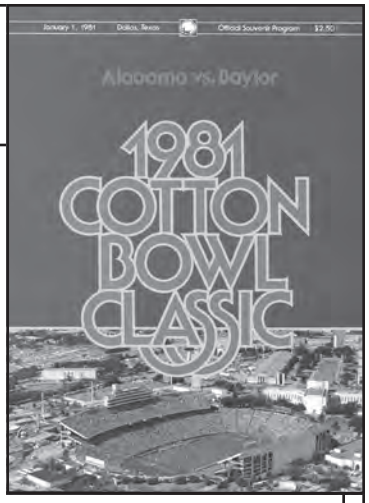
Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	**NEB.**	**UH**
First Downs	13	18
Rushing	7	11
Passing	6	6
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	41-136	61-206
Net Yards Passing	91	119
Passes	11-22-1	9-19-0
Total Plays	63	80
Total Net Yards	227	325
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	7-3
Penalties-Yards	7-90	2-22
Punts-Average	10-40.6	7-42.0

RUSHING
Nebraska - Redwine 17-58, Franklin 12-40, Hipp 3-8, Quinn 3-7, Brown 1-3, Miller 1-1, Steels 1-0, Hager 1-5, Johnson 2-14.
Houston - Clark 19-44, Newhouse 14-61, Brown 6-14, Elston 22-87.
PASSING
Nebraska - Quinn 10-19-1, 78 yards; Redwine 1-1-0, 13 yards; Miller 0-1-0; Hager 0-1-0.
Houston - Elston 9-16-0, 119 yards; Brown 0-3-0.
RECEIVING
Nebraska - K. Brown 5-30, Miller 2-26, Quinn 1-13, T. Smith 1-10, Finn 1-6, Redwine 1-6.
Houston - Herring 5-51, Phea 2-47, Miller 1-18, Clark 1-3.
PUNTING
Nebraska - T. Smith 10-40.6.
Houston - Ford 7-42.0.

1981 JANUARY 1

ALABAMA 30
BAYLOR 02



ATTENDANCE: **74,281**

The legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant rolled his Alabama Crimson Tide into the Cotton Bowl, and then rolled right back to Tuscaloosa with what was then the third most decisive victory in Classic history. Baylor was ranked sixth by the Associated Press after completing the year at 10-1-0, its best record in 79 seasons of football.

Only twice before had the Bears claimed a higher national ranking: third in 1953 and fourth in 1937, both times in early November. But, this was their best ever regular-season finish, and the Bears were anxious to line up against the team that handed them a 45-0 spanking the year before.

However, when the game was over, it was apparent Alabama had failed to read the Bears' impressive newsclips. Instead, the Tide seemed more interested in capitalizing on seven Baylor turnovers. Offensively, Alabama brought its own football to Dallas, keeping it away from the Bears all afternoon. Defensively, the Tide left the best offense in the Southwest Conference in shambles, limiting Baylor to just 158 total yards and only 54 on the ground, while piling up 339 yards of its own on 79 offensive plays.

Four of Alabama's six scores came on the heels of Baylor turnovers. The Tide took an early 6-0 lead on two Peter Kim field goals, and Baylor gained its only points for the day when tackle Tommy Tabor nailed Alabama's freshman quarterback Walter Lewis in the end zone for a safety. At the end of the first quarter, the Tide held a slim 6-2 advantage. Soon the lead was expanded to 13-2 as Major Ogilvie leaped over from the one for the touchdown. In the process, Ogilvie became the first player in NCAA history to post rushing touchdowns in four consecutive bowl games.

The lead grew to 16-2 late in the third quarter when Kim tied a Cotton Bowl record with his third field goal of the game, this one from 42 yards out. Alabama then blew the game wide open in the fourth period with touchdown drives of 57 and 66 yards. The final tally was set up on Joe Carter's 56-yard romp to the Baylor five with just over 3:35 to play. Mark Nix got the score as Alabama attacked the Bears' right side for the final three yards on fourth down. In total, the Crimson Tide utilized 13 ball carriers to keep Baylor guessing the entire afternoon. Defensively, Bama all but shut down the SWC's leading rusher, Walter Abercrombie, limiting him to nine yards in eight attempts. It was a thorough whipping as Alabama chalked up its sixth consecutive bowl victory.

Game Summary

ALABAMA	6	7	3	14	**30**
BAYLOR	2	0	0	0	**2**

FIRST QUARTER
Alabama: Peter Kim 29 FG, 8:56, 49 yards in 11 plays following punt.
Alabama: Kim 28 FG, 3:51, 2 yards in 4 plays following punt.
Baylor: Walter Lewis tackled in end zone for safety by Tommy Tabor, 1:40.

SECOND QUARTER
Alabama: Major Ogilvie 1 run (Kim kick), 13:26, 76 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Jeremiah Castille.

THIRD QUARTER
Alabama: Kim 42 FG, 4:57, 0 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Danny Holcombe.

FOURTH QUARTER
Alabama: Don Jacobs 1 run (Kim kick), 6:54, 57 yards in 9 plays following pass interception by Jim Bob Harris.
Alabama: Mark Nix 3 run (Georges Mardini kick), 1:16, 66 yards in 7 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Warren Lyles, Alabama
Major Ogilvie, Alabama

COACHES
Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama
Grant Teaff, Baylor

WEATHER
Good, sunshine

Game Statistics

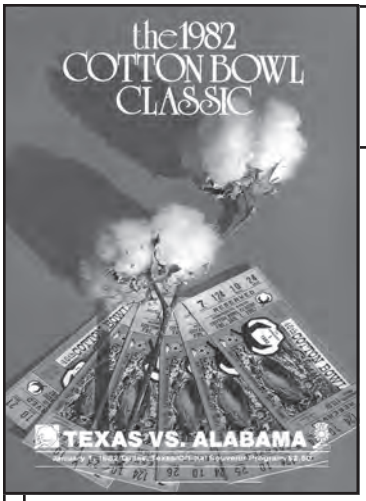
TEAM STATS	UA	BAYLOR
First Downs	17	13
Rushing	12	5
Passing	4	6
Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Net Yards	67-241	35-54
Net Yards Passing	98	104
Passes	5-12-0	12-27-3
Total Plays	79	62
Total Net Yards	339	158
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	5-4
Penalties-Yards	5-89	6-59
Punts-Average	6-37.2	7-35.9

RUSHING
Alabama: Ogilvie 15-74, Carter 4-71, Patrick 12-45, J. Jones 5-28, Jackson 7-13, Lewis 5-9, Nix 3-7, Orcutt 3-7, Collins 2-6, Ferguson 1-1, Gray 3-(-2), Fagan 1-(-4), Jacobs 6-(-14).
Baylor: Jeffrey 8-18, Gentry 11-17, Hall 1-10, Abercrombie 8-9, Anderson 1-3, Mangrum 6-(-3).

PASSING
Alabama: Jacobs 5-12-0, 98 yards.
Baylor: Jeffrey 8-19-2, 55 yards, Mangrum 4-8-1, 49 yards.

RECEIVING
Alabama: Bendross 1-49, Jackson 1-20, Brown 1-20, Clark 1-7, Jones 1-2.
Baylor: Gentry 5-26, Hold 3-41, Abercrombie 2-4, Lively 1-17, Ward 1-16.

PUNTING
Alabama: Umphrey 6-37.2.
Baylor: Stowe 7-35.9.



TEXAS 14
ALABAMA 12

1982
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **73,243**

Paul "Bear" Bryant had been to the Cotton Bowl before, four times in fact, but he never came to Dallas as collegiate football's all-time winningest coach. A 28-17 defeat of Auburn in the Crimson Tide's season finale pushed Bryant one victory ahead of the legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg with 315 career wins.

On top of Bryant's record setting string of victories, Alabama also was looking to collect its seventh consecutive post-season triumph. But to do it, the Tide had to defeat Texas... no easy task. Alabama had never beaten the Longhorns in seven games. Bryant had accomplished the feat just once in nine tries, a 34-21 triumph in 1956 when he was the coach of Texas A&M. His career mark against the Horns was 1-7-1, the tie coming in the 1960 Bluebonnet Bowl when the two teams battled to a 3-3 stalemate.

The Tide was ranked third nationally, while the Longhorns entered the 46th annual Classic at No. 6. It was bound to be a battle. But, Texas was ready for them, although it took the Horns three full quarters and almost five minutes into the fourth before they finally found their way into the Alabama end zone. Bama had just scored its tenth point off the toe of Peter Kim, and the Longhorns had only 10:28 left to rally. Jitter Fields returned the ensuing kickoff 22 yards to give Texas excellent field position at the 40. Quarterback Robert Brewer came back onto the field for the eighth time which turned out to be the charm the Longhorns had been looking for all afternoon.

In five plays, he had the Horns at the Alabama 30, their deepest penetration of the game. But, two incomplete passes left them staring at third and 10. Brewer was faced with a key play. A sprint out pass was the call, but once at the line of scrimmage, he took one look at the Alabama defensive alignment and called time out. Brief consultation along the sideline produced the perfect play, a quarterback draw. Sure enough, Bama was caught totally by surprise. The Tide came with a full-scale blitz, and then parted wide enough for Brewer to scamper untouched all the way to the end zone.

That was the play that broke the Crimson Tide's back. Alabama could manage only two first downs after Brewer's run. Down by three, Texas came alive. Within five minutes, the Longhorns were driving again, and with 2:05 left, sophomore fullback Terry Orr scored his first touchdown of the year. The Horns were in front for the first time, 14-10. But, plenty of time remained for an Alabama reprisal. Joey Jones returned the kickoff 61 yards to the Texas 38. On the first play, quarterback Walter Lewis went to the well, only to come up dry. Texas free safety William Graham picked off the pass and was immediately tackled at the one. Three Brewer sneaks moved the ball to the four, and a two-yard delay of game penalty moved it back to the two with 56 seconds left.

Then came a bit of Texas strategy, punter John Goodson, standing near the back line of the end zone, took the snap, and did an eight second dance before stepping out of bounds for a safety. Now, Texas had the room it needed to get off a punt. Alabama was out of time outs, and by the time they got the ball, only 43 seconds were left to play and victory was nowhere in sight.

Game Summary

ALABAMA	0	7	0	5	**12**
TEXAS	0	0	0	14	**14**

SECOND QUARTER
Alabama: Jesse Bendross 6 pass from Walter Lewis (Peter Kim kick), 8:49, 82 yards in 7 plays following punt.
FOURTH QUARTER
Alabama: Kim 24 FG, 12:27, 45 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Texas: Robert Brewer 30 run (Raul Allegre kick), 10:22, 60 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.
Texas: Terry Orr 8 run (Allegre kick), 2:05, 80 yards in 11 plays following punt
Alabama: Texas punter John Goodson steps out of end zone for safety, 0:48.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Robbie Jones, Alabama
Robert Brewer, Texas
COACHES
Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama
Fred Akers, Texas
WEATHER
Partly cloudy, 42 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UA	TEXAS
First Downs	15	21
Rushing	10	11
Passing	5	10
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	44-163	52-158
Net Yards Passing	144	201
Passes	8-13-1	12-22-0
Total Plays	57	74
Total Net Yards	307	359
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-17
Punts-Average	5-45.2	6-36.8

RUSHING
Alabama: Lewis 24-79, Carter 6-44, Fagan 5-15, Simmon 2-8, Moore 4-5, Carruth 1-4, Guinyard 1-2, Gray 1-6.
Texas: Clark 7-58, Jones 16-57, Walker 8-25, Little 1-13, Orr 3-10, Tate 1-0, Goodson 1-(-2), Brewer 15-(-3).
PASSING
Alabama: Lewis 7-12-1, 122 yards; Gray 1-1-0, 22 yards.
Texas: Brewer 12-21-0, 201 yards; Clark 0-1-0.
RECEIVING
Alabama: Bendross 5-78, Krout 3-66.
Texas: Little 7-92, Sampleton 2-56, Walls 2-43, Tate 1-10.
PUNTING
Alabama: Bendross 5-78, Krout 3-66.
Texas: Little 7-92, Sampleton 2-56, Walls 2-43, Tate 1-10.

1983 JANUARY 1

SMU 07
PITTSBURGH 03



ATTENDANCE: **72,000**

Game Summary

PITTSBURGH	0	0	3	0	**3**
SMU	0	0	0	7	**7**

THIRD QUARTER
Pittsburgh: Eric Schubert 43 FG, 4:34, 36 yards in 13 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
SMU: Lance McIlhenny 9 run (Jeff Harrell kick), 13:43, 80 yards in 11 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Wes Hopkins, SMU
Lance McIlhenny, SMU

COACHES
Foge Fazio, Pittsburgh
Bobby Collins, SMU

WEATHER
Cloudy, light rain, sleet, 38 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	PITT.	SMU
First Downs	17	22
Rushing	5	16
Passing	10	3
Penalty	2	3
Rushes-Net Yards	29-104	60-153
Net Yards Passing	181	101
Passes	19-37-1	5-9-0
Total Plays	66	69
Total Net Yards	285	254
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	8-74	2-30
Punts-Average	3-44.7	4-38.0

RUSHING
Pittsburgh: Thomas 13-69, McCall 9-16, Dukovich 1-12, McIntyre 3-4, Marino 3-3.
SMU: Dickerson 27-124, James 14-54, Crites 4-3, Leach 1-(-11), McIlhenny 14-(-17).

PASSING
Pittsburgh: Marino 19-37-1, 181 yards.
SMU: McIlhenny 5-8-0, 101 yards; James 0-1-0.

RECEIVING
Pittsburgh: McCall 5-58, Thomas 5-38, Compton 4-42, Williams 2-24, Collins 2-14, Wilson 1-5.
SMU: James 3-39, Leach 2-62.

PUNTING
Pittsburgh: Recchia 3-44.7.
SMU: James 4-38.0.

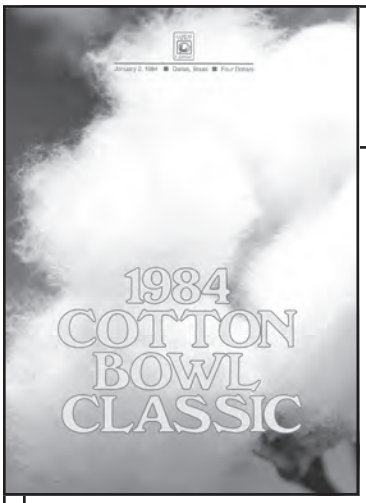
This Classic offered a little bit of everything: a tremendous SMU running game, commonly known as the Pony Express, and headlined by Eric Dickerson, the SWC's all-time career rusher, and stablemate Craig James. On the other side of the field, first-year coach Foge Fazio was ready to unleash heralded quarterback Dan Marino and a potent pro-style passing attack. These two teams had very little in common, except for the fact both were accustomed to winning. The Mustangs had put together their first undefeated season since 1947, when the great Doak Walker led SMU to a 9-0-2 record. Over the last two seasons, SMU had compiled a 20-1-1 record. Pittsburgh also owned one of the collegiate game's best records. In four seasons, the Panthers had rolled up 42 victories and just five losses. Together, these two teams combined for a .906 winning percentage.

But, this year, only SMU was playing for a national championship. The Ponies were the nation's only unbeaten team at 10-0-1, yet were ranked at No. 4. Pitt was 9-2-0 and ranked sixth. But, the odds were not in the Panthers' favor. During the whole season, Pitt had faced the option play only 12 times, and in their pre-bowl preparation, the Panthers spent 90 percent of their practice time focusing in on the option attack.

The first quarter turned into a free-for-all. Pitt opened the contest driving 71 yards to the SMU one, only to be turned away when Joe McCall dropped the ball at the goal line and SMU safety Wes Hopkins made the recovery at the two. From there, the Mustangs went on a tear, marching all the way to the Panther seven on a drive that consumed nearly nine and a half minutes, 91 yards and 20 plays. Yet, SMU also came up empty when quarterback Lance McIlhenny fumbled on a second down at the Pitt seven.

The Cotton Bowl then witnessed its first scoreless first half since the 1961 Classic, but in the third quarter, Pitt finally cracked the scoreboard on Eric Schubert's 43-yard field goal. Heading into the final period, SMU trailed 3-0, but was well on its way to victory. McIlhenny took over 80 yards away with 4:34 left in the third. Within three minutes, he would produce the biggest play of the afternoon. Needing 21 yards on second down, McIlhenny retreated to throw, looked downfield and hit Bobby Leach with a 42-yard strike to the Pitt 20. Three plays later, SMU had a first down at the Panther nine. McIlhenny then performed his slight of hand magic, faking up the middle to Dickerson, then faked the pitch to James, and in a fraction of a second, cut back inside and past the grasp of Pitt linebacker Yogi Jones at the four to score standing up. McIlhenny's run pushed SMU to the lead, 7-3, with 13:43 to play.

Still, Pitt was good for two more assaults. Marino moved the Panthers to the SMU seven. On third down, he scrambled to his right, had to hurry his throw and safety Blane Smith picked it off in the end zone. Pitt's last drive reached the Mustang 37, but Marino could go no further. He simply ran out of bullets.



GEORGIA 10
TEXAS 09

1984
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **67,891**

Again, the Cotton Bowl found itself holding a key to the national title. For the sixth time, Texas came to Dallas unbeaten and with a lofty national ranking at stake. The Longhorns were a perfect 11-0-0 and held down the No. 2 spot in the Top 20 poll. A victory over No. 7 Georgia would put the Horns in a favorable position to move into first place should top-ranked Nebraska stumble later that evening against Miami in the Orange Bowl. However, it was the Longhorns that stumbled first.

With a little more than four and a half minutes to play, Texas looked to be in good shape, holding a 9-3 margin over the Bulldogs in a game dominated by outstanding defense and field goals. Texas freshman Jeff Ward had kicked the Longhorns to an apparant victory. Ward opened the game with a 22-yard field goal on Texas' first possession and added back-to-back efforts in the third quarter to tie a Classic field goal record. Georgia's only score also came on a field goal with Kevin Butler in the first quarter.

When the clock struck the 4:35 mark in the fourth period, the Texas defense again had forced a frustrated Bulldog offense into a punting situation at the Georgia 34-yard line. Only twice in the second half had the Dawgs managed to move the football into Texas territory. In came Chip Andrews to punt the ball away for the eighth time. With the clock becoming a factor, and Georgia growing more and more desperate as each second passed, Texas became fearful of a possible fake. The Longhorns elected not to bring in their regular punt return unit, and Craig Curry replaced Jitter Fields as the return man. Andrews got the kick away, a 43-yarder and Curry moved into position to make the catch. But, Curry dropped the ball and the Bulldogs' Gary Moss was on the spot to make the recovery at the Texas 23.

In a matter of seconds, the Longhorns' fortunes had taken a severe turn for the worse. Three plays after the fumbled punt, Texas' hopes for the No. 1 spot went down the drain. Georgia quarterback John Lastinger, working the option around the right side, broke free at the line of scrimmage, turned up field and carried 17 yards for the touchdown. Butler added the extra point with 3:22 left and the underdog Dawgs had a 10-9 victory. The Longhorns had suffered their first defeat when they could least afford it. Seven hours later, top-ranked Nebraska met the same fate. Miami pulled off a 31-30 upset over the Huskers, and used the victory to climb into first place.


Vince Dooley, Georgia

Game Summary

GEORGIA	3	0	0	7	**10**
TEXAS	3	0	6	0	**9**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Jeff Ward 22 FG, 10:32, 59 yards in 8 plays following punt.
Georgia: Kevin Butler 43 FG, 0:17, 22 yards in 5 plays following punt.
THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Ward 40 FG, 7:10, 28 yards in 7 plays following punt.
Texas: Ward 27 FG 3:50, 26 yards in 9 plays following fumble recovery by Ty Allert.
FOURTH QUARTER
Georgia: John Lastinger 17 run (Butler kick), 3:22, 23 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by Gary Moss on punt.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
John Lastinger, Georgia
Jeff Leiding, Texas
COACHES
Vince Dooley, Georgia
Fred Akers, Texas
WEATHER
Cold

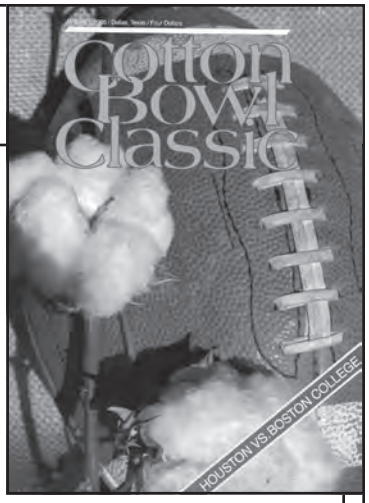
Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UGA	TEXAS
First Downs	13	14
Rushing	6	7
Passing	3	6
Penalty	4	1
Rushes-Net Yards	45-149	47-110
Net Yards Passing	66	168
Passes	6-20-1	8-26-2
Total Plays	65	73
Total Net Yards	215	278
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	3-25	6-52
Punts-Average	9-41.2	7-46.7

RUSHING
Georgia: Montgomery 11-40, Lane 1-35, Young 10-30, Lastinger 12-19, S. Williams 3-19, Jackson 7-3, T. Williams 1-3
Texas: Robinson 28-88, Orr 7-19, Walker 2-8, Holloway 1-4, Moerschell 1-3, McIvor 8-(-12).
PASSING
Georgia: Lastinger 6-19-1, 66 yards; Archie 0-1-0
Texas: McIvor 8-26-2, 168 yards.
RECEIVING
Georgia: Harris 2-33, Wisham 1-14, S. Williams 1-11, Jackson 1-8, Lane 1-0.
Texas: Micho 2-59, Epps 1-44, Bryant 2-41, Robinson 2-17, Duhon 1-7.
PUNTING
Georgia: Andrews 9-41.2
Texas: Teltschik 7-46.7

1985 JANUARY 1

BOSTON COLLEGE 45
HOUSTON 28



ATTENDANCE: **67,381**

Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie became the seventh Heisman Trophy winner to make a New Year's Day appearance in the Cotton Bowl. With Flutie came the eyes of the nation. Throughout the year, the 5-9 superstar pulled off miracle after miracle, and by the time he and Boston College had reached Dallas, the name Doug Flutie and his school were virtual household words. The most unforgettable play of the 1984 college football season involved Boston College. It truly was a miracle. Miami (Fla.) had just taken a 45-41 lead with 28 seconds left to play. At that point, it looked hopeless for the Eagles, but Flutie went to work. On the game's last play, he pulled off the incredible. As the clock expired, Flutie took the snap and rolled to his right, stopped and uncorked a 48-yard "Hail Mary" pass to Gerard Phelan in the end zone. Somehow, Phelan made the catch as he fell to the ground, and Boston College posted an amazing 47-45 victory over the defending national champions. It was that kind of season for the Eagles.

While the "Magic Flutie" was driving Boston College to a 9-2 season in the East, Houston was involved in one of the wildest championship scrambles in the history of the Southwest Conference. Heading into the season's final weekend, five teams were in contention for the title. Yet, waiting until the last minute to decide things had become par for the course in the SWC. Since 1959, 12 conference championships had gone down to the final week. But, this was the tightest race ever, and when it was over, Houston had secured the coveted host role in the Cotton Bowl. So, the stage was set for the 49th Classic. It was bound to be a record breaking performance... and it was.

Flutie opened the flood gates early. To begin the Eagles' second possession, the Heisman winner launched a 63-yard bomb to Kelvin Martin, sending BC in front, 7-0. Minutes later, Flutie went to the air again, this time to Troy Stradford over the middle for eight yards and a touchdown. And before the game was 30 minutes old, Flutie had tied a long-standing Classic record, tossing his third touchdown pass, a 13-yarder to Phelan, his clutch receiver. Houston also jumped into the record book in the first half when Earl Allen returned the Eagles' third kickoff 98 yards for the Cougars' first score. Quarterback Gerald Landry led Houston back to the end zone 22 seconds before the half, hitting Larry Shepherd for 15 yards.

At intermission, the Eagles held a commanding 31-14 lead. But, the third quarter belonged totally to Houston. Fullback Raymond Tate crashed over from the two with four minutes left to make it 31-21. Less than a minute later, safety Audrey McMillian picked off a Flutie pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown, drawing the Cougars within three, 31-28. Houston appeared to be in high gear and on the road to a major upset. But, the Cougars never could deliver the knockout punch.

Momentum shifted back to Boston College in the fourth quarter. With 9:46 left to play, the Eagles launched the drive that would dash the Cougars' hopes of an upset. The 44-yard drive consisted of nine consecutive rushing plays, Steve Strachan carried over from the four with just under six minutes left to push BC back to a comfortable 38-28 lead. Stradford then sealed the door shut moments later with his second touchdown of the afternoon, galloping 18 yards with 1:08 on the clock. Stradford's run propelled the Eagles to a 45-28 victory and boosted his rushing total for the day to 196, the second highest rushing performance ever in the Cotton Bowl. From the start there was little doubt that this game was destined to go down as one of the wildest offensive seminars the Classic had ever seen.

Game Summary

BOSTON COLLEGE	17	14	0	14	**45**
HOUSTON	7	7	14	0	**28**

FIRST QUARTER
Boston College: Kelvin Martin 63 pass from Doug Flutie (Kevin Snow kick), 8:15, 63 yards in 1 play following punt.
Boston College: Troy Stradford 8 pass from Flutie (Know kick), 3:28, 26 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Mike Ruth.
Houston: Earl Allen 98 kickoff return (Mike Clendenen kick), 3:14.
Boston College: Snow 31 FG, 0:31, 0 yards in 3 plays following pass interception by Tony Thurman.

SECOND QUARTER
Boston College: Gerard Phelan 13 pass from Flutie (Snow kick), 4:38, 53 yards in 5 plays following punt.
Boston College: Steve Strachan 2 run (Snow kick), 1:41, 39 yards in 6 plays following interception by Todd Russell.
Houston: Larry Shepherd 15 pass from Gerald Landry (Clendenen kick), 0:22, 64 yards in 7 plays following kickoff.

THIRD QUARTER
Houston: Raymond Tate 2 run (Clendenen kick), 4:04, 65 yards in 4 plays following punt.
Houston: Audrey McMillian 25 interception return (Clendenen kick), 3:10.

FOURTH QUARTER
Boston College: Strachan 4 run (Snow kick) 5:45, 44 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Boston College: Stradford 18 run (Snow kick), 1:08, 57 yards in 3 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Bill Romanowski, Boston College
Steve Strachan, Boston College

COACHES
Jack Bicknell, Boston College
Bill Yeoman, Houston

WEATHER
Cold

Game Statistics

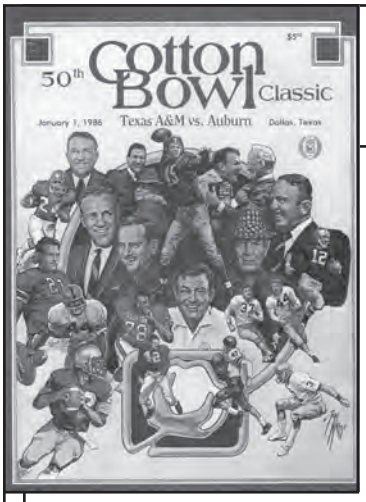
TEAM STATS	BC	UH
First Downs	22	15
Rushing	12	9
Passing	10	5
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	50-353	42-167
Net Yards Passing	180	154
Passes	13-37-2	9-29-2
Total Plays	87	71
Total Net Yards	533	321
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-64	7-66
Punts-Average	8-29.9	10-33.0

RUSHING
Boston College: Stradford 20-196, Strachan 23-91, Doug Flutie 4-51, Darren Flutie 1-8, Phelan 1-5, Bell 1-2.
Houston: Tate 10-71, Landry 22-66, Pierson 8-17, Hood 2-13.

PASSING
Boston College: Flutie 13-37-2, 180 yards.
Houston: Landry 9-29-2, 154 yards.

RECEIVING
Boston College: Phelan 7-94, Martin 1-63, Stradford 4-16, Gieselman 1-7.
Houston: Hilton 5-97, Shepherd 2-47, Giddings 1-10, Rogers 1-0.

PUNTING
Boston College: Peach 8-29.9
Houston: Stokes 10-33.0



TEXAS A&M 36
AUBURN 16

1986
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **73,137**

Fifty years of history, a Heisman Trophy winner and a team making its first New Year's Day appearance in Dallas in 18 years presented the Cotton Bowl a unique twist for its Golden Anniversary game. Texas A&M, a school rich in tradition but absent from the Cotton Bowl since 1968, brought a sparkling 9-2 record to Dallas to face Auburn. At 8-3, the Tigers had finished fifth in the Southeastern Conference. However, with the presence of running back Bo Jackson, Auburn was very much in the nation's eye.

Jackson gave the Cotton Bowl its second consecutive Heisman winner. And, true to the 50's theme, Jackson was the 50th player to win the coveted award as college football's outstanding player. As for Auburn, the Tigers were playing in their second golden anniversary game. In 1984, Auburn had participated in the 50th Sugar Bowl Classic. As for the two coaches, A&M's Jackie Sherrill had once played under Auburn's Pat Dye when Dye was an assistant coach at Alabama. It seemed the ironies of coincidence were endless.

While Auburn relied primarily on its Heisman winner, A&M was more balanced. Offensively, the Aggies were averaging 419.3 yards per contest. Defensively, the numbers were just as impressive, yielding just 281.9 yards per game. A&M dominated the SWC in both categories. Still, Jackson gained the lion's share of the media attention during Cotton Bowl week. But, waiting in the wings for the spotlight to shine was A&M quarterback Kevin Murray. Murray virtually robbed the Auburn defense blind, passing for a record 292 yards. By halftime, his passing total of 184 yards was good enough to place ninth in the bowl's record book. But, at that point, he barely had gotten started.

The first two quarters saw the lead change hands four times, Auburn scored first, followed by a pair of A&M touchdowns. With the Aggies holding a 12-7 lead, Jackson then turned a routine screen pass into a 73-yard scoring play to move the Tigers back in front, 13-12. A Scott Slater field goal just before the half gave A&M a 15-13 advantage heading into the third quarter. By the time the fourth period rolled around, A&M still was clinging to a slim 21-16 lead.

But, Auburn was ready to challenge. Moving from their own six-yard line, the Tigers chewed almost eight minutes off the clock. As the third quarter came to an end, Auburn had driven to the A&M six. It took the Tigers 14 plays to move 88 yards. Now, with a first-and-goal situation on the Aggies' doorstep, Auburn was primed to regain the lead.

However, that's when A&M erected its brick wall. Three consecutive bursts by Jackson netted only four yards. With fourth down at the two, the decision was to go with Jackson one more time. It may have been the game's biggest play. The Heisman winner drove into the middle of the line only to come face-to-face with A&M's freshman linebacker Basil Jackson. The play lost a yard, and maybe more for Auburn.

A&M's goal line stand was short-lived, however. Auburn held the Aggies to one first down and soon was threatening again, moving to the A&M 27. But, another fourth down situation left the Tigers two yards short. Jackson again got the call, and the A&M defense broke up the play.

With Auburn's scoring threats put to rest, Murray took charge. It took the Aggie sophomore just nine plays to seal the A&M victory. Two long pass plays moved the Aggies into scoring position. On second down at the Auburn nine, Murray connected with running back Keith Woodside for the touchdown with 2:22 left to play. A two-point conversion pushed A&M to a 29-16 lead.

Seconds later, strong safety Domingo Bryant snagged his second pass interception of the day to set the Aggies up for one last score. It came with just three seconds left when Anthony Toney powered over from the one, wrapping up a hard-earned Aggie victory, 36-16.

Game Summary

AUBURN	7	6	3	0	**16**
TEXAS A&M	12	3	6	15	**36**

FIRST QUARTER
Auburn: Bo Jackson 5 run (Chris Johnson kick), 13:52, 21 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by Neal Vinson.
Texas A&M: Harry Johnson 11 run (Eric Franklin kick fail), 6:12, 31 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Monty Jay on punt.
Texas A&M: Keith Woodside 22 run (Kevin Murray pass fail), 3:00, 64 yards in 5 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Auburn: Jackson 73 pass from Pat Washington (Brent Fullwood run fail), 8:28, 80 yards in 5 plays following missed field goal.
Texas A&M: Scott Slater 26 FG, 0:50, 51 yards in 6 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas A&M: Anthony Toney 21 run (Murray pass fail), 12:13, 48 yards in 5 plays following pass interception by Domingo Bryant.
Auburn: Johnson 26 FG, 7:19, 72 yards in 12 plays following kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas A&M: Woodside 9 pass from Murray (Rod Bernstine run), 2:22, 72 yards in 9 plays after taking over on downs.
Texas A&M: Toney 1 run (Slater kick), 0:03, 11 yards in 4 plays following pass interception by Bryant.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Bo Jackson, Auburn
Domingo Bryant, Texas A&M

COACHES
Pat Dye, Auburn
Jackie Sherrill, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Ideal (sunny, 48 degrees at kickoff)

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	AUBURN	A&M
First Downs	16	21
Rushing	12	9
Passing	4	12
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	54-198	48-186
Net Yards Passing	154	292
Passes	7-17-2	16-26-1
Total Plays	71	74
Total Net Yards	352	478
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	5-45
Punts-Average	5-43.8	5-45.0

RUSHING
Auburn: Jackson 31-129, Agee 5-36, Ware 8-31, Fullwood 5-25, Washington 5-(-23)
Texas A&M: Toney 17-72, Vick 15-67, Woodside 3-32, Johnson 5-22, Nelson 1-2, Murray 4-(-9).

PASSING
Auburn: Washington 2-7-0, 82 yards; Burger 5-10-2, 72 yards.
Texas A&M: Murray 16-26-1, 292 yards.

RECEIVING
Auburn: Jackson 2-73, Parks 2-32, Waygand 1-31, Agee 1-9, Tillman 1-9.
Texas A&M: Bernstine 6-108, Woodside 3-88, Walker 3-40, Thompson 1-19, Nelson 1-14, Harris 1-13, Webb 1-10.

PUNTING
Auburn: Colbert 5-43.8
Texas A&M: Tschantz 5-45.0

1987 JANUARY 1

OHIO STATE 28
TEXAS A&M 12



ATTENDANCE: **74,188**

The Cotton Bowl couldn't have asked for a better way to open a new era. Having completed its first 50 years of New Year's Day classics, the 51st renewal would feature a team from the storied Big Ten Conference, a long-time member of the Cotton Bowl's wish list.

At 9-3, Ohio State brought the Big Ten co-championship to Dallas, despite a heartbreaking 26-24 loss to arch-rival Michigan in the Buckeyes' final game. It had been since 1982 that Ohio State last faced a SWC opponent, and it had been 16 years since the Buckeyes last faced Texas A&M, the Southwest Conference champions. Ohio State owned the series between the two schools at 2-0-0, downing A&M in 1963 and 1970.

But, in 1986, the 9-2 Aggies emerged as the SWC's most dominant team, and earned the right to play in the Cotton Bowl for the second consecutive year. A year earlier, A&M bombed Auburn 36-16 to win the Classic's Golden Anniversary game and now was in position to become only the second SWC team ever to win back-to-back Cotton Bowl trophies.

The Aggies lived by the pass and depended largely on the arm of quarterback Kevin Murray, twice the SWC's Offensive Player of the Year. In the Cotton Bowl's 50th game, Murray established a Classic passing record of 292 yards in the Aggies' defeat of Auburn. To offset Murray's passing, Ohio State looked to its defense, led by All-America linebacker Chris Spielman, a Heisman and Outland Trophy contender.

The first half proved to be a virtual stalemate. The Aggies were able to move the ball early, but sputtered near the goal line and were forced to settle for a pair of Scot Slater field goals. Meanwhile, the Buckeyes utilized the big play for their only score of the half. All-America receiver Cris Carter provided the spark with a spectacular 34-yard catch, out jumping two Aggie defenders near midfield. Moments later quarterback Jim Karsatos' three-yard run completed an 80-yard drive that gave the Buckeyes a 7-6 halftime edge.

It wasn't to be close for long, however. On the third play of the second half, the Ohio State defense took control of the game. Murray faced third down at the Aggie 15 and needed 13 yards for the first down. Murray looked to throw and in the direction of tight end Rod Bernstine. Spielman read the play, stepped in front of Bernstine, made the interception and raced 24 yards into the left side of the end zone. In a matter of seconds Ohio State had jumped to a 14-6 lead.

Spielman's was the first of five Buckeye interceptions, and on A&M's next possession, rover Sonny Gordon grabbed the second. Within four minutes, Ohio State was back on the scoreboard. Tailback Vince Workman rambled eight yards for the score and the Buckeyes were virtually out of reach, 21-6.

So overwhelming were Ohio State's defensive tactics, the Aggies found themselves on the verge of self-destruction. The Buckeyes absolutely shut down the A&M passing game. Spielman was everywhere, especially when A&M was least expecting him. After the Aggies closed the gap to 21-12 with just 9:10 left to play, Spielman foiled another A&M opportunity with his second interception of the afternoon. Three minutes later, linebacker Michael Kee sealed the Ohio State victory, picking off yet another Murray pass. Kee returned the interception 49 yards for the Buckeyes' final score. The touchdown pushed the score to 28-12 and A&M's reign as Cotton Bowl champions was over.

Game Summary

OHIO STATE	0	7	14	7	**28**
TEXAS A&M	3	3	0	6	**12**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas A&M: Scott Slater 30 FG, 10:45, 64 yards in 11 plays following opening kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Ohio State: Jim Karsatos 3 run (Matt Frantz kick), 14:19, 80 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Texas A&M: Scott Slater 44 FG, 9:27, 2 yards in 4 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Ohio State: Chris Spielman 24 interception return (Frantz kick), 13:39.
Ohio State: Vince Workman 8 run (Frantz kick),7:16, 59 yards in 8 plays following interception by Sonny Gordon.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas A&M: Roger Vick 2 run (Kevin Murray pass fail), 9:10, 42 yards in 8 plays following interception by Alex Morris.
Ohio State: Michael Kee 49 interception return (Frantz kick), 2:49.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Chris Spelman, Ohio State
Roger Vick, Texas A&M

COACHES
Earle Bruce, Ohio State
Jackie Sherrill, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Ideal (sunny, 53 degrees at kickoff)

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	OHIO STATE	A&M
First Downs	16	18
Rushing	10	10
Passing	6	7
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	36-85	42-160
Net Yards Passing	218	136
Passes	13-29-3	13-33-5
Total Plays	65	75
Total Net Yards	303	296
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	11-70	3-15
Punts-Average	6-35.2	6-42.2

RUSHING
Ohio State: Cooper 13-55, Workman 13-45, Bryant 2-3, Karsatos 4-2, Tupa 2-(-5), Holland 2-(-15).
Texas A&M: Vick 24-113, Woodside 11-32, Murray 5-12, Valentine 1-5, Bernstine 1-(-2).

PASSING
Ohio State: Karsatos 10-21-2, 195 yards; Tupa 3-8-1, 23 yards.
Texas A&M: Murray 12-31-5, 143 yards; Stump 1-2-0, (-7) yards.

RECEIVING
Ohio State: Harris 6-105, Carter 4-61, Holland 1-37, Cooper 1-10, Ross 1-5.
Texas A&M: Bernstine 4-59, Walker 3-35, Vick 2-17, Woodside 3-14, Thompson 1-11.

PUNTING
Ohio State: Tupa 6-35.2.
Texas A&M: Tschantz 5-42.4; Stump 1-41.0.



TEXAS A&M 35
NOTRE DAME 10

1988
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **73,006**

The 52nd Cotton Bowl was a homecoming of sorts for Notre Dame and Texas A&M. The Fighting Irish, celebrating their 100th season of college football, were making their fifth trip to Dallas on New Year's Day; the Aggies were playing their third consecutive and sixth overall visit to the Classic. Both teams were looking to rekindle old memories.

Notre Dame claimed its seventh national championship in the 1978 Cotton Bowl and had won three of its four appearances during the 1970's. Texas A&M also had enjoyed marked success in the Cotton Bowl and seemed to own a standing invitation to Dallas. Coach Jackie Sherrill again led the Aggies to the Southwest Conference title, and became just the second coach ever to lead his team to three consecutive appearances in the Classic.

An added bonus to the 1988 Cotton Bowl was Notre Dame's Tim Brown, a Dallas native and the 53rd winner of the Heisman Trophy. Brown's presence marked the third time in four seasons the Heisman winner would play in the Cotton Bowl. He also was the Irish's seventh Heisman winner, but the first ever to play in a bowl game.

Brown and the Irish were the talk of the town, and the excitement led right up to kickoff. The game was barely three minutes old when Brown delivered. Having returned the opening kickoff 37 yards, Brown helped Notre Dame gain an early lead when quarterback Terry Andrysiak hit his All-America receiver with a 17-yard scoring pass.

Down 7-0, the Aggies countered on Scott Slater's 26-yard field goal on the final play of the first quarter, but at that point the game belonged clearly to Notre Dame. The Irish took the ensuing kickoff and marched 51 yards for Ted Gradel's 36-yard field goal and a 10-3 advantage.
Four minutes later, Notre Dame was on the move again. Driving from their own 20. Andrysiak and Brown quickly moved the Irish back into scoring position. On second down at the A&M 18, Andrysiak dropped back to pass and his target was tight end Andy Heck. A&M's Alex Morris read the play and made a leaping interception in the corner of the end zone for what proved to be the key play of the game.

The Aggies seized the opportunity and stormed through the Notre Dame defense, needing only six plays to move 80 yards and tie the game. Freshman running back Darren Lewis ended the drive, surprising the Irish defense by throwing 24 yards to Tony Thompson for the touchdown.
Things got worse for Notre Dame. On their first play following the A&M score, the Irish fumbled the ball back to the Aggies. Tony Jones made the recovery at the Notre Dame 21 and four plays later, freshman running back Larry Horton carried two yards for the go-ahead score. A successful two-point conversion pushed the Aggies to an 18-10 halftime lead. Texas A&M didn't let up in the second half. Quarterback Bucky Richardson, another one of the Aggies' talented freshmen, scored twice to ice the game, and Slater added another field goal.

Taking a cue from the offense, Aggie defenders began to dominate, setting up four of A&M's six scores with turnovers. The A&M "Wrecking Crew," composed of linebackers Adam Bob, Aaron Wallace, Dana Batiste, and John Roper, and noseguard Sammy O'Brient, smothered the Notre Dame attack. After catching six passes for 105 yards in the game's first 22 minutes, Brown was shut down completely and did not make another reception following Morris' key interception. It was a decisive victory for A&M, 35-10.

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	7	3	0	0	**10**
TEXAS A&M	3	15	7	10	**35**

FIRST QUARTER
Notre Dame: Tim Brown 17 pass from Terry Andrysiak (Ted Gradel kick), 11:25, 59 yards in 7 plays following opening kickoff.
Texas A&M: Scott Slater 26 FG, 0:00, 30 yards in 8 plays following punt.
SECOND QUARTER
Notre Dame: Gradel 36 FG, 10:52, 51 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
Texas A&M: Tony Thompson 24 pass from Darren Lewis (Slater kick), 1:42, 80 yards in 6 plays following interception by Alex Morris.
Texas A&M: Larry Horton 2 run (Wally Hartley run), 0:26, 21 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Tony Jones.
THIRD QUARTER
Texas A&M: Bucky Richardson 1 run (Slater kick), 3:45, 23 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Dana Batiste.
FOURTH QUARTER
Texas A&M: Slater 25 FG, 8:32, 69 yards in 10 plays after taking over on downs.
Texas A&M: Richardson 8 run (Slater kick), 5:10, 30 yards in 5 plays following interception by Kip Corrington.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Adam Bob, Texas A&M
Bucky Richardson, Texas A&M
COACHES
Lou Holtz, Notre Dame
Jackie Sherrill, Texas A&M
WEATHER
Cold

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	ND	A&M
First Downs	16	24
Rushing	5	17
Passing	10	5
Penalty	2	2
Rushes-Net Yards	36-74	59-294
Net Yards Passing	203	8-17-0
Passes	15-28-2	8-17-0
Total Plays	64	76
Total Net Yards	277	410
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-64	6-55
Punts-Average	5-31.4	4-42.2

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Johnson 8-20, Andrysiak 11-15, Green 5-14, Banks 5-9, Graham 2-9, Brooks 3-7, Rice 1-3, Watters 1-(-3).
Texas A&M: Richardson 13-96, Woodside 17-73, Gurley 15-60, Lewis 7-52, Horton 5-13, Pavlas 1-0, Costar 1-0.
PASSING
Notre Dame: Andrysiak 15-25-1, 203 yards; Rice 0-3-1, 0 yards.
Texas A&M: Pavlas 5-7-0, 77 yards; Lewis 1-1-0, 24 yards; Richardson 2-9-0, 15 yards.
RECEIVING
Notre Dame: Brown 6-105, Ward 2-37, Heck 3-28, Green 1-24, Watters 1-10, Jefferson 1-7, Banks 1-(-8).
Texas A&M: Oliver 1-33, Thompson 1-24, Woodside 2-22, Harris 1-19, Morgan 1-16, Lewis 1-6, Waddle 1-(-4).
PUNTING
Notre Dame: Phelan 5-31.4.
Texas A&M: Stump 4-42-2.

1989 JANUARY 2

UCLA 17
ARKANSAS 03

ATTENDANCE: **74,304**



Game Summary

UCLA	0	14	0	3	**17**
ARKANSAS	0	0	3	0	**3**

SECOND QUARTER
UCLA: Mark Estwick 1 run (Alfredo Velasco kick), 5:35, 93 yards in 19 plays following punt.
UCLA: Corwin Anthony 1 pass from Troy Aikman (Velasco kick), 0:21, 74 yards in 10 plays following punt.
THIRD QUARTER
Arkansas: Kendall Trainor 49 FG, 6:32, 14 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by LaSalle Harper.
FOURTH QUARTER
UCLA: Velasco 32 FG, 3:26, 38 yards in 9 plays following punt.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Troy Aikman, UCLA
LaSalle Harper, Arkansas
COACHES
Terry Donahue, UCLA
Ken Hatfield, Arkansas
WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UCLA	ARK.
First Downs	22	4
Rushing	12	2
Passing	8	1
Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Net Yards	55-199	22-21
Net Yards Passing	172	21
Passes	19-27-1	4-14-1
Total Plays	82	36
Total Net Yards	371	42
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-74	7-61
Punts-Average	3-36.0	6-49.2

RUSHING
UCLA: Wills 18-120, Brown 16-56, M. Estwick 8-16, Toy 2-7 Ball 2-3, Aikman 9-(-3).
Arkansas: Grovey 7-19, Foster 6-16, Johnson 2-3, Jackson 1-1, Rouse 2-(-1), Russell 1-(-6), J. Williams 3-(-11).
PASSING
UCLA: Aikman 19-27-1, 172 yards.
Arkansas: Grovey 2-7-0, 10 yards; J. Williams 2-4-1, 11 yards; Bland 0-3-0, 0 yards.
RECEIVING
UCLA: Farr 4-48, Arbuckle 1-35, Richardson 1-20, McCracken 2-16, Moore 1-10, Wills 2-9, Toy 1-8, Burkley 1-8, M. Estwick 2-6, Brown 1-5, Ball 1-3, Thompson 1-3, Anthony 1-1.
Arkansas: Jackson 1-8, Harshaw 1-7, Horton 1-4, Foster 1-2.
PUNTING
UCLA: Barkate 2-38.5, Maggio 1-31.0.
Arkansas: Meacham 6-49.2.

It proved to be a game of firsts, and topping the list was the name of the game itself. On the eve of its 53rd anniversary, the Classic was unveiling a new title as the result of a long-term agreement with the Mobil Corporation in August. This would be the first "Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic."

And, just as the name implied, circumstances surrounding this particular Classic would be much different from all the rest. Arkansas earned its first trip to Dallas in 13 years and in record-setting fashion. The Hogs wrapped up the Southwest Conference title on October 29, the earliest date in the SWC's 74 seasons. Arkansas' Ken Hatfield also was establishing a bit of history as the first player ever to return to the Mobil Cotton Bowl as head coach.

UCLA also was a first for the Classic. The Bruins were the first representative from the Pacific-10 Conference and the first West Coast team since 1949 to play in the Mobil Cotton Bowl. UCLA and its coach, Terry Donahue, also were making a bid to become the first team and the first coach to win seven consecutive bowl games. It seemed as if the lists of "firsts" were almost endless in this matchup.

Both teams mirrored each other in the polls. The 10-1 Razorbacks were ranked eighth, losing only to Miami, Fla., in their final game of the regular season. The Bruins carried a 9-2 record to Dallas and were ranked ninth. However, the similarities would end there between the two teams. Arkansas was a ball control team, thriving on the triple option. UCLA offered a pro-style passing attack, relying on the arm of Troy Aikman, the NFL's projected No. 1 draft pick.

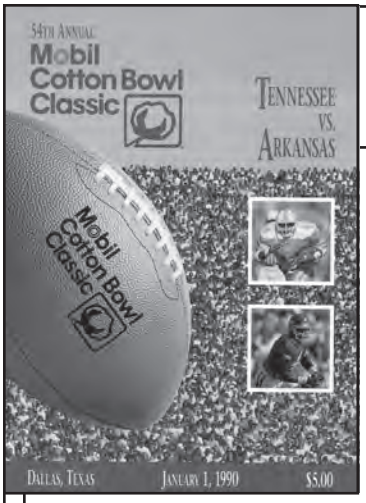
Aikman proved his worth early, leading the Bruins to a pair of long scoring drives in the second quarter. The first began on the UCLA seven, and resulted in a 93-yard, 19-play touchdown march. Leading 7-0, the Bruins came right back on their next possession, moving 74 yards for the score in 10 plays. At halftime, UCLA held a 14-0 advantage.

The Bruin offense was operating to perfection. Behind Aikman, the Bruins completed 19-of-27 pass attempts for 172 yards and kept Arkansas' defense completely off balance. Tailback Shawn Wills was just as impressive rushing for 120 yards, a freshman record for the Classic. At one point in the game, UCLA converted 13-of-14 third-down situations.

Still, the key to UCLA's decisive 17-3 victory was its dominating defense. Led by noseguard Jim Wahler, the Bruins totally shut down Arkansas' powerful flexbone, holding the Hogs to just 42 yards in total offense. Seven of Arkansas' 10 possessions ended in three downs or less, and the Razorback offense never advanced past its own 41-yard line.

Defensively, the Razorbacks played a typically strong game. The Hogs forced three turnovers and held UCLA to just two touchdowns and the Bruins' second-lowest point total of the season. Linebacker LaSalle Harper was outstanding, earning MVP honors with his 20 tackles, a fumble recovery and one pass interception. In fact, Harper's fumble recovery at the Bruin 47 led to Arkansas' only score. Kendall Trainor's 49-yard field goal in the third quarter was the second-longest in Classic history.

But, in the end, the game belonged totally to UCLA. The Bruins controlled the ball and the clock for almost 43 minutes. While Donahue earned his first victory against the SWC, he and the Bruins claimed something even more significant: a record seventh consecutive bowl victory.



TENNESSEE 31
ARKANSAS 27

1990
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **74,358**

The 54th Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic was a family matter. Even though 18 years had passed since Tennessee and Arkansas last faced one another, this contest resembled a classic family reunion. It started in the offices of the head coaches and athletic directors. In 1964, Tennessee coach Johnny Majors served as Frank Broyles' secondary coach at Arkansas. Majors' prize defender at the time was Arkansas coach Ken Hatfield. It was a memorable year for Broyles, Majors and Hatfield. The Hogs won the national championship with a victory over Nebraska at the Cotton Bowl.

These family ties went even deeper. Doug Dickey, the Volunteers' athletic director, was a member of Broyles' original Arkansas coaching staff in 1958. Later, as head coach at Tennessee, Dickey returned to Dallas for the 1969 Classic when his freshman coach was a young Ken Hatfield. Now, years later, all four returned to Dallas to meet again, although on opposite sides of the field.

And, what a reunion it turned out to be! Tennessee and Arkansas literally set records for breaking records. The Vols and Hogs combined for an unbelievable 1,038 yards in offense. Chuck Webb, Tennessee's elusive freshman tailback, ripped through the Arkansas defense for a near-record 250-yard performance. Webb fell just short of the legendary rushing mark of 265 yards established in 1954 by Dicky Maegle of Rice.

The scoring rampage began with the opening kickoff. Tennessee drove the ball 61 yards in 12 plays for a 23-yard Greg Burke field goal and a 3-0 lead. Arkansas also turned its first possession into points when fullback Barry Foster crashed over from the one for a touchdown and an early 6-3 Razorback advantage.

Turnovers plagued Arkansas' next two possessions. Fullback Kerwin Price killed the first drive, fumbling at the Volunteer nine. Then came the most crucial mistake of the day. Quarterback Quinn Grovey marched the Hogs to the Tennessee two-yard line. On second down, Grovey rolled right and looked into the end zone for his tight end Billy Winston. Suddenly, freshman safety Carl Pickens stepped in front of Winston, picked off Grovey's pass and returned the ball to the Volunteer 13.

Pickens' key interception ignited an offensive explosion by Tennessee. Quarterback Andy Kelly went for the bomb on second down and connected with receiver Anthony Morgan for a 84-yard touchdown strike, the second-longest in Classic history. By halftime the Vols had built a 17-6 advantage, wrestling the momentum totally away from Arkansas.

The Hogs' first possession of the second half also ended with a turnover when Foster fumbled at the Tennessee 32. The Volunteers quickly capitalized on Arkansas' misfortune. Webb broke loose for a 42-yard gain on first down, and Kelly finished off the drive with a one-yard scoring toss to fullback Greg Amsler for a 24-6 lead. The Razorbacks chopped the score back to 24-13 on their next possession, but Webb again proved to be Tennessee's most lethal weapon. The freshman leaped through another hole in the Arkansas defense and ran 78 yards for the Vols' final score of the day. Tennessee held a commanding 31-13 lead.

Arkansas charged into the game's final period in a fit of desperation. Fourteen seconds into the quarter, Foster scored from the one and then added the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 31-21. The Hogs threatened on their next possession, reaching the Tennessee nine before turning the ball over on downs. Minutes later, Arkansas fell short again, missing a 44-yard field goal attempt.

Tennessee couldn't sustain a drive and Arkansas had the ball again. With 1:25 left to play, Grovey unloaded to Winston for a 67-yard scoring play. Now, trailing 31-27, the Hogs tried an onside kick, but Tennessee's Alvin Harper quickly pounced on the ball at midfield. The Vols then ran out the clock and brought to an end one of the wildest offensive shows the Classic had seen in years.

Game Summary

TENNESSEE	3	14	14	0	**31**
ARKANSAS	6	0	7	14	**27**

FIRST QUARTER
Tennessee: Greg Burke, 23 FG, 10:24, 61 yards in 12 plays following opening kickoff.
Arkansas: Barry Foster 1 run (bobbled PAT snap and run by Gary Adams failed), 6:14, 56 yards in 11 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Tennessee: Anthony Morgan 84 pass from Andy Kelly (Burke kick), 6:12, 87 yards in 2 plays following interception by Carl Pickens.
Tennessee: Chuck Webb 1 run (Burke kick), 3:13, 70 yards in 8 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Tennessee: Greg Amsler 1 pass from Kelly (Burke kick), 10:43, 68 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Martin Williams.
Arkansas: James Rouse 1 run (Todd Wright kick), 6:58, 72 yards in 9 plays following kickoff.
Tennessee: Webb 78 run (Burke kick), 3:55, 80 yards in 2 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Arkansas: Foster 1 run (Foster run), 14:46, 74 yards in 12 plays following kickoff.
Arkansas: Billy Winston 67 pass from Quinn Grovey (Rouse pass fail), 1:25, 67 yards in 1 play following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Carl Pickens, Tennessee
Chuck Webb, Tennessee

COACHES
Johnny Majors, Tennessee
Ken Hatfield, Arkansas

WEATHER
Ideal

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	TENN.	ARK.
First Downs	16	31
Rushing	11	21
Passing	4	10
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	38-320	72-361
Net Yards Passing	150	207
Passes	9-23-2	12-22-1
Total Plays	61	94
Total Net Yards	470	568
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-36	3-20
Punts-Average	5-39.0	3-44.0

RUSHING
Tennessee: Webb 26-250, V. Moore 1-36, Amsler 1-15, Poles 2-13, Thompson 3-12, Kelly 5-(-6).
Arkansas: Rouse 22-134, Foster 22-103, E. Jackson 9-48, Grovey 9-34, Harshaw 8-31, Russell 1-6, Price 1-5.

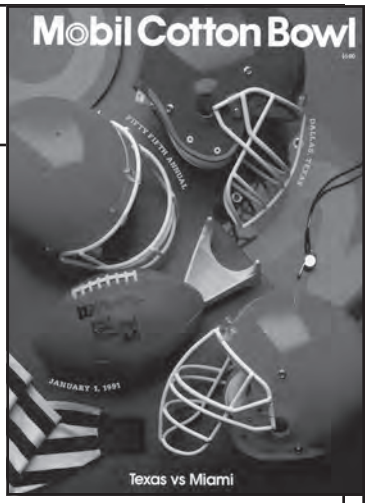
PASSING
Tennessee: Kelly 9-23-2, 150 yards.
Arkansas: Grovey 12-22-1, 207 yards.

RECEIVING
Tennessee: Morgan 2-96, Harper 2-28, Reeves 1-17, Amsler 2-7, Woods 1-5, Pickens 1-(-3).
Arkansas: Russell 7-105, B. Winston 4-94, Horton 1-8.

PUNTING
Tennessee: Elmore 5-39.0.
Arkansas: Meacham 3-44.3.

1991 JANUARY 1

MIAMI	46
TEXAS	03



ATTENDANCE: **73,521**

At first glance, the 55th Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic appeared to have all the trimmings of a national title game. It matched No. 3 Texas, the champions of the Southwest Conference, and No. 4 Miami, college football's defending national champions.

After a seven-year absence, the Longhorns were set to return to a bowl they once owned. The 1991 Classic marked an unprecedented 19th appearance for Texas, yet the Horns hadn't been able to earn a trip to Dallas since January 2, 1984. Ironically, that date became a turning point for both the Texas and Miami programs. It was the day the fifth-ranked Hurricanes claimed their first football national championship, upsetting No. 1 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, 31-30. Just hours before, Texas lost its bid for a fourth national title when Georgia surprised the second-ranked Longhorns at the Cotton Bowl, 10-9.

It was a day that saw the birth of a new college dynasty. During the next six seasons, Miami put together a streak of six consecutive New Year's Day bowl appearances, won 86.3 percent of its games, and earned two more national championships. The Hurricanes ended the 1990 regular season having rolled up 86 consecutive appearances in the Associated Press Top 10. Texas, on the other hand, saw its football fortunes decline. The Longhorns' winning percentage dipped to 52.9 percent for the remainder of the decade, and produced only three bowl appearances, none of which came on New Year's Day.

Now, on the eve of the 1991 Mobil Cotton Bowl, the two programs had literally traded places. Miami, the "Team of the 80's," was the established national power. Texas was now the challenger, having recently resurfaced with hopes of restoring its name among the football elite. However, the Longhorns were destined to wait another day to regain past glory. From the beginning, this New Year's Day belonged solely to the Hurricanes.

Five Texas turnovers and a missed field goal attempt led to a record six Miami touchdowns. The Hurricane scoring barrage began with their first possession, and it proved to be an omen for the day. Before Miami ever touched the football, two consecutive deadball penalties had the Hurricanes looking at a first-and-40 situation. It took quarterback Craig Erickson just three plays to lead the 'Canes to a first down at the Texas 29-yard line. Seconds later, place kicker Carlos Huerta put Miami on the scoreboard for the first time with a 28-yard field goal.

Huerta struck again on the Hurricanes' next possession, connecting on a 50-yard attempt that tied a Classic record. Two possessions later, defensive tackle Russell Maryland, Miami's Outland Trophy winner, created the 'Canes first turnover with a bone-jarring sack of Texas quarterback Peter Gardere. The ball came loose and within two plays, Erickson registered his first of four scoring passes.

Erickson's touchdown toss to Wesley Carroll covered 12 yards. The Erickson-Carroll duo hooked up again late in the second quarter with a 24-yard scoring strike, and by halftime Miami owned a commanding 19-3 advantage. Only Michael Pollak's 29-yard field goal kept the Longhorns from a scoreless first half.

Miami intensified its attack at the start of the third quarter. Sophomore linebacker Darrin Smith intercepted a Gardere pass and roared 34 yards for the 'Canes third touchdown and a 26-3 lead. Texas threatened on its next possession, but Pollak's 54-yard field goal attempt fell short and put the Hurricanes in position for yet another Erickson scoring pass. This one ended up in the hands of receiver Randal Hill, a 48-yard bomb. At the end of the third quarter, Miami was rolling with a 33-3 lead.

Erickson still wasn't through. Early in the fourth period he found tight end Randy Bethel in the end zone with a four-yard toss for his fourth touchdown pass of the day, eclipsing a Classic record that had stood for 53 years. Miami's third pass interception set up its final score, this one coming on the ground when fullback Leonard Conley broke loose for a 26-yard touchdown run. The Hurricanes' 46-3 victory left few doubters. Miami departed Dallas in record fashion.

Game Summary

MIAMI	12	7	14	13	**46**
TEXAS	0	3	0	0	**3**

FIRST QUARTER
Miami: Carlos Huerta, 28 FG, 8:53, 40 yards in 8 plays following punt.
Miami: Carlos Huerta, 50 FG, 5:26, 16 yards in 5 plays following punt.
Miami: Wesley Carroll 12 pass from Craig Erickson (Erickson pass fail), 0:11, 9 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by Maurice Crum.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Michael Pollak 29 FG 7:43, 46 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Miami: Carroll 24 pass from Erickson (Huerta kick), 4:17, 21 yards in 2 plays following interception by Robert Bailey.

THIRD QUARTER
Miami: Darrin Smith 34 interception return (Huerta kick), 11:46.
Miami: Randal Hill 48 pass from Erickson (Huerta kick) 6:09, 63 yards in 3 plays following missed field goal attempt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Miami: Randy Bethel 4 pass from Erickson (Huerta kick blocked by Shane Dronett), 10:56, 77 yards in 12 plays following fumble recovery by Kevin Patrick.
Miami: Leonard Conley 26 run (Huerta kick), 9:23, 26 yards in 3 plays following interception by Herbert James.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Craig Erickson, Miami
Russell Maryland, Miami

COACHES
Dennis Erickson, Miami
David McWilliams, Texas

WEATHER
Cold, 38 degrees

Game Statistics

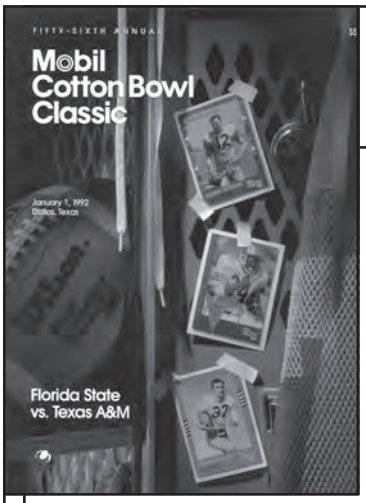
TEAM STATS	MIAMI	TEXAS
First Downs	16	20
Rushing	5	13
Passing	9	1
Penalty	2	6
Rushes-Net Yards	26-67	51-150
Net Yards Passing	272	55
Passes	17-28-0	8-18-3
Total Plays	54	69
Total Net Yards	330	205
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	16-202	8-68
Punts-Average	5-38.4	5-40.6

RUSHING
Miami: Conley 3-38, McGuire 9-33, Patton 3-14, Johnson 4-10, Crowell 1-0, Erickson 6-(-28).
Texas: Hadnot 17-101, Samuels 8-30, Brown 5-26, Saxton 5-23, A. Walker 3-(-1), Davis 1-(-6), Gardere 12-(-23).

PASSING
Miami: Erickson 17-26-0, 272 yards; Torretta 0-2-0, 0 yards.
Texas: Gardere 7-16-3, 40 yards; Saxton 1-2-0, 15 yards.

RECEIVING
Miami: Carroll 8-135, Hill 1-48, Bethel 3-34, Spencer 1-25, Thomas 1-14, Chudzinski 1-7, Conley 1-6, Johnson 1-3.
Texas: Samuels 3-24, Kerry Cash 2-11, Davis 1-15, Keith Cash 1-8, Hadnot 1-(-3).

PUNTING
Miami: Snyder 5-38.4.
Texas: Waits 5-40.6.



FLORIDA STATE 10
TEXAS A&M 02

1992
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **73,728**

Outstanding defense and Mother Nature worked in tandem to create offensive headaches for Florida State and Texas A&M in the 56th Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic. Rain was a heavy contributor in the record number of turnovers that plagued both teams, but not so much as a group of fleet-footed, hard-hitting defenders who stole the spotlight from two potent offenses and turned the Classic into a low-scoring, 10-2 Florida State victory.

The 10-2-0 Seminoles were ranked fifth nationally after holding onto the No. 1 ranking for the first 12 weeks of the season. Texas A&M was ninth in the final regular-season rankings at 10-1-0, winners of nine straight games. But Florida State was the established power. Bobby Bowden owned college football's best post-season winning percentage, guiding the Seminoles to their 10th consecutive bowl appearance and a fifth straight season of 10 or more victories. While Bowden was firmly entrenched in Tallahassee, R. C. Slocum was launching a successful head coaching career with the Aggies. No other coach in A&M's 97-year history had won more games in his first three seasons than Slocum.

Yet, when the two teams collided, holding onto the football was almost too much to ask. Together, the Seminoles and Aggies spent New Year's Day combining for 13 turnovers, tying a 33-year old Classic record. Texas A&M fumbled eight times and lost seven, and was intercepted twice. Florida State lost one of three fumbles and then endured four pass interceptions. Certainly, this wasn't the type of game everyone expected.

Perhaps the most telling play of the day occurred on the Aggies' initial possession. Freshman Greg Hill broke loose on a 39-yard run and appeared to be on his way for a score before being dragged down at the one by cornerback Errol McCorvey. The football squirted loose and rolled through the end zone and out of bounds. Florida State was awarded possession of the football at the two-yard line and the Seminoles were breathing a heavy sign of relief.

Hoping to seize momentum from A&M's missed touchdown opportunity, Florida State quarterback Casey Weldon looked to strike quickly. Rolling to his right, the Heisman Trophy runnerup was trapped in the end zone and thrown to the ground for a safety by Quentin Coryatt, A&M's swift inside linebacker. The Aggies led 2-0, but the squandered scoring opportunity would haunt them throughout the day.

Midway through the first quarter, receiver Tony Harrison beat Florida State's Terrell Buckley on a flag pattern inside the five-yard line. Quarterback Bucky Richardson threw a perfect pass, but the wide-open Harrison dropped the ball in full stride. Another missed opportunity occurred in the second quarter. Strong safety Chris Crooms intercepted Weldon at the Seminole 42, and returned the ball for an apparent touchdown. However, officials ruled that Crooms had stepped out of bounds at the 26-yard line while running down the sideline. Three plays later, Buckley came up with a key interception, picking off Richardson in the end zone to turn back another A&M scoring threat.

While the Texas A&M offense sputtered, Florida State was ready to capitalize. Cornerback Clifton Abraham's fumble recovery at the Aggie 46 set up a drive that resulted in the game's only touchdown. Weldon's four-yard bootleg around right end put Florida State ahead 7-2 just before the end of the first period. The teams then battled through two scoreless quarters, although another fumble recovery on the second half kickoff almost helped the Seminoles increase their lead, but Dan Mowery's 42-yard field goal attempt sailed wide left.

Offensive miscues took their toll on the Aggies well into the fourth quarter. Crooms second interception gave A&M hope and the ball at Florida State's 16. But, freshman Wilbert Biggens fumbled the football right back to the Seminoles on a double reverse. Defensive end Dan Footman scooped up the loose ball and Florida State took control. Soon, the Seminoles would drive for the game-clinching score, a 27-yard field goal by Gerry Thomas with 2:40 to play.

Even though defense controlled the game's tempo, Sean Jackson clearly was the offensive spark for the Seminoles. The sophomore was thrust into the starting lineup in the absence of standout tailback Amp Lee. Jackson rushed for 119 yards on 27 carries and was named the game's outstanding offensive player. Florida State's triumph also tied UCLA's national record of seven post-season victories in consecutive seasons and Bowden boosted his career bowl record to 11-3-1 for a .767 winning percentage, the best in college football.

Game Summary

FLORIDA STATE	7	0	0	3	**10**
TEXAS A&M	2	0	0	0	**2**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas A&M: Casey Weldon tackled in end zone for safety by Quentin Coryatt, 10:09.
Florida State: Weldon 4 run (Gerry Thomas kick), 2:08, 46 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Clifton Abraham.

FOURTH QUARTER
Florida State: Thomas 27 FG, 2:40, 30 yards in 5 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Sean Jackson, Florida State
Chris Crooms, Texas A&M

COACHES
Bobby Bowden, Florida State
R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Rain, 46 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	FSU	A&M
First Downs	17	12
Rushing	11	5
Passing	5	3
Penalty	1	4
Rushes-Net Yards	48-188	42-123
Net Yards Passing	92	57
Passes	14-32-4	6-24-2
Total Plays	80	66
Total Net Yards	280	180
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	7-6
Penalties-Yards	11-77	5-50
Punts-Average	8-43.3	9-39.7

RUSHING
Florida State: Jackson 27-119, Bennett 11-47, McMillon 2-16, Baker 1-14, Weldon 7-(-8).
Texas A&M: Hill 14-71, Carter 7-22, McAfee 5-19, Simmons 4-19, Richardson 9-5, Thomas 2-(-4) Biggens 1-(-9).

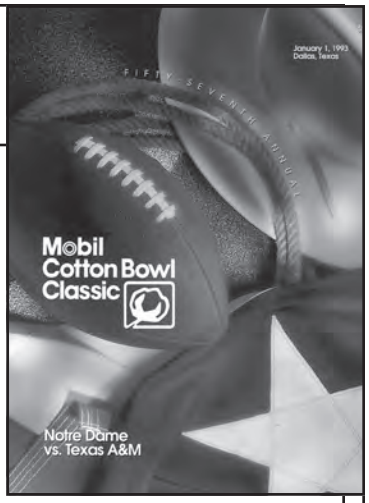
PASSING
Florida State: Weldon 14-32-4, 92 yards.
Texas A&M: Richardson 6-24-2, 57 yards.

RECEIVING
Florida State: Baker 4-44, Jackson 3-20, K. McCorvey 2-20, Johnson 2-19, Frier 1-5, Bennett 2-(-16).
Texas A&M: Tony Harrison 2-27, Hill 2-17, J. Mathews 1-10, Mitchell 1-3.

PUNTING
Florida State: Player 8-43.3.
Texas A&M: Davis 9-39.7.

1993 JANUARY 1

NOTRE DAME 28
TEXAS A&M 03



ATTENDANCE: **71,615**

In 1993, the newly formed College Football Bowl Coalition produced one of the most interesting matchups in the 57-years of the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic. Southwest Conference champion Texas A&M played its way into the New Year's Day Classic for the second consecutive year, and in the process became the bowl's first-ever 12-0-0 team. In fact, only five teams in NCAA history had compiled such a record. The unbeaten Aggies climbed to No. 4 nationally and were paired with fifth-ranked Notre Dame, a team that had rolled through the regular season with a 9-1-1 mark.

On selection day, the Fighting Irish may have been the hottest team in the country. Notre Dame won its last seven games after a mid-season loss to Stanford, including four consecutive victories over Top 25 teams to end the year. A return to Dallas marked Notre Dame's sixth trip to the Classic and its sixth consecutive post-season appearance under Lou Holtz. His first bowl trip with the Irish was in the 1988 Classic when Texas A&M scored a convincing 35-10 victory over Notre Dame. Now, five years later, this game had a special appeal in what would be only the second meeting ever for these two football programs.

Both teams were solid. The Irish were noted for an efficient ground attack behind tailback Reggie Brooks and fullback Jerome Bettis, and quarterback Rick Mirer was regarded as one of college football's finest passers. Defensively, Texas A&M was as hard-nosed as ever, led by linebacker Marcus Buckley who captained the Aggies' dominating "Wrecking Crew." It appeared to be a perfect match between Notre Dame's veterans and Texas A&M's talented youngsters. And, for the game's first 29 minutes and 24 seconds, it was. The Aggies' blitzing defensive scheme kept the potent Irish attack in check. Then, in the final minute of the half, came the one electric play that turned the complexion of the game completely toward Notre Dame.

With 45 seconds to play and facing third and 10 at the A&M 40, Mirer flipped a screen pass to split end Lake Dawson. Sprinting toward the middle of the field, Dawson received a block from guard Todd Norman who took out the Aggies' All-America free safety Patrick Bates. Dawson cut up field behind his blockers and sailed for the end zone. In seconds, the defensive stalemate had come to an end. This one play, executed to perfection, neutralized the effectiveness of A&M's blitzing defense the rest of the afternoon. Momentum flashed quickly to Notre Dame as the first half wound to a close.

Confident and leading 7-0, Notre Dame jumped on the Aggies to start the third quarter. On their first possession, the Irish drove 65 yards in 10 plays. Mirer ended the drive by hitting Bettis on a 26-yard scoring play, increasing the margin to 14-0. Notre Dame's next offensive series covered 87 yards but ended at the A&M four-yard line. Brooks fumbled on first down and the Aggies momentarily dodged a big bullet. However, two plays later the Irish got the ball right back when A&M quarterback Corey Pullig coughed up the football and into the waiting arms of linebacker Demetrius DuBose at the 11. Thirty seconds later, Bettis barreled over from the one for Notre Dame's third touchdown and a 21-0 lead.

The Irish saved their best drive of the day for early in the fourth quarter. Notre Dame chewed up 82 yards in 16 plays and consumed more than nine minutes of the clock. Again, Bettis ended the drive with a four-yard touchdown run, his third score of the game. Only 5:03 was left to play and Notre Dame literally had dominated the second half in workmanlike fashion, methodically wearing down the Aggie defense while en route to a 28-3 victory.

Defensively, Notre Dame was relentless. Texas A&M couldn't generate a first down until late in the second quarter. The longest Aggie drive of the day was 46 yards, and the closest they came to the goal line was the Notre Dame 24. Terry Venetoulias' 41-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter came after the Irish had taken a three touchdown lead. Fueling the Notre Dame defensive effort was senior Devon McDonald who logged 10 tackles, four behind the line of scrimmage for 22 yards in losses. Indeed, Notre Dame was impressive. The Irish limited Texas A&M, a team averaging better than 385 yards and 28 points a game, to just 165 yards and three points. Offensively, Notre Dame played to its strength, rushing for 290 yards and rolling up 439 yards overall. Brooks ran for 115 yards on 22 attempts, and Mirer completed 8-of-16 pass attempts for 119 yards and two touchdowns. But, statistics aside, the turning point in this Notre Dame victory can be traced back to that one decisive play near the end of the first half. Mirer's middle screen pass play to Dawson was just the spark the Irish needed to set this runaway train in motion.

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	0	7	14	7	**28**
TEXAS A&M	0	0	0	3	**3**

SECOND QUARTER
Notre Dame: Lake Dawson 40 pass from Rick Mirer (Craig Hentrich kick)), 0:36, 64 yards in 6 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Notre Dame: Jerome Bettis 26 pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 7:17, 65 yards in 10 plays following punt.
Notre Dame: Bettis 1 run (Hentrich kick), 0:33, 11 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by Demetrius DuBose.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas A&M: Terry Venetoulias 41 FG, 14:27, 38 yards in 6 plays following kickoff.
Notre Dame: Bettis 4 run (Hentrich kick), 5:03, 82 yards in 16 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Devon McDonald, Notre Dame
Rick Mirer, Notre Dame

COACHES
Lou Holtz, Notre Dame
R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Cold, 35 degrees

Game Statistics

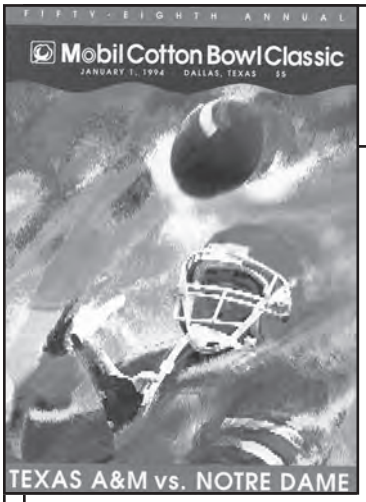
TEAM STATS	ND	A&M
First Downs	28	11
Rushing	20	8
Passing	6	2
Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Net Yards	64-290	33-78
Net Yards Passing	149	87
Passes	9-18-0	7-18-0
Total Plays	82	51
Total Net Yards	439	165
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-30	7-42
Punts-Average	4-38.0	6-40.5

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Brooks 22-115, Bettis 20-75, Mirer 13-55, Becton 5-26, Burris 2-8, Davis 1-8, Zellars 1-3.
Texas A&M: Thomas 20-50, Brian Mitchell 1-12, Pullig 9-11, Carter 3-5.

PASSING
Notre Dame: Mirer 8-16-0, 119 yards; Failla 1-1-0, 30 yards; Bettis 0-1-0.
Texas A&M: Pullig 7-18-0, 87 yards.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame: Dawson 2-46, Smith 3-38, Miller 1-30, Bettis 1-26, Brooks 1-5, Griggs 1-4.
Texas A&M: Tony Harrison 3-59, Schorp 2-14, Brian Mitchell 1-12, Groce 1-2.

PUNTING
Notre Dame: Hentrich 4-38.0.
Texas A&M: Davis 6-40.5.



NOTRE DAME 24
TEXAS A&M 21

1994
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **69,855**

The term Deja Vu certainly didn't apply to this game. Even though Notre Dame and Texas A&M found themselves on familiar ground, the 1994 Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic had nothing in common with the one that took place one year before. In the 1993 Classic, Notre Dame jumped on the unbeaten Aggies for an easy 28-3 victory. Now, 365 days later, the matchup was the same, but the style of play was all together different. Not since the days of Notre Dame and Texas in the early 1970s had the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic featured a repeat matchup. At 10-1-0, Notre Dame continued to maintain aspirations of winning its ninth national championship. A season-ending upset at the hands of Boston College had knocked the Irish from the top of the polls, but with a strong showing in Dallas the fourth-ranked Irish were hopeful of regaining No. 1.

Texas A&M also carried an impressive 10-1-0 record into the Classic and was ranked seventh in the final Associated Press poll of the regular season. An early season loss at Oklahoma derailed the Aggies' dreams of a national title. However, the Aggies were now on a roll with a nine-game winning streak, including a third straight Southwest Conference championship. It was was a record-setting season for the Aggies. Texas A&M became the first SWC team ever to post three consecutive perfect seasons in conference play with a 22-0 mark.

Sunny skies and 62 degrees greeted both teams at kickoff. Weather conditions were perfect. Texas A&M won the toss, deferred the option, and Notre Dame elected to receive. The Aggies were looking for their defense to establish control early, and when the first Irish possession began inside the 10-yard line, the A&M strategy appeared sound. But, it didn't take long for Notre Dame's methodical ground attack to spring to life. Irish running back Lee Becton ripped through the A&M defense for 11 yards on the first play of the game and Notre Dame's 79-yard scoring drive was underway. All but one of the 13 plays in the Irish drive came on the ground. Quarterback Kevin McDougal's slashing 19-yard option run around right end pushed Notre Dame to a quick 7-0 lead.

Texas A&M answered right back on its first possession. On the Aggies' third play from scrimmage, quarterback Corey Pullig connected with Rodney Thomas for 21 yards to set the tone for the A&M attack. Running back Greg Hill finished the 10-play, 79-yard drive with an eight-yard burst over the right side to tie the score at 7-7. Pullig soon had the Aggies back into scoring position. The sophomore quarterback completed five passes in a 14-play drive that ended with a 15-yard strike to fullback Detron Smith midway through the second quarter. By halftime, the Aggies were leading 14-7 and an upset seemed to be brewing.

Notre Dame stormed back on its first possession of the second half with Becton pounding away at the Aggie defense to set up fullback Ray Zellars' two-yard scoring run. The Aggies responded with another long drive. This time A&M marched 72 yards for Thomas' touchdown run to regain the lead, 21-14. Notre Dame answered quickly. Becton broke loose for 15 yards on first down and McDougal scrambled for 10. McDougal then hit Zellars with a pass for 18 yards and a first down at the A&M 13. Three plays later, freshman fullback Marc Edwards barreled over from the two for the tying touchdown.

The tug-of-war continued into the fourth quarter. A Notre Dame punt pinned the Aggies on their 10-yard line after linebacker Pete Bercich intercepted Pullig near midfield. The Irish defense limited A&M to three plays and a loss of two yards. The Aggies were forced to punt and Notre Dame's Michael Miller was poised to make the biggest play of the day. The clock was down to 3:55 when Miller fielded the kick for the Irish. Moving to his left, Miller raced down the A&M sideline for 38 yards before linebacker Junior White forced him out of bounds at the Texas A&M 22-yard line. Becton ripped for eight yards on first down to the A&M 14, but watched as the Aggie "Wrecking Crew" snuffed the next two plays for no gain. The most important factor of all at this point in the game was the clock, and it was ticking. The Irish were facing fourth down and Holtz turned to Kevin Pendergast, his senior placekicker, for the game-winner. Pendergast calmly trotted onto the field, measured the needed distance, and boomed a 31-yard field goal just inside the uprights. With just 2:22 to play, Notre Dame was back in front, 24-21. Texas A&M still had life, yet launched its final bid for victory with precious little time. The clock was down to 1:10 when Pullig hit tight end Greg Schorp with a pass over the middle for 32 yards at the Notre Dame 48. For a fleeting moment, the Aggies seemed to have regained momentum. But, the determination of the Irish defense finally took over. Defensive tackle Jim Flannigan broke through to sack Pullig for an 11-yard loss on second down. Then came an incomplete pass, and coach R. C. Slocum was forced to reach into his bag of tricks for one last play of desperation.

Pullig's fourth down pass was right on target at the Irish 45. Receiver Tony Harrison made the catch, wheeled to his right and lateraled to Leeland McElroy, A&M's heralded freshman running back who was running at full throttle with an open field in front of him. But, Harrison's toss was high. The football sailed over McElroy's head and bounced aimlessly on the ground. Notre Dame's Renaldo Wynn quickly jumped on the loose ball and suddenly the Aggies' scoring threat was over. Just 24 seconds remained and the Irish had survived.

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	7	0	14	3	**24**
TEXAS A&M	7	7	7	0	**21**

FIRST QUARTER
Notre Dame: Kevin McDougal 19 run (Kevin Pendergast kick), 8:01, 91 yards in 13 plays following opening kickoff.
Texas A&M: Greg Hill 8 run (Terry Venetoulias kick), 3:56, 79 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas A&M: Detron Smith 15 pass from Corey Pullig (Venetoulias kick), 2:56, 77 yards in 14 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Notre Dame: Ray Zellars 2 run (Pendergast kick), 10:21, 51 yards in 8 plays following punt.
Texas A&M: Rodney Thomas 1 run (Venetoulias kick), 6:50, 72 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
Notre Dame: Marc Edwards 2 run (Pendergast kick), 3:48, 65 yards in 7 plays following kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
Notre Dame: Pendergast 31 FG, 2:22, 8 yards in 4 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Lee Becton, Notre Dame
Antonio Shorter, Texas A&M

COACHES
Lou Holtz, Notre Dame
R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Sunny skies, 62 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	ND	A&M
First Downs	19	20
Rushing	13	11
Passing	5	9
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	51-206	37-103
Net Yards Passing	105	238
Passes	7-15-0	17-31-1
Total Plays	66	68
Total Net Yards	311	341
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	5-34	3-15
Punts-Average	7-38.0	4-37.3

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Becton 26-138, Zellars 9-25, Miller 2-20, McDougal 9-13, Edwards 3-6, Burris 1-4, Kinder 1-0.
Texas A&M: McElroy 4-45, Hill 16-38, Thomas 9-33, Groce 1-2, Pullig 7-(-15).

PASSING
Notre Dame: McDougal 7-15-0, 105 yards.
Texas A&M: Pullig 17-31-1, 238 yards.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame: Dawson 2-41, Mayes 2-27, Zellars 1-18, McBride 1-16, Becton 1-3.
Texas A&M: Schorp 3-53, Tony Harrison 3-52, Groce 4-45, Brian Mitchell 2-29, Smith 2-24, Thomas 1-21, Hill 1-7, McElroy 1-7.

PUNTING
Notre Dame: Jarrell 7-38.0.
Texas A&M: Bennett 4-37.3.

1995 JANUARY 2

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 55
TEXAS TECH 14



ATTENDANCE: **70,218**

Historical artifacts just aren't safe with Southern California in town. In the 59th Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic, the Trojans literally rewrote history with their 55-14 sacking of Texas Tech.

In slightly more than three and a half hours, the Trojans established Cotton Bowl Classic records for points (55), total offense (578), passing yards (435), points in a quarter (28) and points in a half (34). It was a classic display of textbook football. Southern California couldn't have asked for a better way to celebrate its first New Year's Day bowl appearance in five seasons. The Trojans combined an explosive offense with a dominating defense and solid special teams play to record one of the most awesome performances ever.

A capacity crowd dressed predominately in red and black filed into Cotton Bowl Stadium to see the Raiders play in the Classic for the first time since 1939. Fifty-six years had passed since Tech's last appearance in the Classic. In those days, the Red Raiders carried the banner of the Border Conference. But, times had changed. Now, as Southwest Conference champions, Texas Tech was representing the 80-year old league in it's final Classic appearance.

An air of excitement engulfed the stadium as game-time neared. But, the festive mood ended abruptly for Texas Tech. It didn't take long for Southern California to launch a suffocating attack that left the Red Raiders gasping for air. The Trojans scored 21 of their 34 first half points in a span of 1:16. The flood gates opened when tailback Shawn Walters rumbled 11 yards around right end for the first Southern California touchdown. The scoring drive covered 67 yards and it took the Trojans only four plays to reach the Red Raider end zone. Things got worse for Tech on the ensuing kickoff. Trojan linebacker Brian Hass slammed kick returner Stacy Mitchell to the ground with a bonejarring hit. The ball popped loose and Gerald Caruthers recovered for Southern California at the Texas Tech 19-yard line. Quarterback Rob Johnson and the Trojans struck swiftly. On the first play from scrimmage, fullback Terry Barnum circled out of the backfield and Johnson's pass was on target. Barnum bolted into the end zone and Southern California's lead shot to 14-0.

Then came the knockout punch. Desperate to make something good happen for the Raiders, quarterback Zebbie Lethridge looked to throw on second down. Lethridge found his receiver but the pass bounced off the hands of Matt DuBuc and into the waiting arms of Southern California cornerback John Herpin. The speedy Texas native gathered in the errant pass, cut toward the Southern California sideline and raced 26 yards for the Trojans' third touchdown. In a matter of seconds, the Trojans had gained total control of the game. Leading 21-0 and the clock down to 5:35, Southern California was rocking and Texas Tech was reeling. The Raiders had run only nine offensive plays and had come up empty every time. But, Southern California was just getting started, and so was Keyshawn Johnson. The elusive, game-breaking receiver added the Trojans' final touchdown of the quarter with a spectacular, leaping catch in the corner of the end zone. The 12-yard scoring play pushed the Southern California lead to 28-0.

Statistically, the Trojans' first quarter performance was even more imposing than the score. Southern California outgained the Raiders 235 yards to 17 in total offense. Obviously, Southern California had the game well in hand and the only doubt that remained was the final margin of victory.

For the day, Keyshawn Johnson set Cotton Bowl Classic records with three touchdown receptions and 222 yards on eight catches. He scored twice in the third quarter. The first was a 22-yard strike from Rob Johnson, and the second was an 86-yard bomb from backup quarterback Brad Otton, the second longest touchdown pass in Classic history.

With 9:23 remaining in the third quarter, Rob Johnson retired to the Southern California sideline. His college career had come to a storybook ending. Johnson threw for 289 yards and three touchdowns, connecting on 16-of-21 attempts with no interceptions. His 13.8 yards per attempt was the second best passing performance ever in the Classic, and his .762 completion percentage was the fourth-highest total. Texas Tech managed to end the Southern California shutout late in the third quarter when Lethridge scrambled five yards for a touchdown. Then, as the final gun sounded to end the game, backup quarterback Sone Cavazos tossed a 45-yard scoring pass to Mitchell. After a bittersweet afternoon of football, Red Raider fans finally had something to cheer about.

Game Summary

USC	28	6	14	7	**55**
TEXAS TECH	0	0	7	7	**14**

FIRST QUARTER
USC: Shawn Walters 11 run (Cole Ford kick), 6:51, 67 yards in 4 plays following punt.
USC: Terry Barnum 19 pass from Rob Johnson (Ford kick), 6:39, 19 yards in 1 play following fumble recovery by Gerald Caruthers.
USC: John Herpin 26 interception return (Ford kick), 5:35.
USC: Keyshawn Johnson 12 pass from Rob Johnson (Ford kick), 2:22, 44 yards in 5 plays following punt.
SECOND QUARTER
USC: Ford 39 FG, 6:50, 22 yards in 7 plays following punt.
USC: Ford 42 FG, 0:17, -9 yards in 4 plays following interception by John Herpin.
THIRD QUARTER
USC: Keyshawn Johnson 22 pass from Rob Johnson (Ford kick), 10:29, 66 yards in 6 plays following punt.
USC: Keyshawn Johnson 86 pass from Brad Otton (Ford kick), 7:51, 89 yards in 3 plays following punt.
Texas Tech: Zebbie Lethridge 5 run (Jon Davis kick), 2:15, 80 yards in 9 plays following punt.
FOURTH QUARTER
USC: Jeff Diltz 2 pass from Brad Otton (Ford kick), 2:40, 17 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Scott Fields.
Texas Tech: Stacy Mitchell 45 pass from Sone Cavazos (Davis kick), 0:00, 70 yards in 2 plays following kickoff.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
John Herpin, USC
Keyshawn Johnson, USC
COACHES
John Robinson, USC
Spike Dykes, Texas Tech
WEATHER
Sunny to partly cloudy skies, 52 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	USC	TECH
First Downs	21	14
Rushing	7	3
Passing	14	9
Penalty	0	2
Rushes-Net Yards	45-143	26-55
Net Yards Passing	435	205
Passes	24-35-0	15-37-2
Total Plays	80	63
Total Net Yards	578	260
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	12-133	2-20
Punts-Average	4-43.0	10-38.0

RUSHING
USC: Walters 14-82, Sermons 12-32, Green 6-25, Washington 6-17, Holguin 2-4, Hopper 1-1, Koffler 1-0, R. Johnson 3-(-18).
Texas Tech: Hanspard 9-36, Crain 2-22, Cavazos 1-3, Lethridge 13-(-3), Walker 1-(-3).
PASSING
USC: R. Johnson 16-21-0, 289 yards; Otton 8-14-0, 146 yards.
Texas Tech: Lethridge 12-29-2, 134 yards; Cavazos 3-5-0, 71 yards; Darden 0-3-0.
RECEIVING
USC: K. Johnson 8-222, Hervey 3-99, Parker 1-31, Barnum 1-19, Green 1-12, Diltz 2-13, Allred 1-12, McWilliams 1-9, Grace 1-9, Woods 1-7, Volsan 1-2, Washington 3-0.
Texas Tech: Darden 6-79, Mitchell 1-45, Bass 1-28, Scovell 1-25, DuBuc 1-10, Lavender 1-6, Hanspard 1-4, B. Adams 2-4, Hobbs 1-4.
PUNTING
USC: Stonehouse 4-43.0.
Texas Tech: Cade 10-38.0.



COLORADO 38
OREGON 06

1996
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **58,214**

The Cotton Bowl Classic unveiled a whole new look for its 60th anniversary celebration. For the first time since 1940, the game featured two teams from outside the SWC.

A changing environment in college sports brought about the formation of the new Big 12 Conference, a league comprised of institutions from the powerful Big Eight Conference and four long-time members of the soon-to-be dismantled SWC. With the Big 12 serving as its anchor conference of the future, the Classic looked toward the West Coast to establish partnerships with the storied Pacific-10 Conference and the explosive Western Athletic Conference.

Kicking off this new era at the Cotton Bowl was national power Colorado. The seventh-ranked Buffaloes earned their way to Dallas with a thrilling come-from-behind victory over Kansas State in the regular-season finale. It marked Colorado's fifth New Year's Day bowl appearance in seven seasons, and the Buffs headed for Texas in search of a third consecutive post-season victory. From the Pac-10 came Oregon, a rising program that was beginning to reap the benefits of back-to-back New Year's Day bowl appearances. A trip to the Cotton Bowl Classic in their 100th season of college football was perceived to be the consummate ending to a two-year run that produced a Rose Bowl berth the previous season and the Ducks' first conference title in 37 years.

Both teams finished the 1996 campaign with identical 9-2-0 records. In the Big Eight's final season, Colorado forced the conference's first-ever three-way tie for second place. Oregon, ranked 12th, came within a half-game of winning the Pac-10 championship for the second year in a row. But, as game time neared, the favorite's role belonged to Colorado. Coach Rick Neuheisel's Buffaloes possessed big play potential on offense, complemented by a youthful, but talented defense. Yet, early in the first quarter, it was Oregon...not Colorado, that took control of the game. Speedy tailback Ricky Whittle got things rolling for the Ducks, returning the opening kickoff 63 yards to the Colorado 26-yard line. Within minutes, Oregon quarterback Tony Graziani had moved the Ducks to inside the 10. But, Oregon's drive stalled on the eight and first-year head coach Mike Bellotti turned to freshman place kicker Joshua Smith to post the game's first score. Smith's 25-yard field goal was good and the Ducks owned an early 3-0 lead.

Colorado no sooner had the ball back when inside linebacker Rich Ruhl intercepted a John Hessler pass at the Buffaloes' 46. The Ducks charged back onto the field, determined to convert this turnover into a touchdown. But, after reaching the 16, Oregon's offense again failed to cash in, and was forced to settle for another field goal from Smith. These two series set the offensive tone the rest of the day for the Ducks. In the first half, Oregon's average starting point was its own 49. Still, the Ducks couldn't take advantage of the many opportunities handed to them by their defense. To go with Whittle's kickoff return, Oregon intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble and stopped Colorado on downs at midfield, all in the first quarter. However, the end result was a tenuous 6-0 edge.

Finally, the struggling Buff offense came alive, and Hessler, Colorado's sophomore quarterback, produced the spark that ultimately ignited Neuheisel's high octane assault. On third and 19, Hessler hooked up with receiver James Kidd for a 62-yard pass play that reached the Oregon one. Seconds later, on the first play of the second quarter, Hessler ended the 80-yard drive himself, carrying around right end for the touchdown that pushed the Buffs in front, 7-6.Oregon fired back after a short punt gave the Ducks excellent field position at the Colorado 49. Poised to take the lead, Graziani again maneuvered his team back into scoring position, driving to the nine-yard line. On second down, Graziani looked for his tight end, Josh Wilcox. Colorado blitzed linebacker Matt Russell up the middle and Wilcox headed for the spot vacated by Russell. Realizing that Wilcox was covered, Graziani turned back to Whittle. The pass was off target and Colorado's Marcus Washington, a freshman free safety who was making only his second start of the season, was in perfect position. Washington picked off Graziani's pass, quickly cut to the left sideline and sailed 95 yards for a Colorado touchdown. In a matter of seconds, the momentum had turned and the Ducks were left staring at a 13-6 deficit.

The second half opened with tailback Herchell Troutman's 55-yard romp over right tackle. Troutman's run moved Colorado to the Oregon nine and set up Hessler's two-yard scoring pass to tight end Matt Lepsis in the back of the end zone. The margin ballooned to 20-6. Oregon then fumbled away three consecutive possessions, handing the Buffs the football on the Ducks' 29-, 23- and 17- yard lines. Colorado turned two of the three turnovers into 12 points, and by the start of the final period, the Buffaloes had stormed to a commanding 32-6 lead.

So much for Colorado's "rebuilding year." After sending 10 seniors into the NFL the previous season, 1995 turned out to be one of the Buffs' most successful football campaigns ever: 10 wins, a Top 5 national ranking, and a third consecutive bowl victory. Even if he tried, head coach Rick Neuheisel couldn't have dreamed of a better ending for his rookie season.

Game Summary

OREGON	6	0	0	0	**6**
COLORADO	0	13	19	6	**38**

FIRST QUARTER

Oregon: Joshua Smith 25 FG, 12:53, 18 yards in 6 plays following opening kickoff.

Oregon: Smith 33 FG , 8:33, 39 yards in 6 plays following interception by Rich Ruhl.

SECOND QUARTER

Colorado: John Hessler 1 run (Neil Voskeritchian kick), 14:56, 80 yards in 6 plays following punt.

Colorado: Marcus Washington 95 interception return (Voskeritchian kick fail), 6:31.

THIRD QUARTER

Colorado: Matt Lepsis 2 pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick), 13:37, 64 yards in 4 plays following kickoff.

Colorado: Herchell Troutman 6 run (bobbled PAT snap and run by Voskeritchian failed), 8:40, 23 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Donnell Leomiti.

Colorado: Phil Savoy 12 pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick blocked by Bryant Jackson), 5:42, 17 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by Greg Jones.

FOURTH QUARTER

Colorado: Ayyub Abdul-Rahmaan 5 run (Voskeritchian kick blocked by Jackson), 1:11, 65 yards in 10 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Marcus Washington, Colorado
Herchell Troutman, Colorado

COACHES

Mike Bellotti, Oregon
Rick Neuheisel, Colorado

WEATHER

Rain, 45 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	OREGON	CU
First Downs	16	16
Rushing	9	9
Passing	7	4
Penalty	0	3
Rushes-Net Yards	29-105	41-170
Net Yards Passing	162	143
Passes	21-44-2	12-27-2
Total Plays	73	68
Total Net Yards	267	313
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-67	6-41
Punts-Average	5-38.4	4-28.5

RUSHING

Oregon: Whittle 12-50, Parker 3-43, Jelks 3-14, Graziani 11-(-2).

Colorado: Troutman 13-100, Henry 7-38, Barnes 5-25, Savoy 1-13, Abdul-Rahmaan 4-3, Hessler 11-(-9).

PASSING

Oregon: Graziani 19-37-2, 113 yards; Smith 2-6-0, 49 yards; Parker 0-1-0.

Colorado: Hessler 11-26-2, 115 yards; Mitchell 1-1-0, 28 yards.

RECEIVING

Oregon: Hodge 2-33, McLemore 3-26, Jelks 2-21, Whittle 4-18, Griffin 2-17, Wilcox 2-17, Anderson 1-16, Spence 2-9, Parker 2-8, Ricketts 1-(-3).

Colorado: Savoy 3-29, Kidd 2-73, Black 1-28, Carruth 1-11, Troutman 1-4, Anderson 1-2, Lepsis 1-2, Henry 2-(-6).

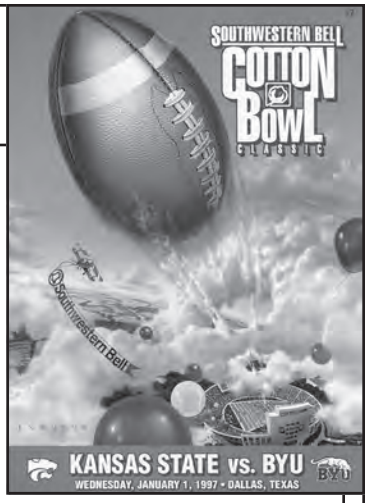
PUNTING

Oregon: Bidwell 5-38.4.

Colorado: Mitchell 4-28.5.

1997 JANUARY 1

BYU 19
KANSAS STATE 15



ATTENDANCE: **71,928**

The Southwestern Bell era at the Cotton Bowl couldn't have asked for a better start. An absolutely dazzling, sunny day with temperatures in the 70s greeted a sellout crowd of 71,928 for one of the most exciting games in the Classic's 61-year history. For Brigham Young and Kansas State, it was a day to celebrate. After years of waiting, these two programs finally landed a New Year's Day bowl invitation. The weather and an enthusiastic crowd created a festive atmosphere, but the drama was provided exclusively by two excellent teams that battled all the way to the game's final play before BYU pulled out a 19-15 thriller.

Under coach Bill Snyder, No. 14 Kansas State was an emerging power from the Big 12 Conference. K-State brought a 9-2 record to Dallas and it marked the fourth consecutive year the Wildcats had won nine or more games. Along with them came a purple wave of more than 40,000 diehard fans, a figure that shattered the Classic's old ticket sales record for one team.

BYU, on the other hand, was a recognized offensive power from the Western Athletic Conference. With the Cougars, coach LaVell Edwards had established a program known for a flashy, quick striking offense. At 13-1, pass-happy BYU was headed for the NCAA record book for games played. The Classic would be the Cougars' 15th game of the year, and if it could get by the Wildcats, BYU would set another record for most victories in a single season with 14.

The stage was set for an outstanding matchup. K-State owned the nation's fourth best pass defense. BYU would counter with quarterback Steve Sarkisian, the nation's leading passer and the leader of the NCAA's sixth most productive offense. It was obvious, a big-game atmosphere was brewing at the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl.

At kickoff, it was the BYU defense, not the offense, that roared onto the field. Cornerback Tim McTyer picked off a K-State pass midway through the first quarter and returned the interception 19 yards to the Wildcat 36. BYU was unable to capitalize, but the turnover allowed the Cougars to establish field position with a punt that pinned Kansas State on its two-yard line. This, in turn, set up one of the biggest plays of the day. On second down at the three, BYU linebacker Shay Muirbrook crashed through to sack quarterback Brian Kavanagh in the end zone for a safety. It was the first of a record six sacks on the day for Muirbrook, and the play pushed the Cougars to an early 2-0 lead. Following the free kick, BYU got back onto the scoreboard when Ethan Pochman banged through a 39-yard field goal.

At the end of the first quarter both teams found themselves locked in a defensive struggle, and it appeared that BYU's 5-0 lead might hold up through halftime. But, with just five seconds to play in the half, Kavanagh unleashed a 41-yard Hail Mary pass with hopes of finding Kevin Lockett, the Cats' All-America receiver, waiting for it to come down in the end zone. Lockett was swarmed by BYU defenders trying to bat the ball away. But standing in the right spot at the right time was Andre Anderson who alertly dove for the deflected pass just before it fell to the ground. Time had expired, yet the Wildcats had scored the game's first touchdown. Mike Lawrence added a two-point conversion run and Kansas State headed to the locker room in front for the first time, 8-5. The Hail Mary seemed to invigorate the Wildcats. They began the second half with Kavanagh guiding K-State to another score. Again, the target was Lockett who raced down the sideline with a 72-yard touchdown pass that increased the Wildcat lead to 15-5.

BYU's high-powered offense continued to struggle as the game moved to the fourth quarter. Sarkisian was desperate to turn the momentum back toward BYU. With 10:55 on the clock, he succeeded, finding James Dye streaking into the end zone for a 32-yard touchdown. The score closed the gap to 15-12. Two possessions later, Sarkisian was on the move again, and drove the Cougars 60 yards in five plays, ending with a 28-yard touchdown strike to K.O. Kealaluhi that proved to be the game-winner. BYU climbed back on top, 19-15, and the clock was down to 3:39. Now, the pressure reverted back to Kansas State. Starting from the 28, Kavanagh and Lockett went to work on a 13-play drive that would carry them to the BYU 12. A second down play at the Cougars' 17 almost resulted in a touchdown when Lockett grabbed a pass in the back of the end zone, but BYU's McTyre made sure the catch wouldn't count by knocking the K-State receiver out of the field of play.

Fate was beginning to shine on the Cougars. Four plays later, with the ball at the 12, Kavanagh looked for Jimmy Dean over the middle. BYU cornerback Omarr Morgan read the play perfectly and stepped inside to intercept Kavanagh at the three. Only 55 seconds were left to play and all the Cougars had to do to gain their biggest victory of the season was for Sarkisian to simply fall on the ball and kill the clock.

Game Summary

K-STATE	0	8	7	0	**15**
BYU	5	0	0	14	**19**

FIRST QUARTER
BYU: Brian Kavanagh tackled in end zone for safety by Shay Muirbrook, 3:34.
BYU: Ethan Pochman 39 FG, 1:50, 23 yards in 5 plays following free kick.

SECOND QUARTER
Kansas State: Andre Anderson 41 pass from Kavanagh (Mike Lawrence run), 0:00, 56 yards in 4 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Kansas State: Kevin Lockett 72 pass from Kavanagh (Jamie Rheem kick), 9:10, 78 yards in 3 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
BYU: James Dye 32 pass from Steve Sarkisian (Pochman kick), 10:55, 72 yards in 4 plays following punt.

BYU: K.O. Kealaluhi 28 pass from Sarkisian (Pochman kick), 3:39, 60 yards in 5 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Kevin Lockett, Kansas State
Steve Sarkisian, Brigham Young
Shay Muirbrook, Brigham Young

COACHES
LaVell Edwards, Brigham Young
Bill Snyder, Kansas State

WEATHER
Bright sunshine, 71 degrees, ideal

Game Statistics

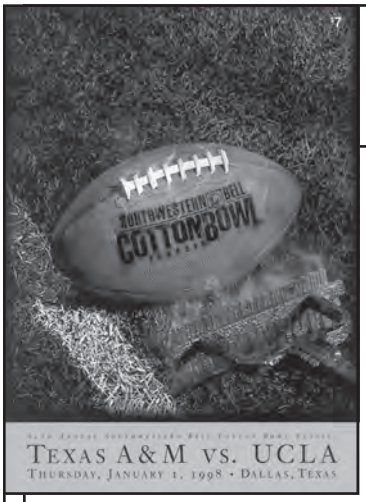
TEAM STATS	KSU	BYU
First Downs	14	21
Rushing	4	7
Passing	9	15
Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Net Yards	32-41	36-59
Net Yards Passing	233	291
Passes	14-28-2	21-36-1
Total Plays	60	72
Total Net Yards	274	350
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-55	8-59
Punts-Average	7-46.0	5-38.8

RUSHING
Kansas State: Lawrence 23-54, Anderson 1-5, Kavanagh 8-(-18).
BYU: Johnson 6-38, McKenzie 9-17, Kealaluhi 1-15, Jenkins 4-7, Atuaia 1-2, Sarkisian 15-(-20).

PASSING
Kansas State: Kavanagh 14-28-2, 233 yards.
BYU: Sarkisian 21-36-1, 291 yards.

RECEIVING
Kansas State: Lockett 7-135, Grosdidier 3-26, Anderson 2-50, Dean 2-22.
BYU: Lewis 5-79, McGuire 5-51, Dye 4-70, Johnson 3-23, Kealaluhi 2-37, Atuaia 1-16, Jenkins 1-15.

PUNTING
Kansas State: Garcia 7-46.0.
BYU: Boardman 5-38.8.



UCLA 29
TEXAS A&M 23

1998
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **59,215**

The 62nd Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl had so many twists and turns, the script played like a Hollywood movie. At the center of the plot were two coaches who once walked the same sideline together, but now found themselves on opposite sides of the field.

Next came a variety of scoring plays, ranging from an 83-yard pass interception return that involved two players, a quarterback sack that resulted in a safety, an end-around reverse that fooled everyone in the stadium, and an assortment of long passes and electrifying runs. Name it and this game had it.

The pre-game hoopla centered upon UCLA's Bob Toledo and Texas A&M's R.C. Slocum. For five seasons, Toledo served as Slocum's offensive coordinator at A&M, helping the Aggies earn three consecutive trips to the Cotton Bowl. However, each visit ended with a loss, and after the 1994 Classic the two coaches parted company. The following season, Toledo resurfaced as a UCLA assistant, and within two years he was elevated to the top job as head coach. Toledo's Bruins ended the 1997 campaign as the hottest team in college football. After opening with an 0-2 mark, the Bruins reeled off nine consecutive victories to climb steadily up the polls to a No. 5 national ranking. Texas A&M carried the title as the youngest team in the Big 12 Conference, but despite its youth, was ranked 20th by the Associated Press. The Aggies finished the year 9-3 to earn the championship of the Big 12's Southern Division. After a decisive defeat to Nebraska in the conference championship game at the close of the season, redemption seemed to rank foremost on the Aggies' minds against UCLA. Bruin quarterback Cade McNown hadn't suffered a sack all season long. But, in the first half of play, the Aggies' Wrecking Crew defense had thrown McNown for a loss five times and clearly had the Bruin offense totally confused.

The first of the game's memorable plays came at the end of UCLA's second possession. McNown, the nation's leader in passing efficiency, methodically drove the Bruins through the Aggie defense and inside the 10-yard line. But, just when it seemed that UCLA would score first, in stepped A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen to steal the momentum for A&M. Throwing off balance, McNown floated a screen pass directly into Nguyen's hands at the A&M 17. Nguyen hauled in the interception and started to run. After 19 yards, he turned to his left and lateraled to Brandon Jennings, the Aggies' speedy free safety. Jennings took the pitch and flew down the sideline for the final 64 yards and the A&M touchdown.

The 83-yard play, the second longest interception return in Classic history, was the start of a remarkable day for Nguyen. The junior linebacker recorded 15 solo tackles to establish a Classic defensive record. Overall, he contributed 20 stops, seven of them resulting in 20 yards in losses, and was named the game's outstanding defensive player.

Fueled by Nguyen, the Aggie defense soon added a safety to jump the lead to 9-0. Pinned at the three-yard line after an A&M punt, McNown was chased down in the end zone by defensive end Zerek Rollins. Everything was going A&M's way and UCLA's string of bad luck was far from over. McNown, bottled up and unable to move the ball on his next possession, called for a quick kick on third down. His surprise punt covered 76 yards, but the trick didn't work. Two plays later, A&M halfback Dante Hall broke loose up the middle and dashed 74 yards for yet another score to stretch the lead to 16-0.

Desperate to get something going, UCLA's break finally came with 42 seconds on the clock before halftime. A long, 33-yard punt return gave the Bruins field position at the A&M 47. With no time to waste, McNown connected with split end Danny Farmer on a crossing pattern over the middle for a 20-yard gain. Two plays later, McNown found flanker Jim McElroy streaking down the sideline for a 22-yard scoring strike. The touchdown came with just two seconds to play in the half, and at last, UCLA was on the board, cutting the deficit to nine, 16-7. The tide finally began to turn toward UCLA at the start of the third quarter, and it was McNown, the game's offensive MVP, who served as the undisputed leader of the Bruin comeback. Three plays into the second half, he connected with tailback Skip Hicks on a 41-yard scoring pass to trim the A&M lead to two, 16-14. The Aggies answered on their next possession when receiver Chris Cole took a reverse pitch 44-yards for a touchdown to push A&M's lead back to nine, 23-14. But, it was only a momentary setback for the Bruins.

McNown got the Bruins back on the scoreboard less than six minutes later by running 20 yards for the touchdown that pulled UCLA within two. Then, Hicks took over. The native Texan rushed for 50 of his team's 71 yards on the game-winning drive to set up Ryan Neufeld's five-yard touchdown run with 7:05 left to play. It was a long climb back, 16 points to be exact, but UCLA had grabbed the lead, and for Toledo, a gratifying 29-23 victory.

Game Summary

UCLA	0	7	14	8	**29**
TEXAS A&M	7	9	7	0	**23**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas A&M: Brandon Jennings 64 interception return after 19 return and lateral from Dat Nguyen (Kyle Bryant kick), 4:35 (83 total return yards).

SECOND QUARTER
Texas A&M: Cade McNown tackled in end zone for safety by Zerek Rollins, 10:18.
Texas A&M: Dante Hall 74 run (Bryant kick), 5:54, 90 yards in 3 plays following quick kick.
UCLA: Jim McElroy 22 pass from McNown (Chris Sailer kick), 0:02, 47 yards in 5 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
UCLA: Skip Hicks 41 pass from McNown (Sailer kick), 12:34, 45 yards in 3 plays following punt.
Texas A&M - Chris Cole 43 run (Bryant kick), 8:37, 65 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.
UCLA: McNown 20 run (Sailer kick), 2:44, 65 yards in 8 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
UCLA: Ryan Neufeld 5 run (McNown run), 7:05, 71 yards in 8 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Cade McNown, UCLA
Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M

COACHES
Bob Toledo, UCLA
R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Partly cloudy, 53 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UCLA	A&M
First Downs	23	10
Rushing	8	8
Passing	13	2
Penalty	2	0
Rushes-Net Yards	48-154	40-192
Net Yards Passing	239	55
Passes	16-30-1	7-14-1
Total Plays	78	54
Total Net Yards	393	247
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-73	4-38
Punts-Average	8-43.6	9-45.3

RUSHING
UCLA: Hicks 31-140, Lewis 1-6, Neufeld 1-5, McElroy 1-2, McNown 14-1.
Texas A&M: Hall 7-93, Cole 1-43, Parker 11-40, Hardeman 10-36, Broyles 1-4, McCown 7-(-11), Stewart 3-(-13).

PASSING
UCLA: McNown 16-29-1, 239 yards; Farmer 0-1-0, 0 yards.
Texas A&M: Stewart 4-8-0, 30 yards; McCown 3-6-1, 25 yards.

RECEIVING
UCLA: McElroy 5-84, Farmer 4-40, Hicks 3-53, Grieb 2-31, Poli-Dixon 2-31.
Texas A&M: Cole 4-32, Oliver 3-23.

PUNTING
UCLA: Sailer 7-39.0, McNown 1-76.0.
Texas A&M: Lechler 9-45.3.

1999 JANUARY 1

TEXAS 38
MISSISSIPPI STATE 11



ATTENDANCE: **72,611**

It was apparent from the start that a "Big Game" was brewing in "Big D." With the Heisman Trophy winner, a new conference affiliation that reunited the Classic with the Southeastern Conference, and the game's debut on the FOX Television Network, the 63rd Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl generated a buzz that could be heard all around the country. It was just like old times. Cotton Bowl fever began early. In fact, the game was declared a sellout less than 48 hours after the teams were announced in early December.

Mississippi State had put together an 8-4 season and was heading to its first major New Year's Day bowl in 58 years. All this came on the heels of the Bulldogs' inaugural appearance in the SEC Championship Game. Another intriguing sidebar to the game was the return of MSU head coach Jackie Sherrill to Texas. In the 1980s, Sherrill coached Texas A&M to three consecutive Cotton Bowl appearances, and for the 1999 Classic he was coming to town armed with a seven-game winning streak over the Longhorns.

Texas also was experiencing a rebirth within its football program. In just his first season as head coach, Mack Brown had restored the Longhorns' confidence and winning spirit. Texas compiled an 8-3 regular season and rolled into Dallas winning seven of its last eight games. Brown's arrival produced a remarkable turnaround from the previous year's 4-7 finish. But, there was little doubt as to who would command the game's spotlight in his final collegiate performance. Heisman winner Ricky Williams set 21 NCAA records and 46 school marks during his Texas career and became the NCAA's all-time leading rusher. His presence alone gave the New Year's Day Classic its seventh Heisman winner and the game's first since 1988.

Anticipating that Mississippi State would blitz heavily and jam the line of scrimmage in an attempt to stop Williams, Texas quarterback Major Applewhite discovered quickly that the key to beating the Bulldogs was to put the football in the hands of receiver Wane McGarity. In the first half, those two hooked for two long scoring plays. The first covered 59 yards when McGarity slipped behind cornerback Kendall Roberson on a post pattern. Applewhite's pass was perfect, hitting McGarity in full stride, and with just minutes to play in the opening quarter the Horns jumped in front, 7-0.

Late in the second period, the redshirt freshman quarterback looked for his favorite receiver again. This time, McGarity hauled in a short toss from Applewhite, broke a tackle and zigzagged his way to the end zone to complete a 52-yard touchdown play that pushed the Texas lead to 14-0.

Mississippi State countered just before the half with Brian Hazelwood's 39-yard field goal to trim the score back to 14-3, but it did little to curb the Longhorns' momentum. Defensively, the Bulldogs were successful in the first half in corralling Williams and keeping him out of the end zone. But, Williams literally exploded in the second half, rolling up 128 yards in 15 attempts and running for two touchdowns. His most memorable play of the day came minutes into the third quarter. Breaking loose up the middle, Williams sailed through MSU defenders for 37 yards and the Longhorns' third score of the game. As he crossed the goal line, Williams pulled up and struck the classic "Heisman pose" and celebrated the touchdown with his teammates.

The touchdown opened the floodgates for Texas. The Horns soon tacked on a 47-yard field goal and Williams collected his second touchdown of the game with a two-yard burst over left tackle. Applewhite then connected with sophomore flanker Kwame Cavil for an 18-yard scoring play to put the finishing touches on a 24-point third quarter. The end result was a huge 38-3 Texas advantage with the fourth quarter still to play.

While Williams, Applewhite and McGarity were racking up impressive numbers on offense, the Texas defense was just as dominating. Junior linebacker Aaron Babino registered a team high-nine tackles for the Horns, three of them behind the line of scrimmage for 13 yards in losses, and was named the game's outstanding defensive player.

Mississippi State did manage to crack the scoreboard one last time when backup quarterback Matt Wyatt hit receiver Lahitia Grant on a five-yard pass play. James Johnson, the SEC's leading rusher, finished with 112 yards on 22 carries and added a successful two-point conversion to make the final score 38-11. Williams' statistical totals were staggering. He rushed for 203 yards on 30 attempts — the third best day on record at the time — scored two touchdowns and caught five passes for 45 yards. Texas couldn't have asked for a better ending to a storybook season…the end result being the Horns' first New Year's Day bowl victory in 17 years.

Game Summary

MSU	0	3	0	8	**11**
TEXAS	7	7	24	0	**38**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas: Wane McGarity 59 pass from Major Applewhite (Kris Stockton kick), 2:17, 97 yards in 7 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Texas: McGarity 52 pass from Applewhite (Stockton kick), 5:11, 80 yards in 4 plays following punt.
MSU: Brian Hazelwood 39 FG, 2:32, 29 yards in 6 plays following kickoff.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Ricky Williams 37 run (Stockton kick), 12:34, 51 yards in 3 plays following punt.
Texas: Stockton 47 FG, 6:39, 57 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Texas: Williams 2 run (Stockton kick), 2:42, 66 yards in 5 plays following punt.
Texas: Kwame Cavil 18 pass from Applewhite (Stockton kick), 0:14, 18 yards in 1 play after taking over on downs.

FOURTH QUARTER
MSU: Lahitia Grant 5 pass from Matt Wyatt (James Johnson run), 10:07, 80 yards in 14 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Aaron Babino, Texas
Ricky Williams, Texas

COACHES
Jackie Sherrill, Mississippi State
Mack Brown, Texas

WEATHER
Fog, drizzle, 66 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MSU	TEXAS
First Downs	18	27
Rushing	7	14
Passing	9	11
Penalty	2	2
Rushes-Net Yards	32-87	43-238
Net Yards Passing	205	225
Passes	16-40-1	15-26-0
Total Plays	72	69
Total Net Yards	292	463
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-89	5-55
Punts-Average	7-41.0	6-37.2

RUSHING
MSU: Johnson 22-112, McKinley 2-7, Rainey 1-2, Prather 1-(-3), Madkin 4-(-11), Wyatt 2-(-20).
Texas: Williams 30-203, Mitchell 7-26, Brown 3-15, Applewhite 3-(-6).

PASSING
MSU: Wyatt 12-24-0, 156 yards; Madkin 4-16-1, 49 yards.
Texas: Applewhite 15-26-0, 225 yards.

RECEIVING
MSU: Grant 4-62, Cooper 4-38, Love 2-33, Kelly 2-14, Johnson 1-22, McKinley 1-20, Prentiss 1-8, Butler 1-8.
Texas: McGarity 4-132, Williams 5-45, Cavil 3-31, Lewis 2-26, Nunez 1-(-9).

PUNTING
MSU: Walker 5-44.6; Wyatt 2-32.0.
Texas: Long 5-37.8; Stockton 134.0.



ARKANSAS 27
TEXAS 06

2000
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **72,723**

Thirty years after "The Game of the Century," the asic "Shootout" when long-time foes Arkansas and Texas renewed their rivalry in the 64th Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic. The last time these two rivals met was in 1991 when the Razorbacks carted home a 14-13 victory prior to their departure to the Southeastern Conference from their long-time home in the Southwest Conference. However, the most famous meeting of all took place on December 6, 1969, in the final game of college football's 100th season. Texas was ranked No. 1 and Arkansas was No. 2. President Richard Nixon flew into Fayetteville to proclaim the winning team as national champions.

That dreary winter day proved to be an afternoon the Hogs could never forget and one the Longhorns would point to with pride. Texas rallied from a fourth quarter 14-0 deficit in the "Big Shootout" to pull off a stunning 15-14 victory and propelled the Horns to a memorable battle with Notre Dame in the 1970 Cotton Bowl Classic. No doubt, this wouldn't be just any match-up on just any New Year's Day. It was Texas vs. Arkansas, and the stage would be the Cotton Bowl at the "Turn of the Century." And for Arkansas, it was a chance to bury some painful memories from the past.

The first half turned into a textbook defensive struggle with field goals coming from Arkansas' Tony Dodson and Texas' Kris Stockton to produce a 3-3 stalemate that stretched well into the third quarter.

At last, the fireworks ignited five minutes into the second half when Texas pinned the Razorbacks just outside the goal line after Ryan Long's 44-yard punt was downed on the three. On two successive plays, Arkansas narrowly avoided being trapped for a safety. First, quarterback Clint Stoerner escaped the fierce Texas rush by diving out of the end zone to the one for a loss of two. Next, tailback Chrys Chukwuma was swarmed by three Longhorn defenders, yet somehow fought his way out of the end zone and back to the one for no gain.

Then came the game's most decisive play. On third-and 12, Stoerner launched a 47-yard bomb to split end Anthony Lucas. It was the spark the Razorbacks needed to bring their offense to life. Quickly, Stoerner moved Arkansas from midfield to the Texas 30, and while scrambling to avoid another fierce pass run, he lobbed a wobbly pass to Cedric Cobbs. The Hogs' freshman tailback turned and sprinted down the sideline and into the end zone to give Arkansas a 10-3 lead and finish a remarkable 97-yard touchdown drive. Texas came right back. Led by sophomore quarterback Major Applewhite who connected on six-of-seven passes during the drive, the Longhorns marched 73 yards to the Arkansas one. But, that's where the threat ended. The Arkansas defense rose up to stop Texas on three consecutive plays and forced the Longhorns to settle again for a field goal by Stockton.
Riding the momentum from its goal line stand, Arkansas pounded Texas with a 17-point barrage in the fourth quarter. The Hogs drove 86 yards in just seven plays to increase the lead to 17-6 when backup tailback Michael Jenkins broke loose up the middle for a 42-yard scoring run.

Things got progressively worse for Texas. Applewhite, the Big 12's Offensive Player of the Year, was sacked on consecutive plays and suffered a torn anterior cruicate ligament in his left knee when flushed from the pocket by the Arkansas pass rush. In came freshman quarterback Chris Simms who was promptly sacked for a six-yard loss and Texas had to punt. The short kick gave Arkansas the football at the Texas 37 and put Cobbs in position to wrap up the game's offensive MVP award. On the first play from scrimmage, the elusive freshman running back took the handoff from Stoerner, bounced outside and raced through and over Longhorn defenders for his second touchdown of the day. After Cobbs' run pushed the lead to 24-6, Arkansas coach Houston Nutt called on Dodson to add an insurance field goal, and with just 2:46 left to play the final score was in place for the Hogs, 27-6.

The smothering Arkansas defense produced eight sacks for the day and held Texas to minus-27 yards rushing, a Cotton Bowl and Texas school record. The ringleader was tackle D.J. Cooper who collected two sacks and five unassisted tackles while en route to defensive MVP honors.

The final gun produced sheer pandemonium on the Arkansas sideline. It was the Razorbacks' first bowl victory since 1985 and it came at the expense of archrival Texas. Finally, after 30 years, Arkansas had put to rest the ghost of the "Big Shootout."

Game Summary

TEXAS	0	3	3	0	**6**
ARKANSAS	3	0	7	17	**27**

FIRST QUARTER
Arkansas: Tony Dodson 25 FG, 6:02, 45 yards in 9 plays following punt.
SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Kris Stockton 35 FG, 7:51, 23 yards in 7 plays following interception by Everick Rawls.
THIRD QUARTER
Arkansas: Cedric Cobbs 30 pass from Clint Stoerner (Dodson kick), 5:44, 97 yards in 9 plays following punt.
Texas: Stockton 22 FG, 1:07, 68 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
FOURTH QUARTER
Arkansas: Michael Jenkins 42 run (Dodson kick), 12:48, 86 yards in 7 plays following kickoff.
Arkansas: Cobbs 37 run (Dodson kick), 10:19, 37 yards in 1 play following punt.
Arkansas: Dodson 27 FG, 2:46, 38 yards in 8 plays following punt.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
D.J. Cooper, Arkansas
Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas
COACHES
Mack Brown, Texas
Houston Nutt, Arkansas
WEATHER
Clear and sunny, 50 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	TEXAS	ARK.
First Downs	14	17
Rushing	3	10
Passing	10	7
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	25-(-27)	36-191
Net Yards Passing	212	194
Passes	24-39-0	12-23-0
Total Plays	64	59
Total Net Yards	185	385
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-40	4-36
Punts-Average	9-39.7	4-39.0

RUSHING
Texas: Mitchell 13-36; Roberston 2-(-5); Simms 5-(-15); Applewhite 5-(-43).
Arkansas: Cobbs 15-98, Jenkins 16-82, Chukwuma 10-26; Branch 1-3; Stoerner 2-(-14).
PASSING
Texas: Applewhite 15-21-0, 121 yards; Simms 9-18-0, 91 yards.
Arkansas: Stoerner 12-23-2, 194 yards.
RECEIVING
Texas: Nunez 6-48, Flowers 5-62, Thompson 4-33, Mitchell 3-4, Scaife 2-38, Jones 2-21, Healy 1-6, Stevens 1-0.
Arkansas: B. Williams 2-47, Davenport 2-25, Branch 2-23, M. Williams 2-8, Lucas 1-47, Cobbs 1-30, Smith 1-11, Chukwuma 1-3.
PUNTING
Texas: Long 8-39.8; Stockton 1-39.0.
Arkansas: Akin 4-39.0.

2001 JANUARY 1

KANSAS STATE 35
TENNESSEE 21



ATTENDANCE: **63,465**

The 65th Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic proved to be a battle of experience against youth. The wily veterans of Kansas State had one last bit of unfinished business. Tennessee was all that stood between the Wildcats and their fourth-consecutive 11-win season.Entering the Classic, Tennessee was on a tear. The Volunteers, 8-3, led by freshmen quarterback Casey Clausen, rolled off six straight wins and had outscored their opponents 206-107 in that stretch, despite having only two senior starters on offense. Tennessee's defense was anchored by John Henderson, the fifth Outland Trophy winner to play in the Classic. Kansas State, 10-3, was fresh from a narrow loss to Oklahoma, the eventual national champion, in the Big 12 Championship. The Wildcats, with 11 senior starters on offense and defense, were hungry to finish the year on a positive note.

An overnight winter storm blanketed the Cotton Bowl's playing surface in white but did nothing to dampen Kansas State's offensive attack as the Wildcats stormed to a 35-21 victory. K-State senior quarterback Jonathan Beasley ushered in the New Year by throwing for two touchdowns and rushing for another while en route to earning Outstanding Offensive Player honors.

After halftime, most of the snow had evaporated along with Tennessee's chances of winning. The No. 21 Volunteers saw a 21-14 halftime deficit expand to 35-14 just five minutes into the third quarter.

K-State junior running back Josh Scobey scored twice in the third quarter on runs of 12 and six yards. However, it was Beasley's steady control of the offense that made the difference. His 308 yards in total offense were the second-most in Cotton Bowl history. Entering the Classic, Beasley had compiled only 500 rushing yards all season, but he saved his best rushing performance for last. He ran for 98 yards on 17 carries, including a 14-yard touchdown run to open the scoring at 5:46 in the first quarter.

The Vols responded to Beasley's challenge when Clausen connected with wide receiver David Martin on a 17-yard touchdown pass to tie the score at 7-7 in the opening minutes of the second quarter. He became only the second true freshman to start at quarterback in a bowl for Tennessee behind Peyton Manning. Clausen was also the third true-freshman quarterback to ever start in a Cotton Bowl Classic.

The Wildcats regained the lead a minute later when Beasley threw a 56-yard touchdown strike to Quincy Morgan. Morgan, a senior from Garland, Texas, put on a show for the hometown crowd and added another touchdown reception on the Wildcats' next possession, hooking up with Beasley one more time on a 10-yard pass play. He finished the day with 145 yards on seven receptions. In front 21-7, Kansas State was hoping to put the game out of reach on its ensuing drive, but Tennessee's Jabari Greer picked off Beasley and returned the interception 78 yards for a touchdown. Greer's defensive heroics trimmed the lead to 21-14 at halftime and brought a wild first half to a close. The combined total points in the first 30 minutes was the second highest total in Cotton Bowl history.

By the start of the third quarter, Tennessee's struggle was not with the elements, but rather, finding a way to stop Kansas State's unrelenting ground attack. The Wildcats rolled up 179 yards rushing in the second half on a Tennessee defense that had allowed just 74.3 rushing yards a game during the season. Scobey finished with 147 yards on 28 carries, including his two third-quarter touchdown runs. With a 35-14 score at the end of the third quarter, the outcome of the Classic seemed inevitable.

Kansas State's defense kept Tennessee at bay by holding Clausen to 7-of-25 passing for 120 yards and three interceptions. Senior defensive end Chris Johnson, the Outstanding Defensive Player of the game, accounted for both of K-State's sacks.

Tennessee's bright spot offensively came from senior tailback Travis Henry who managed 180 rushing yards on 17 carries, including an 81-yard touchdown scamper with 2:44 remaining, the second longest scoring run in the game's 65-year history. Henry's 10.6 average yards per carry also was a notable achievment as the second best rushing effort at the Cotton Bowl.

Yet it wasn't enough. The sea of purple-clad Kansas State fans numbering nearly 35,000 were witness to a dominant performance on both sides of the ball by a veteran Wildcat team. K-State's offense totaled 507 yards, the sixth-most in Cotton Bowl history, while the defense held a potent Tennessee offense to 298 total yards. In the end, experience won out, 35-21.

Game Summary

TENNESSEE	0	14	0	7	**21**
KANSAS STATE	7	14	14	0	**35**

FIRST QUARTER
Kansas State: Jonathan Beasley 14 run (Jamie Rheem kick), 5:46, 74 yards in 9 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Tennessee: David Martin 17 pass from Casey Clausen (Alex Walls kick), 14:26, 96 yards in 5 plays following punt.
Kansas State: Quincy Morgan 56 pass from Beasley (Rheem kick), 13:36, 65 yards in 2 plays following kickoff.
Kansas State: Morgan 10 pass from Beasley (Rheem kick), 10:33, 59 yards in 7 plays following punt.
Tennessee: Jabari Greer 78 interception return (Walls kick), 4:13.

THIRD QUARTER
Kansas State: Josh Scobey 12 run (Rheem kick), 13:18, 75 yards in 5 plays following kickoff.
Kansas State: Scobey 6 run (Rheem kick), 10:14, 28 yards in 5 plays following interception.

FOURTH QUARTER
Tennessee: Travis Henry 81 run (Walls kick), 2:44, 96 yards in 3 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Jonathan Beasley, Kansas State
Chris Johnson, Kansas State

COACHES
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee
Bill Snyder, Kansas State

WEATHER
Cloudy, cold, 29 degrees, snow on field

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	TENN.	KSU
First Downs	12	25
Rushing	6	15
Passing	5	9
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Net Yards	24-178	59-297
Net Yards Passing	120	210
Passes	7-25-3	13-27-1
Total Plays	49	86
Total Net Yards	298	507
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	7-44
Punts-Average	8-29.2	5-34.0

RUSHING
Tennessee: Henry 17-180, Fleming 1-1, Clausen 5-(-1), Team 1-(-2).
Kansas State: Scobey 28-147, Beasley 17-98, Roberson 3-24, Cartwright 4-15, Morgan 1-13, Clayborn 3-9, Team 1-(-1), Allen 1-(-4), Lockett 1-(-4).

PASSING
Tennessee: Clausen 7-25-3, 120 yards.
Kansas State: Beasley 13-27-1, 210 yards.

RECEIVING
Tennessee: Wilson 3-54, Parker 1-27, Martin 1-17, Bartholomew 1-11, Henry 1-11.
Kansas State: Morgan 7-145, Lockett 3-22, Meier 1-16, Clark 1-14, Cartwright 1-13.

PUNTING
Tennessee: Leaverton 8-29.2.
Kansas State: Brown 4-35.8; Beasley 1-27.0.



OKLAHOMA 10
ARKANSAS 03

2002
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **72,955**

The walk down the end zone tunnel was no different. The Sooner nation made the accustomed trek down Interstate-35. Even the title sponsor was unchanged. Another border war was to erupt, but this battle was of a different sort compared to the traditional SBC Red River Shootout.

The opposing chant of "Hook'em Horns" gave way to "Woooo Pig Soooooooie!" as 72,955 red–clad Oklahoma and Arkansas fans converged on Dallas for the 66th SBC Cotton Bowl Classic.

The clash between the crimson of Oklahoma and the cardinal of Arkansas renewed a rivalry that dates as far back as 1899.

The Razorbacks finished the regular season as one of the hottest teams in college football, having won six of their final seven games to finish 7-4 and 4-4 in the Southeastern Conference.

Oklahoma, ranked 10th nationally, brought a defensive unit into the New Year's Day Classic that had sparked a successful run at a national title the year before and led the team to a 10-2 record and a 6-2 mark in the Big 12.

The Sooners were accustomed to playing under pressure, and pressure is exactly what OU applied to Arkansas for the greater part of four quarters.

With a defensive roster loaded with weapons, it was only fitting that Butkus Award winner Rocky Calmus would thwart Arkansas' comeback attempt by pouncing on a loose ball coughed up by Razorback quarterback Matt Jones with 1:42 remaining.

Despite Oklahoma's defensive effort that limited Arkansas to 50 yards on 55 plays of total offense, the Razorbacks went into their final drive with a chance to tie the game. A similarly impressive defensive effort by Arkansas held the Sooner offense in check and limited OU to 231 total yards.

Arkansas opened the fourth quarter with a 12-play, 52-yard drive that culminated in a 32-yard field goal by Brennan O'Donohoe with 9:46 remaining. The Razorbacks best shot to tie the score came with less than three minutes to play. Arkansas drove to near midfield before linebacker Teddy Lehman sacked Jones and knocked the ball loose. Calmus recovered the fumble and ended any hope of a Hog comeback.

The Sooners created numerous openings in the Arkansas offensive line and rang up nine quarterback sacks, tying the SBC Cotton Bowl record set by Miami against Texas in 1991. The 50 yards of total offense by Arkansas was the third-fewest in Classic history.

The game's only touchdown came in the first quarter when Oklahoma put together a 13-play, 63-yard drive, including a fourth-and-one conversion at the Arkansas 16. Quarterback Nate Hybl scored on a sneak from the 1-yard line for the only points Oklahoma would need.

Oklahoma added a field goal early in the second half when Tim Duncan connected on a 32-yard field goal with 8:45 remaining in the third quarter.

Hybl eventually found a way to maneuver through the Arkansas defense to complete 24 passes, surpassing the previous SBC Cotton Bowl record of 21 held by Navy's Roger Staubach (1964) and BYU's Steve Sarkisian (1997). Hybl finished with 175 yards on 24-32 passing.

The offensive MVP award went to OU running back Quentin Griffin. The junior rushed for 56 yards and caught nine passes for 32 yards, extending to 30 his school record for consecutive games with a reception. His nine catches, at the time, ranked second in Cotton Bowl history behind Arkansas' Bobby Crockett who had 10 against LSU in 1966.

Oklahoma safety Roy Williams took the defensive MVP honor. The Bronko Nagurski and Jim Thorpe award winner was in on six tackles, including three tackles-for-loss for minus-17 yards.

In the end, the Sooner defense with its star power outlasted the Razorbacks, 10-3, and left Arkansas seeing red.

Game Summary

OKLAHOMA	7	0	3	0	**10**
ARKANSAS	0	0	0	3	**3**

FIRST QUARTER
Oklahoma: Nate Hybl 1 run (Tim Duncan kick), 2:54, 63 yards in 13 plays following interception.
THIRD QUARTER
Oklahoma: Duncan 32 FG, 8:45, 65 yards in 12 plays following kickoff.
FOURTH QUARTER
Arkansas: Brennan O'Donohoe 32 FG, 9:46, 52 yards in 12 plays following punt.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma
Roy Williams, Oklahoma
COACHES
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
Houston Nutt, Arkansas
WEATHER
Cloudy, cold, 36 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	OU	ARK.
First Downs	11	6
Rushing	3	4
Passing	7	0
Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Net Yards	34-56	42-37
Net Yards Passing	175	13
Passes	24-32-0	2-13-1
Total Plays	66	55
Total Net Yards	231	50
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-76	6-54
Punts-Average	9-34.9	8-40.5

RUSHING
Oklahoma: Griffin 19-56, Works 2-4, Savage 1-3, Fagan 1-(-3), Hybl 11-(-4).
Arkansas: Holmes 8-27, Jones 15-23, Talley 7-23, Pierce 2-9, Cobbs 2-(-1), Birmingham 2-(-5), Howard 1-(-9), Clark 5-(-30).
PASSING
Oklahoma: Hybl 24-32-0, 175 yards.
Arkansas: Clark 2-12-1, 13 yards, Jones 0-1-0, 0 yards.
RECEIVING
Oklahoma: Griffin 9-32, Norman 7-74, Smith 5-39, Fagan 1-23, Clayton 1-5, Savage 1-2.
Arkansas: Wilson 1-7, Pierce 1-6.
PUNTING
Oklahoma: Ferguson 9-34.9.
Arkansas: Butler 8-40.5.

2003 JANUARY 1

TEXAS	35
LSU	20



ATTENDANCE: **70,817**

Forty years to the day after Texas and LSU's last meeting, the Longhorns and Tigers picked up where they left off – at the SBC Cotton Bowl Classic. Their last encounter came in the 1963 Cotton Bowl as LSU knocked off an undefeated Longhorn squad, 13-0. This time around, Texas came away from New Year's Day as victors after an opportunistic Longhorn defense forced three turnovers en route to a memorable 35-20 win in the 68th Classic.

The No. 9 Longhorns (11-2) grabbed their 11th Field Scovell Trophy as champions of the Cotton Bowl and posted consecutive 11-win seasons for the first time in school history.

In the opening period, LSU (8-5) seemed on the verge of running away to another Classic upset, holding Texas to only three offensive plays and no first downs. It was the Texas defense that opened up the scoring for the Longhorns. Senior linebacker Cory Redding blew by his blocker and knocked the ball loose from LSU quarterback Marcus Randall. Linebacker Lee Jackson snatched the ball off the ground and raced 46 yards for a touchdown to make it 7-3. It was the first touchdown off a fumble return in Cotton Bowl history.

The quick score forced the Longhorn defense to stay on the field, and LSU took advantage. Randall marched the Tiger offense down the field and connected with running back LaBrandon Toefield on a 20-yard pass to give LSU a 10-7 lead after the first quarter. Randall looked like an instant SBC Cotton Bowl Hall of Famer as he led the Tigers to scores on three of their first four possessions. LSU extended its lead to 17-7 early in the second. On a designed QB draw play, Randall picked up 76 yards before UT's Nathan Vasher finally pulled him down. Domanick Davis finished the drive with a 10-yard run up the middle.

LSU had 287 yards on those first four possessions and was averaging 8.2 yards per play. The Longhorn defense was forced to make adjustments, and Texas finally turned on the light switch in the second quarter. The combination of Texas quarterback Chris Simms and split end Roy Williams got the offense moving and LSU couldn't find a way to stop the duo. Williams cut into LSU's 17-7 lead three minutes into the second quarter when Simms connected with the junior on a quick post route for a 51-yard touchdown.

Texas caught LSU in single coverage on Williams again later in the second period. Williams turned a short post pass into a long gain, going 75 yards before stepping out of bounds at the 5. Cedric Benson finished off the drive with a 1-yard dive into the end zone to give the Longhorns a 21-17 lead heading into the locker rooms at the half. Williams put the game solidly in Texas' favor in the third quarter when he cut back twice inside LSU defenders on a reverse and scored a 39-yard touchdown. The touchdown play was set up by another fumble recovery by linebacker Lee Jackson.

In all, Williams produced 181 yards on five touches en route to being voted Outstanding Offensive Player. Outstanding Defensive Player honors went to senior defensive end Cory Redding, who in the second half forced LSU's offense out of rhythm.

Texas went to increased zone blitzes, and the changes allowed Redding to harrass Randall and Toefield. Redding finished with eight tackles, including four tackles for a loss of 23 yards. After gaining 310 yards in the first half, LSU's offense was limited to 131 the rest of the game.

The Longhorns pulled away at the beginning of the fourth quarter when Simms connected with Ivan Williams on an 8-yard pass to extend the lead to 35-17. LSU added a John Corbello 39-yard field goal with 7:41 remaining in the game.

After his final game as a Longhorn, Redding let his emotions come rushing out after walking off the Cotton Bowl field a winner and accepting the Outstanding Defensive Player trophy.

"This is something that will stay with me the rest of my life," said Redding. "I've never won anything like this before. I feel overwhelmed."

Game Summary

LSU	10	7	0	3	**20**
TEXAS	7	14	7	7	**35**

FIRST QUARTER
LSU: John Corbello 26 FG, 10:44, 71 yards in 10 plays following opening kickoff.
Texas: Lee Jackson, 46 fumble return (Dusty Mangum kick), 3:49.
LSU: LaBrandon Toefield 20 pass from Marcus Randall (Corbello kick), :04, 87 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
LSU: Domanick Davis 10 run (Corbello kick), 12:04, 90 yards in 4 plays following punt.
Texas: Roy Williams 51 pass from Chris Simms (Mangum kick), 11:24, 74 yards in 2 plays following kickoff.
Texas: Cedric Benson 1 run (Mangum kick), 3:11, 80 yards in 4 plays following missed field goal.

THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Roy Williams 39 run (Mangum kick), 4:08, 68 yards in 3 plays following fumble.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas: Ivan Williams 8 pass from Simms (Mangum kick), 9:58, 47 yards in 7 plays following punt.
LSU: Corbello 39 FG, 7:41, 27 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Roy Williams, Texas
Cory Redding, Texas

COACHES
Nick Saban, LSU
Mack Brown, Texas

WEATHER
Sunny skies, 52 degrees

Game Statistics

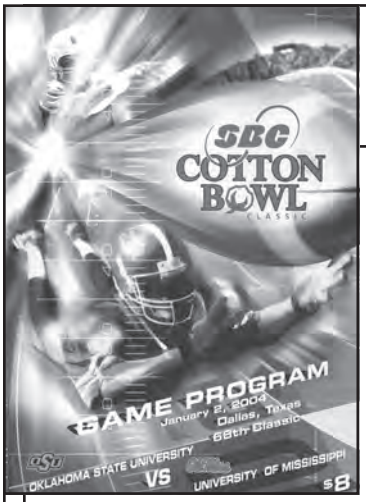
TEAM STATS	LSU	TEXAS
First Downs	25	15
Rushing	12	16
Passing	10	9
Penalty	3	0
Rushes-Net Yards	49-248	32-164
Net Yards Passing	193	269
Passes	19-46-1	15-28-1
Total Plays	95	60
Total Net Yards	441	382
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-28	6-60
Punts-Average	4-48.8	7-37.3

RUSHING
LSU: Davis 13-85, Randall 11-78, Toefield 22-67, Green 1-11, Addai 1-5, James 1-2.
Texas: Young 11-49, Benson 12-46, R. Williams 1-39, Jeffery 1-6, Team 2-(-6), Simms 5-(-21).

PASSING
LSU: Randall 19-45-1, 193 yards; Myers 0-1-0, 0 yards.
Texas: Simms 15-28-1, 269 yards.

RECEIVING
LSU: Clayton 6-88, Myers 4-16, Davis 3-31, Green 3-24, Addai 2-14, Toefield 1-20.
Texas: R. Williams 4-142, Thomas 4-59, I. Williams 2-30, Benson 2-29, Thomas 1-8, Johnson 1-2, Robin 1-(-1).

PUNTING
LSU: Jones 4-48.8.
Texas: Bradford 7-37.3.



OLE MISS 31
OKLAHOMA STATE 28

2004 JANUARY 2

ATTENDANCE: **73,928**

Ole Miss All-America quarterback Eli Manning came to Dallas well aware of the legacy of high-profile senior signal callers at the SBC Cotton Bowl. Such greats as Theismann, Montana and Aikman finished their memorable college careers by leading their teams to victories in the Cotton Bowl. Now, add one more name to the distinguished list.

Manning guided the 16th-ranked Rebels to a 31-28 win over No. 21 Oklahoma State, while throwing for two touchdowns and running for another in front of a sellout crowd of 73,928 at the 69th Classic.

It was Ole Miss' first major bowl victory since Eli's father, Archie, accomplished the feat 34 years earlier in the Sugar Bowl. The Rebels finished the season 10-3, marking their first 10-win season since 1971. Manning, winner of the Maxwell and Unitas Awards, was chosen as the Classic's Outstanding Offensive Player after completing 22 (second highest in Cotton Bowl history) of 31 passes for 259 yards with one interception.

Not to be outdone, OSU junior quarterback Josh Fields put on a show of his own, completing 21 of 33 passes for a Cotton Bowl record 307 yards and one touchdown.

Fifty-nine years had passed since Oklahoma State's last trip to the Cotton Bowl, and the Cowboys were returning to the sight of the first-ever bowl appearance with a trio of offensive stars, including Fields, wide receiver Rashaun Woods and running back Tatum Bell.

OSU jumped out to a 14-7 lead in the second quarter after Bell took a Fields handoff in for a three-yard touchdown. The Rebels took the ensuing kickoff and drove deep inside OSU territory. On the seventh play of the drive, Manning found flanker Mike Espy for a 25-yard touchdown pass to tie the score at 14-14. Despite the offensive output, the biggest play of the contest may have come on the defensive side of the ball. OSU drove to the Ole Miss 30 with 4:03 remaining in the half. On fourth down, the Cowboys passed on the 47-yard field goal attempt. Instead, OSU went for the first down, but Ole Miss defensive end Josh Cooper put an end to the Cowboys' scoring threat by sacking Fields for an 8-yard loss.

Cooper was chosen the Classic's Outstanding Defensive Player after being credited with two key tackles resulting in 11 yards in losses, including his fourth-down sack on Fields. That stop helped the Rebels gain a 17-14 halftime edge when Jonathan Nichols, the Lou Groza award winner, kicked a 33-yard field goal with :15 seconds remaining in the second quarter. After Nichols' kick, the Rebels never looked back.

Ole Miss, making its first SBC Cotton Bowl Classic appearance since 1962, held a 31-14 lead after Manning's one-yard touchdown sneak with 12:32 to play in the game. The Rebels burned slightly over five minutes in clock time to drive 97 yards in 13 plays for what seemed to be a comfortable lead.

The Cowboys were not about to give the game to Ole Miss without a fight. OSU turned to it's most potent weapon that had carried the Cowboys all the way to the SBC Cotton Bowl – the combination of Fields to Woods. OSU pulled within a touchdown with 4:38 to play after Fields floated the ball just over the reach of an Ole Miss defender and into the hands of Woods for a 17-yard score.

Woods' presence was felt in the Ole Miss defensive backfield all day. The senior wide out collected 11 catches for a Cotton Bowl record 223 yards.

Oklahoma State's defense had to come up with a stop to give the offense one last shot to tie up the game. Ole Miss had other thoughts. Ole Miss's offense converted on three separate third-down conversions on a drive that lasted 10 plays and covered 65 yards. More importantly, OSU could not stop the clock and time ran out on the Cowboys' comeback attempt. The Rebels had won their second Cotton Bowl trophy and the school's first since 1956.

The first-ever meeting between OSU and Ole Miss will forever be remembered not only as the warmest Cotton Bowl in history with a 74-degree temperature at kickoff, but also for the scorching play by two high-octane offenses.

Game Summary

OSU	7	7	0	14	**28**
OLE MISS	7	10	7	7	**31**

FIRST QUARTER
Ole Miss: Tremaine Turner 16 pass from Eli Manning (Jonathan Nichols kick), 4:55, 75 yards on 7 plays following missed field goal.
OSU: Vernand Morency 4 run (Phillips kick), 1:17, 69 yards on 10 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
OSU: Tatum Bell 3 run (Phillips kick), 11:30, 44yards in 8 plays following interception.
Ole Miss: Mike Espy 25 pass from Manning (Nichols kick), 8:14, 80 yards in 7 plays following kickoff.
Ole Miss: Nichols 33 FG, :15, 47 yards in 9 plays following turnover on downs.

THIRD QUARTER
Ole Miss: Turner 2 run (Nichols kick), 7:35, 58 yards in 9 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Ole Miss: Manning 1 run (Nichols kick), 12:32, 97 yards in 13 plays following punt.
OSU: Morency 1 run, 8:50, 72 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
OSU: Rashaun Wood 17 pass from Josh Fields, 4:38, 78 yards on 5 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Eli Manning, Ole Miss
Josh Cooper, Ole Miss

COACHES
Les Miles, Oklahoma State
David Cutcliffe, Ole Miss

WEATHER
Mostly cloudy, ideal, 74 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	OSU	MISS
First Downs	22	24
Rushing	6	8
Passing	14	15
Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Net Yards	37-110	37-190
Net Yards Passing	307	259
Passes	21-33-0	22-31-1
Total Plays	70	68
Total Net Yards	417	449
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-49	2-20
Punts-Average	3-37.7	2-38.0

RUSHING
OSU: Morency 15-59, Bell 14-46, Willis 3-18, Rylant 1-4, Team 1-(-2), Fields 3-(-15).
Ole Miss: Turner 20-133, Pearson 12-42, Jacobs 2-8, Razzano 2-6, Manning 1-1.

PASSING
OSU: Fields 21-33-0, 307 yards.
Ole Miss: Manning 22-31-1, 259 yards.

RECEIVING
OSU: R. Woods 11-223, D. Woods 4-51, Bell 2-14, Bajema 1-7, Lindsay 1-7, Morency 1-5, Willis 1-0.
Ole Miss: Collins 8-75, Johnson 3-53, Espy 2-47, Lilly 2-30, Turner 2-19, Flowers 2-11, Pearson 1-9, Townsend 1-8, Biddle 1-7.

PUNTING
OSU: Farden 3-37.7.
Ole Miss: Ridgeway 3-38.0.

2005 JANUARY 1

TENNESSEE 38
TEXAS A&M 07



ATTENDANCE: **75,704**

The Tennessee quarterback position was a revolving door during the 2004 campaign. Two signal callers had gone down to injury during the season, and the Volunteers were down to their third QB against a resurgent Texas A&M squad in the 69th SBC Cotton Bowl.

Rick Clausen easily erased any doubts the Vols had at quarterback. The junior looked like an all-conference performer from the opening drive, and when the 2005 Classic was over, Clausen walked away with the J. Curtis Sanford Offensive MVP Trophy after leading Tennessee to a surprising 38-7 win over the Aggies.

The No. 15 Vols (10-3) raced to a 28-0 lead midway through the second quarter behind Clausen's passing, then rode their bruising running game to finish off No. 22 Texas A&M (7-5).

Clausen was 18 of 27 passing for 222 yards and a career-high three touchdown passes. The Tennessee defense gave Clausen and the Vols ample opportunities by forcing A&M into a season-high five turnovers. The Aggies had only turned the ball over eight times in the first 11 games.

The crowd of 75,704 was the fourth largest in Cotton Bowl history and the biggest since the 1978 Notre Dame-Texas game. The largely maroon-clad crowd had turned out in droves to support their Aggies, who were making their first bowl appearance since December 2001.

Tennessee wasted little time in gaining momentum by taking the opening drive 80 yards, capped off by a 57-yard pass from Clausen to C.J. Fayton for the Vols' first score. Tennessee had squelched any home-field advantage the Aggies might have enjoyed.

Ultimately penalties and missed tackles also doomed A&M. An off-side penalty kept alive Tennessee's first drive. Two plays later, the Aggies missed a tackle on Fayton after his catch that he turned into the Vols' first touchdown.

A&M responded by driving to the Tennessee 23, but running back Courtney Lewis couldn't hold on to the errant pitch from quarterback Reggie McNeal, and the Vols' Turk McBride recovered the fumble.

On the first snap of the Aggies' next drive, McNeal had the ball pop loose at his 28-yard line as his helmet came flying off after a jarring hit by Tennessee's Justin Harrell. The sophomore defensive tackle went on to earn the Felix McKnight Defensive MVP Trophy.

Tennessee's Corey Campbell recovered the loose ball for the Vols. Four plays later, Tennessee scored on a 12-yard pass from Clausen to Cory Anderson for a 14-0 lead.

Then, just when A&M appeared to be gaining some momentum early in the second quarter, Erik Mayes muffed a punt. The Vols' Corey Larkins recovered at A&M's 8-yard line, and Tennessee's offense needed one play to go up 21-0 on a Cedric Houston run.

The Volunteer ground assault grinded out the clock in the second half behind the running of Houston, Gerald Riggs and David Yancey. The three backs combined for 223 yards on 44 carries. Riggs led all rushers with 102 yards on 18 carries. The junior tailback scored the Vols final touchdown on a 9-yard run in the third quarter. Tennessee added a 37-yard field goal from James Wilhoit to take a commanding 38-0 lead.

A&M's highly touted offense led by McNeal was held in check until the junior quarterback connected with Earvin Taylor of a 5-yard pass for the Aggies' only touchdown with just over five minutes left in the fourth quarter. McNeal, still was able to establish a new school single-season passing record of 2,791 yards on a pass to Taylor to start the game.

McNeal's mark stood as one of the few highlights for the Aggies. Rather, the Vols set new highs, and in the process, the 2005 SBC Cotton Bowl Champions gave Tennessee fans great optimism heading into the year ahead.

Game Summary

TENNESSEE	14	14	10	0	**38**
TEXAS A&M	0	0	0	7	**7**

FIRST QUARTER

Tennessee: CJ Fayton 57 pass from Rick Clausen (James Wilhoit kick), 12:33, 80 yards on 6 plays following opening kick.

Tennessee: Cory Anderson 12 pass from Clausen (Wilhoit kick), 3:52, 28 yards on 4 plays following fumble recovery by Corey Campbell.

SECOND QUARTER

Tennessee: Cedric Houston 8 run (Wilhoit kick), 13:05, 8 yards in 1 play following fumble recovery by Corey Larkins.

Tennessee: Tony Brown 13 pass from Clausen (Wilhoit kick), 8:54, 67 yards on 12 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER

Tennessee: Gerald Riggs 9 run (Wilhoit kick), 6:04, 94 yards in 12 plays following turnover on downs.

Tennessee: Wilhoit 37 FG, 2:36, 26 yards in 8 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER

Texas A&M: Earvin Taylor 5 pass from Reggie McNeal (Todd Pegram kick), 5:13, 69 yards in 9 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Rick Clausen, Tennessee

Justin Harrell, Tennessee

COACHES

Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee

Dennis Franchione, Texas A&M

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, wind SW 15-20mph, 69 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	TENN.	A&M
First Downs	32	17
Rushing	17	3
Passing	10	11
Penalty	5	3
Rushes-Net Yards	54-241	18-77
Net Yards Passing	233	241
Passes	19-31-0	23-38-1
Total Plays	85	56
Total Net Yards	474	318
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-4
Penalties-Yards	9-100	7-65
Punts-Average	4-34.0	5-43.2

RUSHING

Tennessee: Riggs 18-102, Houston 13-62, Yancey 13-59, Anderson 3-20, Meachem 1-7, Holbert 2-3, Team 1-(-2), Schaeffer 3-(-10).

Texas A&M: Thomas 1-54, McNeal 9-18, Carter 2-11, Lewis 6-(-6).

PASSING

Tennessee: Clausen 18-27-0, 222 yards; Schaeffer 1-4-0, 11 yards.

Texas A&M: McNeal 23-38-1, 241 yards.

RECEIVING

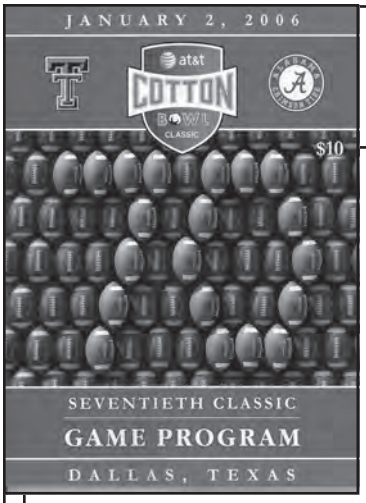
Tennessee: Fayton 3-94, Meachem 3-30, Swain 3-24, Hannon 3-19, Anderson 2-23, C. Brown 2-18, T. Brown 1-13, Smith 1-11, Houston 1-1.

Texas A&M: Mobley 5-70, Murphy 5-39, Taylor 5-39, Thomas 2-33, Carter 2-10, Lewis 1-25, Riley 1-16, Joseph 1-5, Stuts 1-4.

PUNTING

Tennessee: Colquitt 4-34.0.

Texas A&M: Young 5-43.2.



ALABAMA 13
TEXAS TECH 10

2006
JANUARY 2

ATTENDANCE: **74,222**

The 70th AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic had it all: warm weather, bright sunshine, a sellout crowd and a Classic finish to remember. Alabama's Jamie Christensen kicked a career-best 45-yard field goal on the final play as time ran out, lifting the Crimson Tide to a 13-10 victory over the Texas Tech Red Raiders. A sellout crowd of 74,222, plus a national FOX TV audience, watched in 70-degree temperatures as the two teams worked their way toward only the second Cotton Bowl decided on the last play.

"Jamie had three game-winning kicks – what a way to finish this game and this season," said Alabama coach Mike Shula, whose team finished 10-2.

Christensen also made a 31-yarder in the third quarter, giving Alabama a 10-3, advantage. But in the second quarter, he had missed from 39 yards and later had a 38-yarder blocked. His opportunity to kick the game-winner, after Texas Tech tied it, 10-10, with 2:56 left, appeared unlikely considering Alabama's regular-season offensive output in 2005.

"I didn't want to go into overtime. I wanted to win it on offense," Shula said. "Our offensive line did a great job with the game on the line, and (quarterback) Brodie (Croyle) made some big plays."

Alabama, starting at its 14, covered 58 yards in 10 plays. Croyle made it happen, first with a 17-yard pass on third down to Matt Miller, giving the Tide a first down at its 35. He then delivered with an 11-yarder to Brandon Brooks and followed with a 23-yarder to Keith Brown, putting Alabama at the Tech 31 with 49 seconds left.

"Our plan going in was to stay out of third and long situations, but that's exactly where we were on that last drive," said Croyle, who completed 19 of 31 passes for 275 yards and one touchdown. "It was a good day. Our offensive line did a great job, and our running backs and receivers did a tremendous job fighting for extra yards."

Christensen's kick appeared to barely clear the crossbar, squeezing just inside the left upright.

"It didn't look very good when it left his foot," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I had high hopes at that point … Did he make it?"

Christensen, when asked whether someone might have gotten a hand on the kick, said: "Actually, I didn't know whether it was going to be good until I saw the referee's hands go up. I knew I had hit it solidly, but I also kicked a little bit of ground and just didn't get the height on it that I wanted."

Croyle received the Sanford Trophy, which recognizes the game's outstanding offensive player and commemorates Cotton Bowl founder J. Curtis Sanford. Alabama linebacker DeMeco Ryans, who had seven tackles, five solo, and 1½ sacks, received the McKnight Trophy, which recognizes the game's outstanding defensive player and commemorates Felix McKnight, a celebrated Dallas newspaperman and long-time chairman of the Cotton Bowl team selection committee.

"It was a tightly contested game by two really good teams," said Leach, whose team finished 9-3. "I felt like they outplayed us on all three sides of the ball by a narrow margin."

Alabama grabbed a quick lead on Croyle's 76-yard pass to Brown with 11:37 left in the first quarter. The Tide continued to dominate until the closing three minutes when Tech took advantage of a short field and got the tying score on a 12-yard pass from Cody Hodges to Jarrett Hicks.

"That's a tough, tough Texas Tech team," Croyle said. "They fought and fought and fought. That might have been the most fun game I ever played in."

Alabama's offense controlled the ball for nearly 39 minutes, keeping Texas Tech, No.1 nationally in passing offense and No.2 in total offense, off the field. In the end, Tech could only watch as Christensen ended the Red Raiders' attempt to go to overtime and any dream of Tech taking home the Field Scovell Trophy.

Game Summary

TEXAS TECH	3	0	0	7	**10**
ALABAMA	7	0	3	3	**13**

FIRST QUARTER
Alabama: Keith Brown 76 pass from Brodie Croyle (Jamie Christensen kick), 11:37, 84 yards on 2 plays following punt.
Texas Tech: Alex Trlica 34 FG, 3:00, 69 yards on 10 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Alabama: Christensen 31 FG, 6:53, 67 yards on 17 plays following second half kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas Tech: Jarrett Hicks 12 pass from Cody Hodges (Trlica kick), 2:56, 38 yards on two plays following punt.
Alabama: Christensen 45 FG, 0:00, 58 yards on 10 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Brodie Croyle, Alabama
DeMeco Ryans, Alabama

COACHES
Mike Leach, Texas Tech
Mike Shula, Alabama

WEATHER
Clear, wind N/NW 10, 63 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UA	TECH
First Downs	18	21
Rushing	7	10
Passing	10	9
Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Net Yards	24-103	44-145
Net Yards Passing	226	275
Passes	16-36-0	19-31-0
Total Plays	60	75
Total Net Yards	329	420
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-65	4-35
Punts-Average	6-41.3	5-37.8

RUSHING
Texas Tech: Hodges 17-66, Filani 1-26, Henderson, 4-12, Amendola 1-5, Harrell 1-(-6).
Alabama: Darby 29-81, Castille 6-22, Johns 3-19, McClain 1-11, Croyle 4-6, Brown 1-6.

PASSING
Texas Tech: Hodges 15-32-0, 196 yards; Harrell 1-4-0, 30 yards.
Alabama: Croyle 19-31-0, 275 yards.

RECEIVING
Texas Tech: Henderson 5-46, Filani 4-67, Johnson 3-56, Hicks 3-51, Amendola 1-6.
Alabama: Brown 5-141, Caddell 3-63, Castille 3-11, Darby 3-10, Miller 2-27, Brooks 1-11, McClain 1-11, McCall 1-1.

PUNTING
Texas Tech: Reyes 6-41.3.
Alabama: Schatz 5-37.8.

2007 JANUARY 1

AUBURN 17
NEBRASKA 14



ATTENDANCE: **66,777**

Nearly two decades had passed since Auburn ran its way into the AT&T Cotton Bowl behind the power running of Bo Jackson. This time around, the Tigers relied less on their offense and more on a bruising defense that continually shut down their opponents. The same was said after the 71st AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic.

Nebraska brought in a pro-style offense that was capable of rolling up large chunks of yards quickly, but Auburn's defense held to form and kept the Cornhuskers in check.

Auburn capitalized on two early Husker turnovers, and its defense made a critical fourth-down stop in the closing minutes to help the Tigers secure a 17-14 victory on New Year's Day.

"We were lucky to be in the game after the first half. And that's typical of Auburn – win and win ugly," said the Tigers' Tommy Tuberville, who coached his 100th game at Auburn. "That's what we did today. We found a way."

Under bright, sunshiny skies, a crowd of 66,777 watched as Auburn's John Vaughn provided the margin of victory with a 42-yard field goal with 6:20 left in the third quarter – marking the second straight year for the Field Scovell Trophy winner to be determined by a three-pointer.

Auburn, representing the SEC, finished 11-2 and was 33-5-0 – the school's best three-year record in terms of victories. The Tigers victory marked the fourth-straight SEC victory in the AT&T Cotton Bowl. Nebraska, representing the Big 12 Conference as North Division Champions, finished 9-5.

Auburn's Courtney Taylor, who caught six passes for 70 yards, received the Sanford Trophy, which honors the game's outstanding offensive player and commemorates Cotton Bowl Classic founder J. Curtis Sanford. Taylor finished his career as Auburn's record holder for 153 career pass receptions.

Auburn linebacker Will Herring, who was credited with seven solo tackles, received the McKnight Trophy, which recognizes the classic's outstanding defensive player and commemorates Felix McKnight, a celebrated newspaperman and long-time chairman of the Cotton Bowl Team Selection Committee.

hen Nebraska's Stewart Bradley covered Cox's fumble at the Auburn 42 with 5:24 remaining, the Cornhuskers seemed in position to overtake the Tigers. But the Auburn defense stiffened at its 27, stopping a shovel pass for a two-yard loss on third down and forcing an incompletion on fourth down.

Nebraska's 15-play, 80-yard scoring drive on the Classic's opening possession was a timely blend of Marlon Lucky's running and Zac Taylor's third-down passing. Taylor's 13-yard throw to Nate Swift helped Nebraska to a 7-0 lead with 7:37 remaining in the first quarter.

Momentum swung suddenly in Auburn's direction late in the first quarter on Tiger linebacker Karibe Dede's 52-yard pass interception and return to the Nebraska nine. On second down, Brandon Cox threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to Carl Stewart, enabling the Tigers to even the score with 56 seconds remaining in the period.

On the fourth play of the second quarter, Nebraska's fake punt trickery from its 29 backfired, with Auburn's Tristan Davis covering the ensuing fumble at Nebraska's 14. Cox's 12-yard pass to Taylor gave Auburn a first down at the Nebraska one. Stewart scored from there on second down, putting Auburn in front, 14-7.

Nebraska evened the score on its next possession, moving 72 yards in seven plays. Brandon Jackson got the touchdown, sprinting 20 yards on a misdirection play over left tackle with nine minutes remaining in the half. The score stayed that way until Vaughn's kick. On fourth down from the Auburn 30 with just under four minutes to play, Nebraska chose not to attempt a possible game-tying field goal. Callahan explained later that the distance was beyond the comfort range set by the coaches before kickoff.

Auburn's defense ended up pitching a shutout in the second half, and despite Nebraska's big-play potential, the Tigers clamped down and walked away with a 17-14 victory and the Field Scovell Trophy.

Game Summary

AUBURN	7	7	3	0	**17**
NEBRASKA	7	7	0	0	**14**

FIRST QUARTER
Nebraska: Nate Swift 13 pass from Zac Taylor (Jordan Congdon kick), 7:37, 80 yards in 15 plays following opening kick.
Auburn: Carl Stewart 9 pass from Brandon Cox(John Vaughn kick), :56, 9 yards in 2 plays following interception.

SECOND QUARTER
Auburn: Stewart 1 run (Vaughn kick), 12:22, 14 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Tristan Davis.
Nebraska: Brandon Jackson 20 run (Congdon kick), 9:00, 72 yards in 7 plays following kickoff.

THIRD QUARTER
Auburn: Vaughn 42 FG, 6:20, 55 yards in 10 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Courtney Taylor, Auburn
Will Herring, Auburn

COACHES
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn
Bill Callahan, Nebraska

WEATHER
Clear, cool, wind N/NW 10mph, 46 degrees

Game Statistics

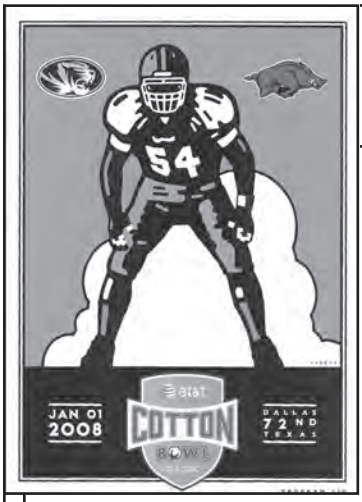
TEAM STATS	AUBURN	NEB.
First Downs	12	17
Rushing	5	6
Passing	6	8
Penalty	1	3
Rushes-Net Yards	35-67	38-104
Net Yards Passing	111	126
Passes	10-21-0	14-27-1
Total Plays	56	65
Total Net Yards	178	230
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	4-45
Punts-Average	6-43.0	6-40.2

RUSHING
Auburn: Irons 24-72, Tate 4-23, Taylor 1-3, Stewart 1-1, Cox 5-(-32).
Nebraska: Lucky 25-88, Jackson 7-38, Nunn 1-(-2), Taylor 4-(-5), Todd 1-(-15).

PASSING
Auburn: Cox 10-21-0, 111 yards.
Nebraska: Taylor 14-26-1, 126 yards.

RECEIVING
Auburn: Taylor 6-70, Rodriguez 1-18, McKenzie 1-12, Stewart 1-9, Irons 1-2.
Nebraska: Lucky 6-67, Swift 3-44, Jackson 2-(-6), Purify 1-9, Nunn 1-8, Todd 1-4.

PUNTING
Auburn: Bliss 6-43.0.
Nebraska: Titchener 5-41.6, Congdon 1-33.0.



MISSOURI 38
ARKANSAS 07

2008
JANUARY 1

ATTENDANCE: **73,114**

The 72nd AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic was hyped as a battle of two Heisman Trophy finalists… Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel against Arkansas running back Darren McFadden. In the end, one of the Classic's longest-standing records had fallen, but it wasn't Daniel or McFadden entering the record books.

Tiger tailback Tony Temple stole the show with an epic day as he raced through the Arkansas defense to amass the second biggest rushing performance in bowl history while leading Missouri to a 38-7 win over the Razorbacks. When the dust settled, Temple finished with the most single game rushing yards in Cotton Bowl history. Temple rushed for 281 yards on 24 carries and four touchdowns breaking Rice halfback Dickey Maegle's record of 265 yards from the 1954 Classic against Alabama. Temple set the rushing record on his final carry, breaking a tackle and spinning away from another for a 40-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. He was so spent after his prolific day that his teammates had to carry him from the end zone to the sideline after his record-setting trot.

The senior from Kansas City also equaled Texas quarterback Bobby Layne's record of four touchdowns in a game set in 1946 against Missouri, the last time the Tigers were in the Classic.

A capacity crowd of 73,114 fans came out expecting to see fireworks from Daniel, a Dallas-area product, but he wasn't forced to put up big numbers through the air as he had done all year. Rather, all he to do was hand the ball to Temple and watch him work. Daniel finished the day 12 of 29 for 136 yards.

McFadden, the two-time Doak Walker Award winner, rushed for a quiet 108 yards on 21 carries, scoring the lone Arkansas touchdown of the day, late in the third quarter. By that time, however, the outcome was nowhere near in doubt.

Missouri, the Big 12 North Division Champion, played in its first New Year's Day game since the 1970 Orange Bowl. The Tigers finished a school record 12-2. Entering the Big 12 Championship against Oklahoma, the Tigers were ranked No. 1 in the country.

Arkansas, representing the Southeastern Conference, finished the season 8-5. The Razorbacks had endured many highs and lows entering the Classic. In their final regular-season game, the Hogs upset then-No. 1 LSU. Shortly after the big victory, Arkansas head coach Houston Nutt left to fill the head coaching vacancy at Ole Miss. The Razorbacks turned to their defensive coordinator, Reggie Herring, to lead Arkansas against Missouri. It was the first time in Classic history that a team was led by an interim coach. Despite Herring's defensive prowess, the Hogs couldn't find a way to stop Missouri.

Temple's 22-yard touchdown run with 2:29 left in the first quarter gave Missouri a 7-0 lead. He added four-yard touchdown runs in the second and third quarters before his record breaking effort in the fourth. Jeff Wolfert's 32-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter accounted for Missouri's other points. For his efforts, Temple was awarded the Sanford Trophy, given to the Outstanding Offensive Player. The trophy commemorates the Cotton Bowl Classic's founder J. Curtis Sanford. Temple also broke his own Missouri bowl game record of 194 yards that he set in the 2006 Sun Bowl against Oregon.

Midway through the third quarter, Missouri safety William Moore intercepted a Casey Dick pass and returned it 26 yards to give the Tigers an insurmountable 28-0 lead. Moore was recognized as the Outstanding Defensive Player, winning the McKnight Trophy, presented in honor of the late Dallas newspaperman and former Team Selection Chairman Felix McKnight. Moore was credited with eight solo tackles and five assists.

The 2009 Classic marked the end of an era at Arkansas. The game was Cotton Bowl Hall of Famer Frank Broyles' last as Athletic Director. Broyles coached or administered over nine of Arkansas' 11 Cotton Bowl appearances. He was also Missouri's head coach for one season in 1957. The Razorbacks sported all-red jerseys and pants to honor him.

Despite all the great story lines entering the game, Temple took the headlines with his record-breaking performance. The Tigers marched off the field victorious celebrating one of the most successful seasons in school history and they took home the Field Scovell Trophy to prove it.

Game Summary

MISSOURI	7	7	14	10	**38**
ARKANSAS	0	0	7	0	**7**

FIRST QUARTER
Missouri: Tony Temple 22 run (Jeff Wolfert kick), 2:29, 73 yards in 6 plays following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
Missouri: Temple 4 run (Wolfert kick), 4:35, 82 yards in 6 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Missouri: Temple 4 run (Wolfert kick), 13:38, 48 yards in 6 plays following opening kick.
Missouri: William Moore 26 interception return (Wolfert kick), 7:37.
Arkansas: Darren McFadden 3 run (Alex Tejada kick), 3:08, 71 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
Missouri: Jeff Wolfert 32 FG, 3 yards in 4 plays following fumble.
Missouri: Temple 40 run (Wolfert kick), 8:33, 40 yards in 1 play following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tony Temple, Missouri
William Moore, Missouri

COACHES
Reggie Herring, Arkansas
Gary Pinkel, Missouri

WEATHER
Clear, cool, wind N/NW 15mph, 46 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	ARK	MIZ
First Downs	19	23
Rushing	9	14
Passing	8	9
Penalty	2	0
Rushes-Net Yards	50-164	43-323
Net Yards Passing	197	136
Passes	19-33-1	12-29-1
Total Plays	83	72
Total Net Yards	361	459
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-50	6-53
Punts-Average	5-38.8	6-36.7

RUSHING
Arkansas: McFadden 21-105, Jones 10-45, Hillis 5-20, Smith 7-12, Jackson 4-8, Dick 3-(-26).
Missouri: Temple 24-281, Jackson 5-39, Maclin 5-26, Woods 2-11, Daniel 5-(-31).

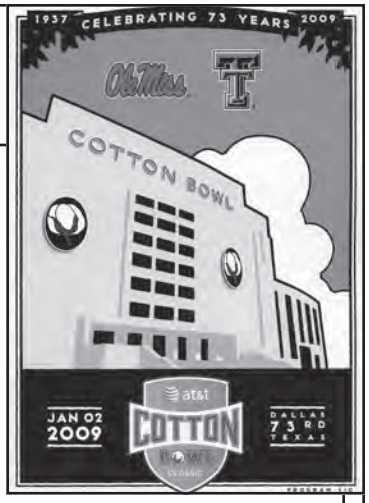
PASSING
Arkansas: Dick 19-32-1 197 yards, Hillis 0-1-0 0 yards.
Missouri: Daniel 12-29-1, 136 yards.

RECEIVING
Arkansas: Hillis 5-52, Monk 4-28, Jones 3-65, Davie 3-18, Miller 2-19, Fish 1-8, Jackson 1-7.
Missouri: Franklin 5-77, Maclin 3-32, Rucker 3-19, Coffman 1-8.

PUNTING
Arkansas: Davis 5-38.8.
Missouri: Crossett 6-36.7.

2009 JANUARY 2

OLE MISS 47
TEXAS TECH 34



ATTENDANCE: **88,175**

Ole Miss and Texas Tech ensured the 73rd and final AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic played at historic Fair Park would be one for the record books.

Ole Miss prevailed, 47-34, to win its sixth-straight game and finish the season 9-4. Even though the two schools amassed 81 points, first-year Rebels Coach Houston Nutt was quick to praise his defense, which held the Red Raiders scoreless in a third quarter for the first time that season.

"Our defense stopped them, stopped them, time and time again," Nutt said. "I couldn't be more proud of them. They never got discouraged, even after we got down 14-0. Once we started taking care of the ball, it was a total team effort – offense, defense, special teams. I just couldn't be prouder of how our seniors took ownership of this team and led us to this victory. I only wish we had them coming back next year."

"This goes to show the caliber of the two teams competing in this game," said Texas Tech Coach Mike Leach, whose team finished 11-2. "I know going in we had a lot of respect for Ole Miss. They are an incredibly good football team. They beat Florida at Florida and played extremely well at Alabama. Today, they played in a fashion we take pride in – executing. They did a great job of doing their jobs."

"The Cotton Bowl is special to me," Nutt said. "I had some concern about how our players would handle all this – being in their first bowl and playing the last game in this stadium. Our preparation was excellent. Our players had the time of their lives. Our seniors will never forget this. I couldn't be happier."

Ole Miss H-Back Dexter McCluster received the Sanford Trophy given to the outstanding offensive player. The trophy commemorates the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic's founder, J. Curtis Sanford. Ms. Betty Sanford has followed in her late husband's footsteps, participating with AT&T executive Mark Keiffer and other dignitaries in the coin-toss ceremony.

"This is a great honor, but this was a total team effort," said McCluster, who rushed for 97 yards and one touchdown on 14 carries and caught six passes for 83 yards. "We played as a team and never gave up."

Ole Miss' Marshay Green received the McKnight Trophy given to the outstanding defensive player. The trophy honors the late Dallas newspaperman and former Team Selection Committee Chairman, Felix McKnight. Green had three tackles and returned an intercepted pass 65 yards for an early third-quarter touchdown.

"It was a big-time challenge, covering (Michael) Crabtree," Green said.

Despite controlling the ball for all but three minutes, 20 seconds, the Rebels trailed 14-7, after the first quarter. Ole Miss used relentless defense, hard running and timely passing by Jevan Snead to widen its lead to 38-21 after three quarters. With Tech's quick-strike offense, a comeback still seemed possible after the Raiders recovered a fumble at their two early in the fourth quarter. But the ferocious Rebel defense trapped Tech quarterback Graham Harrell for a safety on the very next play.

"It was a strange game on both teams' part – a series of over-corrections," Leach said. "They did a better job than we did staying composed on the momentum shifts. They executed well on both sides of the ball. They kept doing their job, play after play after play."

Game Summary

OLE MISS	7	17	14	9	**47**
TEXAS TECH	14	7	0	13	**34**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas Tech: Edward Britton 35 pass from Harrell (Matt Williams kick), 6:31, 61 yds in 4 plays after fumble recovery.
Texas Tech: Darcel McBath 45 punt return (Williams kick), 5:22.
Ole Miss: Gerald Harris 8 pass from Jevan Snead (Joshua Shene kick), 1:49 78 yards in 8 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
Ole Miss: Mike Wallace 41 pass from Snead (Shene kick) 11:57, 85 yards in 10 plays following punt.
Texas Tech: Michael Crabtree 2 pass from Harrell (Williams Kick), 7:44 75 yards in 11 plays following kickoff.
Ole Miss: Harris 21 pass from Snead (Shene kick), 4:09, 80 yards in 10 plays following kickoff.
Ole Miss: Shene 27 field goal, 1:08 35 yards in 6 plays following interception.

THIRD QUARTER
Ole Miss: Marshay Green 65 interception return (Shene Kick), 12:12.
Ole Miss: Brandon Bolden 17 run (Shene kick), 6:55, 40 yds in 3 plays following turnover on downs.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas Tech: Britton 12 pass from Harrell (Williams Kick), 12:13, 83 yds in 12 plays following punt.
Ole Miss: Harrell tackled by Patrick Trahan in the end-zone for a safety, 10:02.
Ole Miss: Dexter McCluster 4 run (Shene kick), 4:34, 48 yards in 9 plays.
Texas Tech: Eric Morris 17 pass from Harrell (Harrell pass fail), 1:37, 62 yds in 7 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss
Marshay Green, Ole Miss

COACHES
Houston Nutt, Ole Miss
Mike Leach, Texas Tech

WEATHER
Clear, 68 degrees

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MISS	TECH
First Downs	26	24
Rushing	11	6
Passing	14	18
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	45-223	14-105
Net Yards Passing	292	364
Passes	18-29-1	36-58-2
Total Plays	74	72
Total Net Yards	515	469
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15	8-62
Punts-Average	2-37.5	4-41.0

RUSHING
Ole Miss: Bolden 11-101, McCluster 14-97, Davis 5-22, Hartmann 1-10, Eason 3-3, Wallace 1-(-2), Snead 7-(-2).
Texas Tech: Woods 6-46, Harrell 6-43, Batch 2-16.

PASSING
Ole Miss: Snead 18-29-1, 292 yards.
Texas Tech: Harrell 36-58-2, 364 yards.

RECEIVING
Ole Miss: McCluster 6-83, Wallace 4-80, Hodge 2-49, Harris 2-29, 2-13, Bolden 2-13, Summers 1-29, Eason 1-9.
Texas Tech: Morris 10-89, Britton 5-87, Woods 5-67, Lewis 5-44, Swindallas 4-33, Crabtree 4-30, Batch 2-7, Leong 1-7.

PUNTING
Ole Miss: Park 2-37.5.
Texas Tech: LaCour 4-41.0.

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OLE MISS
OKLAHOMA STATE

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2010
JANUARY 2

ATTENDANCE: **77,928**

The first AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic at Cowboys Stadium promised a "new beginning" for the 74-year-old Classic, but it was déjà vu for Ole Miss and Dexter McCluster.

The Rebels defeated Oklahoma State, 21-7, to win the AT&T Cotton Bowl for the second straight year — third time since 2004 — and McCluster repeated as the Sanford Trophy winner, which recognizes the outstanding offensive player and commemorates AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic founder J. Curtis Sanford.

Playing in the largest domed structure in the world, the event drew 77,928 spectators — second largest in Cotton Bowl Classic history — plus a national FOX TV audience.

"I'm extremely proud of our team. It's hard to win back-to-back bowls," said Ole Miss Coach Houston Nutt. "To win the final Cotton Bowl Classic at the old stadium and come in here and win again in this magnificent place is just awesome."

By unanimous vote in 2010, McCluster became of first player since University of Houston linebacker David Hodge in 1979 and 1980 to win consecutive outstanding player honors and the first offensive player since SMU's Doak Walker in 1948 and 1949 to earn offensive recognition in the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic.

As Nutt pointed out, McCluster is the first player in Southeastern Conference (SEC) history to account for more than 1,000 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards in a single season. McCluster finished this year with 1,167 rushing yards and 565 receiving yards, including his 182 rushing and 45 receiving yards and two touchdowns in his final game.

"To be the only SEC player to accomplish this — nobody, nobody else — (Auburn's) Bo Jackson and the other great players in this league — Dexter is the only one," Nutt said. "This is why this is so special, because this guy has done something. His heart is bigger than this stadium, I promise."

McCluster said that "it's a blessing to be part of the SEC and a part of Ole Miss." Of a possible record-setting afternoon, which included a career high 32 carries, he said he really wasn't worried.

"I just wanted to win and do whatever I could to help the team win," he said. "I knew if I did that, it would fall into place, which it did."

Following a scoreless first quarter, McCluster gave the Rebels a 7-0 lead on an electrifying 86-yard touchdown run with 11:19 remaining in the first half. The run was the second longest in Classic history behind Rice's Dicky Maegle gallop of 95 yards against Alabama in 1954.

"I don't have any problems with getting the ball this many times," McCluster said. "I know I can make plays happen. I come in with the mindset of worrying about me — not the defense. Coach Nutt has the faith in me to go out there, take care of the ball and get the job done and I want to thank him for that."

Following an Oklahoma State turnover with 6:15 to play in the fourth quarter, McCluster scored his second touchdown on a two-yard leap with 4:03 to play, giving Ole Miss a 14-7 advantage.

"Thinking back to last year's game, we ran the same play to the left side, and I scored. It was the same touchdown, just a different dial, different swag on it," McCluster said. "I just wanted to get the ball and run as fast as I can and get there — just not be stopped. I felt like I wanted to take it in, no matter what."

Ole Miss' got its final touchdown with 3:12 to play on a 34-yard fumble return by Patrick Trahan. "Our defense was just outstanding," Nutt said. (Defensive coordinator) Tyrone (Nix) had a tremendous game plan and our guys were relentless in chasing the ball and putting themselves in the right position to make plays."

Andre Sexton's interception of an Ole Miss pass led to Oklahoma State's only touchdown — a 1-yard jump pass from Keith Toston to Wilson Youngman with 7:13 remaining in the third quarter. Sexton received the McKnight Trophy, which recognizes the outstanding defensive player and commemorates long-time Dallas newspaperman and Cotton Bowl Team Selection Chairman Felix McKnight.

Oklahoma State Coach Mike Gundy congratulated Ole Miss, commiserated about his team's turnovers and praised the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic for its legendary hospitality.

"Give credit to the Ole Miss defense, but we didn't execute well. We just needed to make a few more plays," Gundy said. "Ole Miss was able to control the tempo and we never got our offense going. It wasn't any one thing, but just a combination of errors. We turned the ball over just about every time we had it late in the game. I just don't know what happened, but give credit to Ole Miss again for swarming all over the place."

Game Summary

OLE MISS	0	7	0	14	**21**
OSU	0	0	7	0	**7**

SECOND QUARTER
Ole Miss: Dexter McCluster 86 run (Joshua Shene kick), 11:19, 86 yards in 13 seconds in one play following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
OSU: Wilson Youman 1 pass from Keith Toston (Dan Bailey kick), 7:13, 12 yards in 4 plays following an interception.

FOURTH QUARTER
Ole Miss: McCluster 2 run (Shene kick), 4:03, 34 yards in 5 plays following a fumble by OSU.
Ole Miss: Patrick Trahan 34 fumble return (Shene kick), 3:12.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss
Andre Sexton, Oklahoma State

COACHES
Houston Nutt, Ole Miss
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MISS	OSU
First Downs	20	9
Rushing	11	5
Passing	8	2
Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Net Yards	50-193	28-140
Net Yards Passing	171	119
Passes	15-30-4	14-32-4
Total Plays	80	60
Total Net Yards	364	259
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	5-3
Penalties-Yards	10-82	6-62
Punts-Average	5-47.0	8-50.3

RUSHING
Ole Miss: McCluster 34-184, Davis 3-11, Scott 1-9, Grandy 2-5, Powe 2-0, Stanley 2-0.
OSU: Hunter 9-94, Toston 10-41, Robinson 8-9.

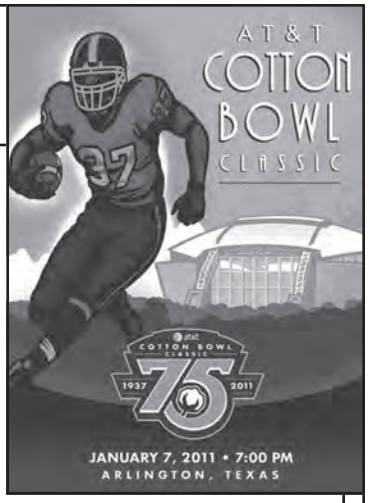
PASSING
Ole Miss: Snead 13-23-3, 168 yards; Stanley 2-7-1, 3 yards.
OSU: Robinson 13-31-4, 118 yards; Toston 1-1-0, 1 yard.

RECEIVING
Ole Miss: Hodge 7-112, McCluster 5-45, Grandy 2-6, Breaux 1-8.
OSU: Blackmon 4-45, Cooper 3-35, Hunter 2-6, Anyiam 1-16, Horton 1-8, Toston 1-5, Johnson 1-3, Youman 1-1.

PUNTING
Ole Miss: Campbell 5-47.0.
OSU: Sharp 8-50.2.

2011 JANUARY 7

LSU 41
TEXAS A&M 24



ATTENDANCE: **83,514**

In the first primetime game in Classic history, it was LSU who stole the show in a 41-24 win over the Texas A&M Aggies. LSU (11-2) won its third AT&T Cotton Bowl in the last four tries, while Texas A&M (9-4) snapped a six-game winning streak and saw its overall record in the Classic drop to 4-8.

On the night of the Classic's 75th anniversary, where former Syracuse great Jim Brown and 20 other Hall of Fame players and coaches were honored, it was the Tigers' quarterback, Jordan Jefferson who joined the likes of other memorable performances in the tradition rich bowl. Jefferson's receiver, Terrance Tolliver, tied a Cotton Bowl record with three touchdown receptions and earned the Sanford Trophy presented to the game's most outstanding offensive player.

The Tigers featured two 100-yard rushers with Stevan Ridley and Spencer Ware. LSU became the second team in Cotton Bowl history to boast two 100-yard rushers and a 100-yard receiver in the same game joining Arkansas in the 1990 Classic. While the LSU offense was busy setting records, the Tigers' defense rebounded from a slow start to stymie the Texas A&M offensive attack as the game progressed. The LSU defense forced four A&M turnovers including three interceptions and one fumble.

Freshman cornerback Tyrann Mathieu led the Tigers' defensive charge earning eight tackles, a sack, an interception, two forced fumble and a fumble return. He stripped Texas A&M wide receiver Hutson Prioleau and appeared to return the loose ball 37 yards for a touchdown, before a penalty brought the play back. LSU maintained possession, however, and the Tigers ran out the clock to clinch the win. For his defensive efforts, Mathieu earned the McKnight Trophy as the outstanding defensive player of the game.

Although the Tigers came out victorious, it was not without a hard fought effort put up by Texas A&M. Texas A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill completed 22-of-35 passes for 204 yards and two touchdowns, but also was intercepted three times and sacked twice. Aggies' running back Cyrus Gray earned 100 yards on 20 carries, while wide receiver Jeff Fuller had seven receptions netting 83 yards. Thanks to a stunning kickoff return by Coryell Judie, the Aggies took the first quarter by storm an amassed 10-0 lead, but with the power offense displayed by the Tigers, the Aggies didn't stand a chance.

LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson assisted in leading the Tiger charge, connecting with receiver Terrance Toliver three times for three scores throughout the rest of the game. By the end of the first quarter, the Tigers led 28-17 from scores by Ridley and Toliver. The 45 combined points scored by both teams in the first half tied the Classic record matching the 2009 Ole Miss-Texas Tech and the 1985 Houston-Boston College games.

LSU wasted little time revving back up the offense after the halftime break. In the third quarter, after another touchdown reception, Toliver tied Southern California's Keyshawn Johnson for the Cotton Bowl record of three touchdown receptions in a game. LSU kept a 35-17 lead heading into the final quarter of play.

The Aggies' offense was on the march to begin the fourth quarter going 73 yards on 13 plays to the end zone. On third and goal at the four yard-line, Tannehill spotted Kenric McNeal for a four-yard touchdown pass and Randy Bullock converted on the extra point; A&M cut into the LSU lead at 35-24 with 10:04 to play. But, on the following LSU drive of 19 yards in seven plays, Jasper tied a Cotton Bowl record by nailing a 50-yard field goal. He joined Alabama's Greg Gantt (1973) and Miami's Carlos Huerta (1991) on the record-breaking field goal list.

Jasper was called on again on the Tigers' next offensive possession, hitting a 26-yard field goal with 3:04 remaining. A fumble recovery by LSU's Mathieu on the next play from scrimmage ended Texas A&M's drive and clinched the victory for the Tigers, 41-24.

"I have to thank the Cotton Bowl Committee and certainly the opportunity to play in such an historic game," LSU head coach Les Miles said. "This game was made more important to us by the (Big Play) luncheon we had where it depicted the great players, the great teams and the great circumstances of a Cotton Bowl championship. We're very honored to play in it."

Game Summary

LSU	7	21	7	6	**41**
TEXAS A&M	10	7	0	7	**24**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas A&M: Uzoma Nwachukwu 6 pass from Ryan Tannehill (Randy Bullock kick), 31 yards in 5 plays, 13:01.
Texas A&M: Bullock 39 field goal, 76 yards in 9 plays, 5:03.
LSU: Terrance Toliver 42 pass from Jordan Jefferson (Josh Jasper kick), 80 yards in 8 plays, 1:48.

SECOND QUARTER
LSU: Jo. Jefferson 1 run (Jasper kick), 65 yards in 9 plays, 10:13.
Texas A&M: Nwachukwu 14 pass from Cyrus Gray (Bullock kick), 78 yards in 7 plays, 7:44.
LSU: Stevan Ridley 17 run (Jasper kick), 67 yards in 7 plays, 4:43.
LSU: Toliver 2 pass from Jo. Jefferson (Jasper kick), 3 yds in 2 plays, 1:27.

THIRD QUARTER
LSU: Toliver 41 pass from Jo. Jefferson (Jasper kick), 67 yds in 5 plays, 12:06.

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas A&M: Kenric McNeal 4 pass from Tannehill (Bullock kick), 73 yds in 13 plays, 10:04.
LSU: Jasper 50 FG, 19 yds in 7 plays, 6:12.
LSU: Jasper 26 FG, 19 yds in 7 plays, 3:04.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Terrence Toliver, LSU
Tyrann Mathieu, LSU

COACHES
Les Miles, LSU
Mike Sherman, Texas A&M

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	LSU	A&M
First Downs	24	23
Rushing	14	10
Passing	8	12
Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Net Yards	55-288	29-155
Net Yards Passing	158	218
Passes	10-19-1	23-36-3
Total Plays	74	65
Total Net Yards	446	373
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-25	4-40
Punts-Average	1-58.0	2-28.0

RUSHING
LSU: Ridley 24-105, Ware 10-102, Jefferson 12-67, Ford 4-9, Shepard 1-4, Murphy 2-3, Team 2-(-2).
Texas A&M: Gray 20-100, Tannehill 7-43, Stephens 2-12.

PASSING
LSU: Jefferson 10-19-1, 158 yards.
Texas A&M: Tannehill 22-35-3, 204 yards, Gray 1-1-0, 14 yards.

RECEIVING
LSU: Toliver 5-112, Randle 2-19, Ware 2-17, Edwards 1-10.
Texas A&M: Fuller 7-83, Swope 5-45, Nwachukwu 4-38, Jackson 2-20, McNeal 2-13, Lamothe 1-10, Gray 1-9, Prioleau 1-0.

PUNTING
LSU: Helton 1-58.0.
Texas A&M: Wood 2-28.0.



ARKANSAS 29
KANSAS STATE 16

2012
JANUARY 6

ATTENDANCE: **80,956**

It wasn't pretty, but a potent offense and tenacious defensive play gave Arkansas a 29-16 victory over Kansas State in the 76th AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic.

"I'm very proud of our football team. It was a hard-fought contest. Kansas State did a great job. They're a good football team. They played tough on defense," said Arkansas head coach Bobby Petrino. "I think the difference in the game was how well we played on defense and the field position we were able to give our offense. We didn't take advantage of it all the time, but it was a big part of the game."

Despite the lack of offensive fireworks early on, All-SEC quarterback Tyler Wilson was efficient in the pocket, passing for 216 yards and two touchdowns. The second was a 9-yarder to Cobi Hamilton with four minutes in the third quarter after Kansas State (10-3) scored 16 straight points.

However, it was the defense – led by senior defensive end Jake Bequette- that ultimately propelled the Razorbacks (11-2) to a school record tying 11th victory. The unit harassed Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein all night and sacked the Big-12 All Purpose Player of the Year six times.

"We had a good plan. Coach (Paul) Haynes and our defensive staff did a really nice job on the plan," Petrino said. "Our players came out and executed it well. I thought we played very, very fast. Our defensive front controlled the line of scrimmage."

Joe Adams gave Arkansas a commanding 10-0 lead early in the second quarter with his fourth punt return for a touchdown this season. The Razorbacks scored a non-offensive touchdown in six out of their last seven games this year.

"It was another one of those where you just go, Wow! It was a great punt. He hit the ball really hard," Petrino said. "You could see when he made the catch he had in mind what he was going to do. We got some blocks. I thought our guys did a nice job on blocks. Joe showed great acceleration and made another spectacular play for us."

The Cotton Bowl was the only non-BCS game with both teams in the top 15 of the Bowl Championship Series standings. It was also the only bowl featuring the SEC vs. the Big 12, but it was apparent which conference flexed their muscles. Kansas State failed to match its school record 11th win and has now lost its last four bowl games.

"We got off to an awfully bad start and really couldn't overcome the damage that we did, and most of it was pretty obvious," said Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder. "We had four dropped balls, we had two turnovers, we had four penalties all in the first half that dramatically hurt us. We weren't ready to play."

After a 45-yard touchdown strike from Wilson to Jarius Wright that put Arkansas up 19-0, Raphael Guidry blocked the extra point and Nigel Malone returned it 98 yards for two points. It was the first blocked extra point in Cotton Bowl history.

Klein continued the momentum with a 3-yard touchdown pass to tight end Andre McDonald just before halftime. But the offensive sputtered in the second half, and the Wildcats failed to score in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't do the things, as coach said earlier. We had our chances and weren't able to, you know, finish the job and execute on the field," Klein said. "Again, we just came up short and didn't get it done as a unit."

Klein only mustered 41 yards on the ground but scored on a 6-yard touchdown run that got the Wildcats to 19-16. That tied the single-season FBS record for most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback.

Jerico Nelson helped Arkansas cap off a dominant defensive performance by picking off Klein in the game's final minute.

The Razorbacks are now 4-0 in AT&T Stadium. Arkansas also improved their overall Cotton Bowl record to 4-7-1 after losing in its last two appearances.

Game Summary

K-STATE	0	9	7	0	**16**
ARKANSAS	3	16	7	3	**29**

FIRST QUARTER
Arkansas: Zach Hocker 26 FG, 4 yards in 3 plays 4:19 following a fumble.

SECOND QUARTER
Arkansas: Joe Adams 51 punt return (Hocker kick), 14:27.
Arkansas: Hocker 22 FG, 9:20, 48 yards in 8 plays following punt.
Arkansas: Jarius Wright 45 pass from Tyler Wilson (Hocker kick blocked), 4:10, 61 yards in 6 plays following punt.
K-State: Nigel Malone return of blocked PAT.
K-State: Andre McDonald 3 pass from Collin Klein (Cantele kick) following fumble, 3 yards in 3 plays, 0:26.

THIRD QUARTER
K-State: Klein 6 run (Cantele kick) 60 yards in 7 plays, 11:38, following kickoff.
Arkansas: Cobi Hamilton 9 pass from Wilson (Hocker kick), 58 yards in 9 plays, 3:57 following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Hocker 30 FG, 3:06, 61 yds in 7 plays, following missed FG.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tyler Wilson, Arkansas
Jake Baquette, Arkansas

COACHES
Bobby Petrino, Arkansas
Bill Snyder, Kansas State

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	KSU	ARK
First Downs	19	13
Rushing	7	7
Passing	11	5
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Net Yards	40-87	30-129
Net Yards Passing	173	216
Passes	16-30-1	20-31-0
Total Plays	70	61
Total Net Yards	260	345
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-38	6-43
Punts-Average	8-42.6	4-46.8

RUSHING
KSU: Klein 24-42, Hubert 12-37, Wilson 2-8, Pease 2-0.
Arkansas: Green 7-60, Johnson 5-33, Wingo Jr. 9-18, Wilson 7-18, Adams 1-1, Team 1-(-1).

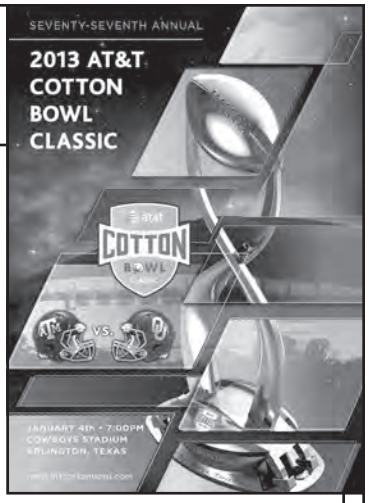
PASSING
KSU: Klein 16-30-1, 173 yds.
Arkansas: Wilson 20-31-0, 216 yds.

RECEIVING
KSU: S. Smith 5-50, Thompson 3-57, B. Smith 2-29, Miller 2-22, Harper 1-11, Tannahill 1-6, McDonald 1-3, Hubert 1-(-5).
Arkansas: Childs 5-48, Adams 5-22, Wright 3-88, Hamilton 3-26, Johnson 2-2, Gragg 1-26, Wingo Jr. 1-4.

PUNTING
KSU: Doerr 8-42.6.
Arkansas: Breeding 4-46.8

2013 JANUARY 4

TEXAS A&M 41
OKLAHOMA 13



ATTENDANCE: **87,025**

Another chapter can be added to the legend of Johnny Football after the talented freshman quarterback dazzled over 87,000 fans at AT&T Stadium and helped guide Texas A&M to a dominating 41-13 win over Oklahoma in the 77th AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic.

On the game's opening drive, Texas A&M fans let out a thunderous roar when Manziel avoided numerous Oklahoma defenders and set the tempo with an explosive 24-yard run. Just two plays later, Manziel called his own number again and scampered for 23 more yards, but this time, he tiptoed down the sideline and leaped into the end zone to give the Aggies an early 7-0 lead. It was a play that can be described as simply amazing - something Manziel has been all season.

Manziel accounted for four total touchdowns and finished the game with 229 yards on the ground and 287 yards passing en route to being named Offensive MVP. His 516 yards of total offense broke former Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell's Cotton Bowl record. The 2012 Heisman Trophy winner continued to rewrite the record book as he also set the all-time FBS bowl mark for most rushing yards by a quarterback.

But it was freshman running back Trey Williams who broke the game open with 6:30 remaining in the third quarter. The true freshman found a hole and dashed 30 yards to give the Aggies a commanding 27-13 lead. On the ensuing Texas A&M possession, Manziel continued to work his magic and found Ryan Swope for a 33-yard touchdown on a key fourth down. Swope led Texas A&M with eight receptions for 104 yards and became the school's all-time leading receiver in terms of yards.

"The coaches did a great job of putting a great game plan together," Manziel said. "Everybody has this time to scheme up and they put a good game plan together and really the offensive line, the receivers, everybody went out and executed tonight. It was a great night for the offense."

Midway through the fourth quarter, Manziel hammered the final nail in the coffin and put the Aggies up 41-13 with his second touchdown pass of the night, a 34-yard strike to Uzoma Nwachukwu.

"We knew what we had to accomplish tonight. The coaches put us in a good situation. We had trust in them," Swope said. "Offensively, we went in at halftime, made some adjustments and knew that guys had to step up and make plays. Everyone just bought in. It was real fun."

Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones set his own Cotton Bowl record with 23 completions in the first half. His biggest completion of the night came just before halftime when he cut the Texas A&M lead to one on a 6-yard touchdown pass to Justin Brown. But Jones and the entire Oklahoma offense struggled to get anything going in the second half, failing to pick up a first down on their first three possessions in the third quarter.

"In the second half it totally broke down offensively and defensively," said Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops. "Defense couldn't get off the field. We had guys plenty of times in position to make a play. Couldn't make a play. That's just where we are. They totally outplayed us in every way."

The Sooners showed signs of life early in the game when Harris picked off a Manziel pass in the end zone. But Jones followed that up with a costly interception and gave the ball right back to the Aggies. Manziel avenged his only mistake of the game with a 5-yard touchdown run on a three-play drive off the interception.

"Johnny Manziel is everything he was billed to be, expected him to be," Stoops said. "But, again, Coach (Kevin) Sumlin and his staff totally outplayed us, out coached us the whole second half. It's a team effort. When you lose like that in the second half, the offense goes."

Before the season began many experts projected Texas A&M to struggle in its first year in the SEC. But the Aggies proved their doubters wrong and finished with 11 wins for the first time since 1998 including a signature victory over Alabama, which is competing for the BCS national championship.

Texas A&M set an SEC record with more than 7,000 yards of total offense including 633 on Friday night. With the win over its former Big 12 foe, Texas A&M moved past Arkansas for most Cotton Bowl Classic victories by an SEC team with five.

Game Summary

TEXAS A&M	7	7	20	7	**41**
OKLAHOMA	3	10	0	0	**13**

FIRST QUARTER
Texas A&M: Johnny Manziel 23 run (Taylor Bertolet kick), 12:21, 75 yards in 8 plays, following opening kickoff
Oklahoma: Mike Hunnicutt 23 field goal, 6:38, 69 yards in 16 plays following kickoff

SECOND QUARTER
Oklahoma: Mike Hunnicutt 24 field goal, 11:41, 87 yards in 18 plays following punt
Texas A&M: Johnny Manziel 5 run, (Taylor Bertolet kick), 6:14, 4 yards in 3 plays following interception
Oklahoma: Justin Brown 6 pass from Landry Jones (Mike Hunnicut kick), 1:16, 83 yards in 13 plays following kickoff

THIRD QUARTER
Texas A&M: Ben Malena 7 run (Taylor Bertolet kick), 10:26, 91 yards in 7 plays following punt
Texas A&M: Trey Williams 30 run (Taylor Bertolet kick failed), 6:30, 89 yards in 7 plays following punt
Texas A&M: Ryan Swope 33 pass from Johnny Manziel (Taylor Bertolet kick), 3:55, 71 yards in 6 plays following punt

FOURTH QUARTER
Texas A&M: Uzoma Nwachukwu 34 pass from Johnny Manziel (Taylor Bertolet kick), 9:03, 74 yards in 7 plays following 4th down attempt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M
Dustin Harris, Texas A&M

COACHES
Kevin Sumlin, Texas A&M
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	A&M	OU
First Downs	28	27
Rushing	14	8
Passing	14	17
Penalty	0	2
Rushes-Net Yards	31-326	34-123
Net Yards Passing	307	278
Passes	23-35-1	35-49-1
Total Plays	66	83
Total Net Yards	633	401
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	7-47
Punts-Average	4-34.8	5-49.4

RUSHING
Texas A&M: Manziel 17-229, Malena 8-56, Williams 6-41.
Oklahoma: Clay 10-44, Williams 16-41, Millard 4-28, Bell 2-11, Shepard 1-6, Jones 1-(-7).

PASSING
Texas A&M: Manziel 22-34-1, 287 yards, McNeal 1-1-0, 20 yards.
Oklahoma: Jones 35-48-1, 278 yards, Bell 0-1-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING
Texas A&M: Swope 8-104, Evans 7-83, Nwachukwu 3-81, Kennedy 3-28, Malena 2-11.
Oklahoma: Saunders 9-63, Stills 7-67, Brown 7-57, Williams 5-19, Shepard 4-43, Neal 1-13, Clay 1-10, Millard 1-6.

PUNTING
Texas A&M: Epperson 4-34.8.
Oklahoma: Way 5-49.4.



MISSOURI 41
OKLAHOMA STATE 31

2014
JANUARY 3

ATTENDANCE: **72,690**

It took a little while, but Missouri showed why it was the SEC East champion and a national title contender.

Mizzou struggled offensively during the first three quarters and were plagued by three turnovers. But, the Tigers exploded for an AT&T Stadium record 24 fourth-quarter points, and defensive end Shane Ray returned a fumble 73 yards for a touchdown with 2:13 remaining as Missouri topped Oklahoma State 41-31 in the 78th annual AT&T Cotton Bowl.

"All the drama you don't want in the fourth quarter we had," said Missouri head coach Gary Pinkel said. "We had a lot of adversity. I thought our team handled the adversity very well. Fortunately we made the plays we needed to make to win at the end."

With the victory, Missouri finished the season 12-2 and tied the school record for most victories in a season. Pinkel also became Missouri's all-time winningest coach, earning his 102nd victory to surpass Don Faurot.

The former Big 12 and Big 8 conference foes set a Classic record for most points scored in the fourth quarter with 41. The two teams exchanged scores on six consecutive possessions. The streak was broken when defensive end Michael Sam sacked Oklahoma State quarterback Clint Chelf and forced the fumble that Ray scooped up for the game-clinching score.

Missouri made the move from the Big 12 to the SEC in 2012 and gave the conference its 10th win in the last 11 Classics - all coming against the Big 12.

"That's something really big, I mean, representing the SEC. The SEC is such a powerful conference," said Missouri running back Henry Josey. "That's the conference everybody looks to. That's where all the attention is."

Trailing 31-27 with 3:08 left, Josey broke loose for his third score of the game, a 16-yard scamper into the end zone that gave the Tigers the lead back for good. Josey finished the game with 92 yards rushing and three touchdowns and was named the game's Outstanding Offensive Player.

"Josey is a remarkable kid. He's special," Pinkel said. "That's what you see on the field. The reason he's special is great athleticism, he's tough, he's strong, all those other things."

Both offenses came into the game averaging close to 40 points per contest but were limited by a multitude of penalties and turnovers before finally catching fire late.

James Franklin set up Josey's go-ahead touchdown on a key 27-yard strike to Dorial Green-Beckham. Clint Chelf threw for 377 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions for Oklahoma State. He also rushed for 52 yards and another touchdown.

The situation looked bleak for the Cowboys late in the third quarter. Trailing 17-7, Chelf was intercepted by Braylon Webb. However, on the very next play, Missouri had trouble with the snap and Oklahoma State recovered the fumble at the Tigers 33-yard line. Less than a minute later, Chelf responded with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Jhajuan Seals and the Cowboys were within three.

Momentum was starting to shift. OSU tied the game at 17-17 on Ben Grogan's 25-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter and open the floodgates for both teams. Josey answered with a 25-yard scoring run for a 24-17 Missouri lead, only to see Chelf respond with a 23-yard touchdown run of his own to tie things back up. Mizzou's Andrew Baggett tacked on a 46-yard field goal to put the Tigers back in front, 27-24, but the Cowboys countered with a 75-yard drive that was capped by Desmond Roland's 2-yard scoring plunge to give OSU its only lead of the game at 31-27.

That's where the Cowboys' comeback hopes finally came to an end. Josey's 16-yard dash into the end zone with 3:08 on the clock pushed Mizzou back in front, followed by Ray's defensive heroics that secured the win, 41-31. It was Missouri's second victory in the AT&T Cotton Bowl in a span of six seasons.

Game Summary

OKLA STATE	7	0	7	17	**31**
MISSOURI	7	10	0	24	**41**

FIRST QUARTER
Missouri: Henry Josey 3 run (Andrew Baggett kick), 3:00, 50 yards in 11 plays, following interception
Oklahoma State: Josh Stewart 40 pass from Clint Chelf (Ben Grogan kick), 1:44, 75 yards in 5 plays, following kickoff .

SECOND QUARTER
Missouri: Marcus Lucas 24 pass from Maty Mauk (Baggett kick), 80 yards in 6 plays, 10:20, following missed FG attempt
Missouri: Baggett 35 FG. 0:00, 62 yards in 11 plays, following punt

THIRD QUARTER
OSU: Jhajuan Seales 21 pass from Chelf (Grogan kick), 2:10, 33 yards in 3 plays, following fumble

FOURTH QUARTER:
OSU: Grogan 25 FG, 13:32, 2 yds in 4 plays following fumble
Missouri: Josey 25 run (Baggett kick), 11:32, 60 yds in 6 plays following kickoff
OSU: Chelf 23 run (Grogan kick), 9:51, 75 yds in 8 plays following kickoff
Missouri: Baggett 46 FG, 6:29, 47 yds in 8 plays following kickoff
OSU: Desmond Roland 2 run (Grogan kick), 5:04, 75 yds in 7 plays following kickoff
Missouri: Josey 16 run (Baggett kick), 3:08, 69 yds in 7 plays following kickoff
Missouri: Shane Ray 73 fumble return (Baggett kick), 0:55 following fumble

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Henry Josey, Missouri
Andrew Wilson, Missouri

COACHES
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State
Gary Pinkel, Missouri

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	OSU	MIZ
First Downs	26	29
Rushing	10	16
Passing	16	9
Penalty	0	4
Rushes-Net Yards	39-171	47-256
Net Yards Passing	377	206
Passes	33-57-2	17-44-1
Total Plays	96	91
Total Net Yards	548	462
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-100	4-42
Punts-Average	8-37.2	7-41.0

RUSHING
OSU: Roland 16-66, Chelf 10-52, J. Smith 7-43, Childs 3-12, Stewart 2-7, Team 1-(-9).
Missouri: Josey 12-92, Mauk 3-73, Franklin 16-36, Murphy 7-30, Hansbrough 9-25.

PASSING
OSU: Chelf 33-57-2, 377 yds.
Missouri: Franklin 15-40-1, 174 yds; Mauk 2-4-0, 32 yds.

RECEIVING
OSU: Stewart 8-80, T. Moore 7-100, C. Moore 4-53, Ateman 4-36, Seales 3-42, Sheperd 3-36, Goodlet 1-18, Glidden 1-5, Childs 1-4, Roland 1-3.
Missouri: Green-Beckham 4-53, Lucas 3-46, Washington 3-40, Sasser 3-35, Josey 1-10, Hunt 1-8, Murphy 1-8, Hansbrough 1-6.

PUNTING
OSU: K. Smith 8-37.2.
Missouri: Brinser 7-41.0.

2015 JANUARY 1

MICHIGAN STATE 42
BAYLOR 41



ATTENDANCE: **71,464**

Baylor was out to make a statement to the College Football Playoff committee.

The only problem: Michigan State came to play.

Connor Cook passed for 314 yards and two touchdowns and Jeremy Langford rushed for 162 yards and three touchdowns as Michigan State rallied from a 20-point deficit in the fourth quarter to top Baylor, 42-41, in the 79th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

Trailing the Bears 41-21 to begin the final period, Connor Cook connected with Josiah Price for an 8-yard touchdown pass with 12:09 to play to ignite the Michigan State comeback. The Spartans recovered the ensuing onside kick and MSU's hopes were running high. However, on the third play of the drive, Baylor linebacker Taylor Young intercepted a Cook pass at the Bears' 16 and rambled 37 yards with the return. Momentum appeared to have shifted back to Baylor, but the Michigan State defense held strong and soon gave its offense the ball back.

The clock was down to 9:15 when the Spartans began the drive that would cut the the Baylor lead to six. Starting from its 40-yard line, MSU drove 60 yards in nine plays for the score. Langford crashed over from the one for the touchdown with 4:55 remaining. Baylor's once commanding 20-point lead had been trimmed to a touchdown, 41-35.

The Bears responded and drove deep into Michigan State territory. Then came the game-changing play. When the Baylor drive stalled at the 27-yard line, Chris Callahan came on for a 43-yard field goal attempt. Defensive end Marcus Rush stepped up to block the kick and safety RJ Williamson grabbed the loose ball and set sail up the sideline for a 36-yard return to the Baylor 45.

The Spartans were back in business, although they were out of timeouts and just 1:05 was left to play in the game. But, Cook delivered under pressure. The first play went to receiver Keith Mumphrey for 18 yards to the Baylor 27. Then came three straight incompletions before Cook found Tony Lippett for a 17-yard gain on 4th-and 10. Lippett moved the football to the 10. Two more incompletions added to the drama. On third down, Cook connected with Mumphery over the middle to tie the score on a 10-yard touchdown strike with just 17 seconds to go. Michael Geiger's PAT pushed the Spartans back in front for the first time since late in the first quarter, 42-41.

It was an amazing finish. Football fans around the country voted the 2015 Goodyear Cotton Bowl as the No. 1 game of the 2014 season.

Michigan State came into the contest allowing just 19.9 points per game. But, early on, the Spartans had no answer for Baylor's arsenal of weapons and fast-paced offense. The Bears ranked first in the country in total offense (581.3 ypg) and scoring offense (48.8 ppg).

Bryce Petty set a Cotton Bowl Classic record with 550 yards passing and three touchdowns while wide receivers KD Cannon and Casey Coleman combined for 347 yards receiving and three scores. Petty became the first Baylor quarterback to win a bowl MVP since Cody Carlson in 1985.

However, Michigan State's defense came up big when it mattered most, holding Baylor to minus-20 rushing yards for the game and zero points in the fourth quarter. After the Spartans regained the lead, Thomas Lawrence and Rush sacked Petty twice on Baylor's final possession and Riley Bullough came away with the game-sealing interception for the Spartans at the Baylor 20.

Michigan State finished the year 11-2, which tied for the second-most victories in school history. More importantly, the Spartans had put together back-to-back major bowl victories, defeating Stanford in the 100th Rose Bowl the previous season. Baylor ended the 2014 campaign at 11-2. The Spartans pushed their all-time mark against Baylor to 2-0 with their last victory over the Bears coming in 1968.

Game Summary

MSU	14	0	7	21	**42**
BAYLOR	14	10	17	0	**41**

FIRST QUARTER

Michigan State: Jeremy Langford 2 run (Michael Geiger kick), 12:27, 75 yards in 6 plays following kickoff

Baylor: KD Cannon 49 pass from Bryce Petty (Chris Callahan kick), 8:56, 93 yards in 10 plays following kickoff

Michigan State: R.J. Shelton 11 run (Geiger kick), 5:06, 60 yards in 7 plays following kickoff

Baylor: Corey Coleman 53 pass from Jay Lee (Calahan kick), 2:32, 65 yards in 3 plays following punt

SECOND QUARTER

Baylor: Petty 1 run (Callahan kick), 8:13, 73 yds in 10 plays following on downs turnover

Baylor: Callahan 25 FG, 3:14, 77 yards in 6 plays following punt

THIRD QUARTER

Baylor: Cannon 74 pass from Petty (Callahan kick), 14:32, 76 yards in 2 plays following kickoff

Baylor: Callahan 46 FG, 11:23, 19 yds in 7 plays following punt

Michigan State: Langford 2 run (Geiger kick), 6:50, 63 yds in 9 plays following kickoff

Baylor: LaQuan McGowan 18 pass from Petty (Callahan kick), 4:03, 75 yds in 7 plays following kickoff

FOURTH QUARTER:

Michigan State: Josiah Price 8 pass from Connor Cook (Geiger kick), 12:09, 71 yds in 5 plays following missed FG

Michigan State: Langford 1 run (Geiger kick), 4:55, 60 yds in 9 plays following on downs turnover

Michigan State: Keith Mumphery 10 pass from Cook (Geiger kick), 0:17, 45 yds in 8 plays following blocked FG

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Bryce Petty, Baylor
Taylor Young, Baylor

COACHES

Mark Dantonio, Michigan State
Art Briles, Baylor

WEATHER

Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MSU	BU
First Downs	29	25
Rushing	11	6
Passing	15	17
Penalty	3	2
Rushes-Net Yards	46-238	22- (-20)
Net Yards Passing	314	603
Passes	24-42-2	37-52-1
Total Plays	88	74
Total Net Yards	552	583
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-75	11-105
Punts-Average	3-39.7	1-48.0

RUSHING

Michigan State: Langford 27-162, Hill 7-26, Lippett 1-19, Cook 6-11, Shelton 2-11, Geiger 1-6, Kings 1-4

Baylor: Linwood 11-26, Jefferson 2 (-2),Chafin 1-(-2), Petty 7-(-36), Team 1-(-6)

PASSING

Michigan State: Cook 24-42-2, 314 yds

Baylor: Petty 36-51-1, 550 yds; Lee 1-1-0, 53 yds

RECEIVING

Michigan State: Lippett 5-74, Mumphery 4-87, Burbridge 4-57, Price 3-27, Kings 3-19, Langford 2-7, Lyles 1-21, Shelton 1-17, Williams 1-5

Baylor: Goodley 9-93, Cannon 8-197, Coleman 7-150, Norwood 6-64, Lee 2-37, Fuller 2-25, McGowan 1-18, Linwood 1-14, Armstead 1-5

PUNTING

Michigan State: Sadler 3-39.7

Baylor: Roth 1-48.0.



ALABAMA 38
MICHIGAN STATE 00

2015
DECEMBER 31

ATTENDANCE: **82,812**

The road to Alabama's 16th national title went through Arlington and the 80th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

In the second year of the College Football Playoff, the Classic hosted a Playoff Semifinal and the matchup featured No. 3 Michigan State vs. No. 2 Alabama. Both teams were 12-1 and 7-1 in conference play. Prior to kickoff, many publications deemed this to be the top matchup of the entire bowl season.

The Spartans were back in familiar territory. Just one year before, Michigan State roared from behind in the fourth quarter to erase a 20-point deficit to knock off Baylor with just 17 seconds to play, 42-41.

However, in the Playoff Semifinal, there would be no such comeback.

Neither team could muster much offense in the opening quarter. The Spartans crossed mid-field once, reaching the Alabama 38, but a sack of quarterback Connor Cook ended the MSU drive at the Bama 48. The Tide never advanced past their own 39 yard line, and that was on Alabama's opening possession of the game.

The Crimson Tide began to flex their muscles midway through the second quarter, rolling 80 yards in just six plays for the first score of the game. Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry, the ninth Heisman winner to play in the Classic, barreled over from the one to push the Tide in front, 7-0.

Alabama scored again on its next possession, driving 43 yards for a 47-yard field goal by Adam Griffith. That score came with 1:25 to go in the first half. With little time on the clock, Michigan State quickly marched down field with hopes of cutting into the Alabama 10-0 lead. Moving from its 25-yard line, Cook guided the Spartans 63 yards before Alabama cornerback Cyrus Jones came up with the defensive play of the game, pulling down an interception at the one and then racing 21 yards back up field to end the Spartans' touchdown hopes.

Jones' oskie set the wheels in motion for the Crimson Tide. Alabama opened the second half by marching 75 yards in nine plays for a touchdown to push the lead to 17-0. The drive was capped by a six-yard scoring toss from quarterback Jake Coker to freshman receiver Calvin Ridley.

Alabama scored twice more in the third quarter. Jones returned a Michigan State punt 57 yards for a touchdown, and Coker and Ridley hooked up again with a 50-yard touchdown pass to totally blow the game open at 31-0. The vaunted Alabama defense held MSU to just 29 yards on the ground and 210 yards in the air.

The Tide's 21-point third quarter was the second highest on record in the Classic. Henry closed out the night's scoring midway through the fourth quarter with an 11-yard run on a quick three-play, 69-yard drive. Senior running back Kenyan Drake did most of the heavy lifting, breaking a 58-yard run to the MSU 11 to set up Henry's second score.

With the 38-0 victory, Alabama evened its all-time Cotton Bowl record to 4-4 and recorded the Classic's first shutout since 1963.

The Spartans never found an answer for Coker who went 25-30-0 through the air for 286 yards and two touchdowns. Coker's completion percentage of .833 was second only to the record of .917 set by Bobby Layne of Texas in 1946. Those numbers earned Coker the game's Outstanding Offensive Player honors, while Jones parlayed his first half pass interception and second half punt return into the Outstanding Defensive Player award.

From Arlington, Alabama rolled on to Glendale, Ariz., for the College Football Playoff Championship Game to defeat Clemson 45-40 to earn the Crimson Tide's 16th national title and their fourth in a span of seven seasons, all under Coach Nick Saban.

Game Summary

MSU	0	0	0	0	**0**
ALABAMA	0	10	21	7	**38**

SECOND QUARTER
Alabama: Derrick Henry 1 run (Adam Griffith kick), 5:36, 80 yards in 6 plays, following punt
Alabama: Griffith 47 FG, 1:25, 43 yards in 7 plays, following punt

THIRD QUARTER
Alabama: Calvin Ridley 6 pass from Jake Coker (Griffith kick), 10:36, 75 yards in 9 plays, following kickoff
Alabama: Cyrus Jones 57 punt return (Griffith kick), 3:24
Alabama: Calvin Ridley 50 pass from Coker (Griffith kick), 2:20, 50 yards in 1 play, following punt

FOURTH QUARTER
Alabama: Henry 11 run (Griffith kick), 7:52, 69 yards in 3 plays, following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Jake Coker, Alabama
Cyrus Jones, Alabama

COACHES
Nick Saban, Alabama
Mark Dantonio, Michigan State

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MSU	UA
First Downs	16	21
Rushing	2	7
Passing	11	12
Penalty	3	2
Rushes-Net Yards	26-29	35-154
Net Yards Passing	210	286
Passes	19-39-2	25-31-0
Total Plays	65	66
Total Net Yards	239	440
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-33	6-69
Punts-Average	9-45.7	6-46.5

RUSHING
Michigan State: Terry 1-14, London 5-11, Scott 6-8, Burbridge 3-8, Holmes 2-6, Williams 2-6, Cook 7-(-24).
Alabama: Henry 20-75, Drake 4-60, Scarbrough 3-17, Stewart 1-7, Harris 1-2, Team 1-(-1), Coker 5-(-6).

PASSING
Michigan State: Cook 19-39-2, 210 yds.
Alabama: Coker 25-30-0, 286 yds; Bateman 0-1-0, 0 yds.

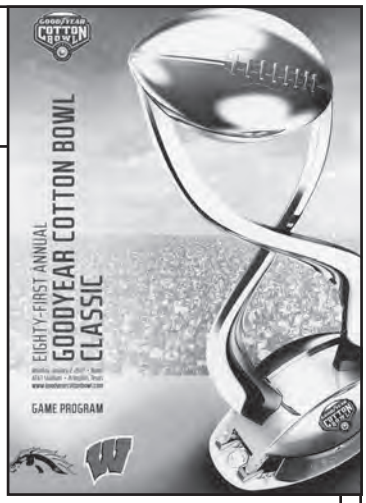
RECEIVING
Michigan State: Burbridge 5-39, Price 4-39, Davis 1-28, Macgarrett 2-27, DeAnthony 1-21, Shelton 2-19, Lang 1-17, Holmes 2-10, London 1-10.
Alabama: Ridley 8-138, Howard 3-59, Mullaney 3-53, Stewart 7-37, Drake 3-5, Henry 1-(-6).

PUNTING
Michigan State: Hartbarger 9-45.7.
Alabama: Scott 6-46.5.

2017 JANUARY 2

WISCONSIN 24
WESTERN MICHIGAN 16

ATTENDANCE: **59,615**



Arlington was new territory for both Western Michigan and Wisconsin. For the first time, the Broncos and Badgers traveled to North Texas to settle midwest bragging rights in the 81st Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. Western Michigan brought a perfect 13-0 mark to AT&T Stadium and became the Classic's first undefeated team in 24 seasons. Wisconsin was 10-3 after advancing to the Big Ten Championship Game for the fourth time in six seasons. The Badgers checked in at No. 8 in the final College Football Playoff rankings. The Broncos were ranked 15th.

With head coach P.J. Fleck's leadership, the turnaround of the Western Michigan football program had been remarkable. The Broncos went 1-11 in Fleck's first year in 2013, and in four seasons he transformed Western Michigan into a in Mid-American Conference powerhouse. His celebrated "Row The Boat" mantra motivated the Broncos to pull together and row in the same direction to make sure the boat does not veer off course.

Wisconsin was a solid program in the Big Ten. In two seasons under head coach Paul Chryst, the Badgers compiled an impressive 20-6 overall record. This was Wisconsin's sixth 10-win season in eight years and a victory over the Broncos would push the Badgers to the 11-victory mark for the second time in three seasons and the sixth time in school history. Chryst earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors and became just the fourth coach ever in the conference to begin his career with consecutive 10-win seasons.

The Badgers opened the game in dominating fashion, taking the opening kickoff and marching 75 yards in 11 plays to jump to a 7-0 lead with Corey Clement's two-yard scoring run. The key play in the drive was a stunning one-handed circus catch by 6-6 tight end Troy Fumagalli, who had a way of making the difficult look easy. His 20-yard reception came on a third-and-13-play and moved Wisconsin to the Western Michigan 12 to set up the Badgers first touchdown. Wisconsin came right back on it's next possession with an even longer drive of 88 yards to go up 14-0. This time it was Dare Ogunbowale punching it in from the one. Wisconsin controlled the clock and established the run game in the first quarter to eat up 11:16 on its two scoring possessions. Senior quarterback Bart Houston was equally as hard to stop through the air going 4-for-4 passing for 62 yards.

Western Michigan got on the board in the second quarter on its third possession of the game. Quarterback Zach Terrell, named in early December as college football's top scholar-athlete by the National Football Foundation, scored on a two-yard bootleg on third and goal at the 5:27 mark. The 16-play drive chewed up 8:45 off the clock and cut the lead to 14-7.

The potent Wisconsin offense scored again on its third consecutive possession of the afternoon. Following Houston's only incompletion of the day, a dropped pass in the end zone, the Badgers turned to Andrew Endicott to kick a 30-yard field goal with 18 seconds to play in the half to push their advantage to 17-7.

Western Michigan became more assertive offensively in the third quarter. On the Broncos' opening possession, Terrell connected with All-America receiver Corey Davis for 17 yards to the Wisconsin 42, and two plays later Jarvion Franklin dashed 23 yards to the 13. Unable to advance past the Wisconsin 10, the Broncos called on Butch Hampton to boot a 27-yard field goal and trim the deficit to just seven points, 17-10.

This set the stage for an exciting fourth quarter. A Wisconsin punt pinned the Broncos on their three-yard line, and on the first play Terrell was picked off by linebacker T.J. Edwards at the Western Michigan 12. The Badgers quickly took advantage of the turnover as co-starting quarterback Alex Hornibrook connected with Fumagalli on an eight-yard touchdown pass on third down to boost the Badgers lead to 24-10.

Trailing by two touchdowns and time becoming a factor, Terrell and the Broncos responded with a 75-yard, 16-play march that resulted in an amazing 11-yard touchdown catch by Davis between two defenders. However, the downside of the drive was that it consumed nearly nine minutes and left Western Michigan trailing 24-16 with just 3:27 to play in the game. Wisconsin recovered the Broncos' subsequent onside kick and was able to wind down the clock thanks to Fumagalli's 26-yard catch on third and eight at the Western Michigan 20. The Badgers then used three rush plays to run out the clock and secure Wisconsin's third consecutive bowl victory.

Fumagalli and Edwards were named the game's outstanding players, and Houston tied the Classic's 71-year old record for the highest pass completion percentage of .917 set in 1946, connecting on 11-of-12 attempts.

Game Summary

WMU	0	7	3	6	**16**
WISCONSIN	14	3	0	7	**24**

FIRST QUARTER
Wisconsin: Corey Clement 2 run (Andrew Endicott kick), 8:52, 75 yards in 11 plays following kickoff
Wisconsin: Dare Ogunbowale, 1 run (Endicott kick), 3:23, 88 yards in 7 plays following punt

SECOND QUARTER
Western Michigan: Zach Terrell 2 run (Butch Hampton kick), 5:27, 65 yards in 16 plays following punt
Wisconsin: Endicott 30 FG, 0:18, 63 yards in 9 plays following kickoff

THIRD QUARTER
Western Michigan: Hampton 27 FG, 10:00, 65 yds in 11 plays following kickoff

FOURTH QUARTER:
Wisconsin: Troy Fumagalli 8 pass from Alex Hornibrook (Endicott kick), 12:26, 12 yds in 3 plays following interception
Western Michigan: Corey Davis 11 pass from Terrell (Hampton kick failed), 3:27, 75 yds in 16 plays following kickoff

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Troy Fumagalli, Wisconsin
T.J. Edwards, Wisconsin

COACHES
P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan
Paul Chryst, Wisconsin

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	WMU	WIS
First Downs	18	18
Rushing	9	9
Passing	9	9
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	31-123	38-184
Net Yards Passing	157	178
Passes	16-28-1	13-14-0
Total Plays	59	52
Total Net Yards	280	362
Fumbles-Lost	4-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15	5-35
Punts-Average	3-40.7	3-41.7

RUSHING
Western Michigan: Bogan 16-58, Franklin 7-53, Terrell 7-14, Team 1-(-2).
Wisconsin: Clement 22-71, Peavy 3-50, Cephus 2-34, Ogunbowale 5-22, Ramesh 1-10, Deal 2-9, Team 1-(-2), Houston 2-(-10).

PASSING
Western Michigan: Terrell 16-28-1, 157 yds.
Wisconsin: Houston 11-12-0, 159 yds; Hornibrook 2-2-0, 19 yds.

RECEIVING
Western MIchigan: Davis 6-73, Franklin 4-33, Thompson 4-32, Henry 2-19.
Wisconsin: Fumagalli 6-83, Clement 2-28, Ogunbowale 2-28, Rushing 2-27, Wheelwright 1-12.

PUNTING
Western Michigan: Coleman 3-40.7
Wisconsin: Lotti 3-41.7.



OHIO STATE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

24
07

2017
DECEMBER 29

ATTENDANCE: **67,510**

Whenever conference champions tangle in postseason play it tends to grab attention. And, when the teams involved are Ohio State and Southern California, it makes for a matchup of mega proportions. These two college football bluebloods made the 82nd Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic a highly anticipated attraction. Both teams sported identical 11-2 records with lofty national rankings. The Buckeyes checked in at No. 5 in the final College Football Playoff rankings while the Trojans finished up the regular season at No. 8.

For the first time, Ohio State and Southern California clashed in a bowl game outside of their celebrated Rose Bowl skirmishes. The Classic would be their eighth bowl matchup against one another and their 24th meeting overall with the Trojans holding a 13-10-1 advantage in the series. USC had recorded seven consecutive victories over the Buckeyes, a streak that spanned 44 years.

While Southern California held the historical edge, Ohio State came to North Texas with something to prove. The Buckeyes had barely missed landing a berth in the national semifinals. And, it was J.T. Barrett, OSU's brilliant senior quarterback, who seized the moment offensively. Playing in his final collegiate game and just two hours away from his hometown of Wichita Falls, Barrett rushed for two touchdowns and threw for 114 yards to lead the Buckeyes to a compelling victory.

The Buckeye defense took control less than two minutes into the game. Southern California quarterback Sam Darnold had just connected with standout receiver Deontay Burnett for 16 yards and an apparent first down. That's when cornerback Kendall Sheffield unloaded on Burnett to force a fumble. Safety Damon Webb scooped up the loose football and rambled 20 yards to the USC 19.

It was the first of four costly turnovers for the Trojans and the Buckeyes were quick to capitalize. A nine-yard pass to Marcus Baugh moved OSU to the USC six, and freshman running back J.K. Dobbins carried for five more yards to the one. Barrett then cashed in for the touchdown to give Ohio State an early 7-0 lead with 12:25 on the clock.

Soon, the Buckeyes were on the move again. A Southern California punt pinned the Buckeyes on their eight-yard line. But, a key third-down pass from Barrett to receiver Austin Mack covered 33 yards and gave Ohio State room to breathe at the Buckeye 43. Barrett and Mack hooked up again two plays later for a 15-yard gain to the USC 40. The drive eventually stalled just inside the Trojan 10 as the opening period came to an end. On the first play of the second quarter, in came junior placekicker Sean Nuernberger to boot a 26-yard field goal and push the Buckeyes to a 10-0 advantage.

More fireworks erupted seconds later when Webb picked off Darnold on a first down pass and sprinted 23 yards to the end zone to pad the Ohio State lead at 17-0.

The Buckeyes' final score came on the heels of yet another fumble when Darnold was sacked by defensive end Tyquan Lewis after the Trojans marched 65 yards from their own 12 to the Ohio State 23. Linebacker Jerome Baker grabbed the loose ball and ran 13 yards before being hauled down at the Buckeyes' 41.

Barrett passed for 16 yards to Mike Weber out of the backfield to move inside Southern California territory and a facemask penalty tacked 15 more yards onto the play. The Buckeyes were back in scoring position at the 28. After calling timeout with 5:36 left to play in the half, Barrett raced 28 yards for his second touchdown of the game and Ohio State was well in command, 24-0.

USC finally got untracked with the recovery of a fumbled punt return at the Buckeye 15. Darnold, the first Trojan quarterback in history to pass for more than 4,000 yards in a single season, jumped on the turnover and fired a pass to tight end Daniel Imatorbhebhe at the one. Two plays later, tailback Ronald Jones scored to trim the Buckeye lead to 24-7.

Southern California fought back and played well in the second half, but by that point the damage had been done. Ohio State's suffocating defense continued to harass Darnold. The Trojans mounted one last drive in the game's final seven minutes only to see it stall at the Ohio State 18 with just 31 seconds to play.

Three years earlier, Ohio State had defeated Oregon 42-20 at AT&T Stadium to claim the first national title of the College Football Playoff era. Now, the Buckeyes added the Field Scovell Trophy to their collection and left Arlington with a resounding 24-7 victory over a longtime rival.

Game Summary

USC	0	7	0	0	**7**
OHIO STATE	7	17	0	0	**24**

FIRST QUARTER
Ohio State: J.T. Barrett 1 run (Sean Nuernberger kick), 12:25, 19 yards in 5 plays, following fumble

SECOND QUARTER
Ohio State: Nuernberger 26 FG, 14:55, 83 yards in 13 plays, following punt
Ohio State: Damon Webb 23 interception return (Nuernberger kick), 14:42
Ohio State: Barrett 28 run (Nuernberger kick), 5:27, 59 yards in 2 plays, following fumble
USC: Ronald Jones 1 run (Chase McGrath kick), 1:59, 15 yards in 3 plays, following fumble

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
J.T. Barrett, Ohio State
Damon Webb, Ohio State

COACHES
Clay Helton, USC
Urban Meyer, Ohio State

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	USC	OSU
First Downs	23	13
Rushing	5	6
Passing	16	5
Penalty	2	2
Rushes-Net Yards	36-57	38-163
Net Yards Passing	356	114
Passes	26-45-1	11-17-0
Total Plays	81	55
Total Net Yards	413	277
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-35	3-30
Punts-Average	6-34.3	7-45.9

RUSHING
USC: Jones 19-64, Ware 3-9, Malepeai 1-2, Carr 2-0, Darnold 11-(-18).
Ohio State: Barrett 16-66, Campbell 3-42, Dobbins 13-39, Weber 5-18, Team 1-(-2).

PASSING
USC: Darnold 26-45-1, 356 yds.
Ohio State: Barrett 11-17-0, 114 yds.

RECEIVING
USC: Burnett 12-139, Vaughns 6-119, Pittman 3-69, Imatorbhebhe 2-25, Malepeai 1-3, Petite 1-2, Carr 1-(-1).
Ohio State: Baugh 4-40, Mack 3-56, Weber 1-16, Hill 1-3, McLaurin 1-2, Campbell 1-(-3).

PUNTING
USC: Budrovich 6-34.3.
Ohio State: Chrisman 7-45.9.

2018 CLEMSON 30
DECEMBER 29 NOTRE DAME 03

ATTENDANCE: **72,183**



It took 84 years for the Goodyear Cotton Bowl to arrive at a matchup like this one. Two unbeaten teams with perfect regular-season records, no losses, no ties…No. 2 Clemson (13-0) vs. No. 3 Notre Dame (12-0).

The spotlight of the national semifinal was shining brightly on Arlington for the second time in three seasons. The winner would punch its ticket to Santa Clara, Calif., for a chance to play for college football's national championship the following week. The Tigers were making their fourth consecutive trip to the Playoff and had their sights squarely on collecting a second national championship in three seasons and their third in school history. A Notre Dame victory would put the Irish in position to win a 12th national title and their first since 1988.

Clemson was the clear favorite. The Tigers ranked in the top five nationally in scoring offense with 45.4 points per game, and in scoring defense allowing just 14.7 points. For the Irish to pull off an upset they had to play a near perfect game and not give up the big play defensively.

Clemson scored first midway through the opening quarter on a 40-yard field goal by Greg Huegel to capitalize on Clelin Ferrell's fumble recovery near midfield. Notre Dame answered quickly four minutes later, driving 66 yards for a 28-yard field goal from Justin Yoon.

The game was tied 3-3 after one quarter. The Tigers had gained only 45 yards in offense and the Irish seemed to be holding their own. But, containing Clemson's explosive nature could last for only so long. What had been a close game was about to be turned upside down. And, it didn't help that Notre Dame's All-America cornerback Julian Love was forced to the sideline with concussion symptoms in the first quarter.

Two freshmen, quarterback Trevor Lawrence and receiver Justyn Ross stepped up and immediately seized control of the game for Clemson, combining for two long touchdown plays. The first came on a 52-yard pass when Ross beat man-to-man coverage and broke a tackle down the sideline two minutes into the second quarter. Lawrence and Ross struck again just before halftime on a 42-yard pass play that pushed the Tigers to a 16-3 advantage with 1:44 to play. At that point, the Tigers could have been content to run out the clock, but two Irish penalties, one for offsides and the other for roughing the passer, helped speed things up for Clemson on its next possession.

Starting at its 20 and with 0:48 to go in the half, the big play of the drive was a 32-yard pass from Lawrence to veteran receiver Hunter Renfrow to the Notre Dame 34. Another 15 yards were tacked onto the play for the roughing call and suddenly the Tigers were presented with a golden opportunity for one last score. The ball was at the Notre Dame 19 and the clock was down to nine seconds. Clemson called timeout.

When play resumed, Lawrence dropped back and lofted a pass to sophomore Tee Higgins who was streaking along the boundary toward the goal line. Higgins made a one-handed, juggling catch as he fell into the corner of the end zone to expand the Clemson lead to 23-3. In the second quarter alone, Lawrence was 13-for-15 through the air for 229 yards and three touchdowns. Ross had five receptions in the quarter for 137 yards.

Clemson's final score of the game came late in the third quarter. Sophomore running back Travis Etienne broke loose up the middle and raced 62 yards down the sideline for the touchdown that pushed the Clemson lead to 30-3.

Defensively, Clemson dominated the line of scrimmage despite the loss of 350-pound nose tackle Dexter Lawrence who was one of three players suspended by the NCAA at the start of bowl week after testing positive for the banned substance Ostarine. End Austin Bryant earned Outstanding Defensive Player of the game honors with six tackles that included four solo stops, two sacks and three tackles for loss. Fellow defensive end Clelin Ferrell, tackle Christian Wilkins, the Campbell Trophy winner, and Albert Higgins, Lawrence's replacement, bottled up the Irish at every turn.

Trevor Lawrence was the overwhelming choice as the Outstanding Offensive Player. In just his 10th start for the Tigers, he amassed 327 yards passing and completed 27-of-39 attempts with no interceptions. Clemson chewed up 538 yards in total offense to more than double Notre Dame's 248.

It was a dominating performance by the Tigers. A week later, Clemson steamrolled Alabama 44-16 to win its second national title in three seasons and assert itself as college football's preeminent program, the first team in modern history to finish a season at 15-0.

Game Summary

NOTRE DAME	3	0	0	0	**3**
CLEMSON	3	20	7	0	**30**

FIRST QUARTER
Clemson: Greg Huegel 40 FG, 8:35, 31 yards in 9 plays following fumble recovery
Notre Dame: Justin Yoon 28 FG, 4:31, 66 yards in 10 plays following kickoff

SECOND QUARTER
Clemson: Justyn Ross 52 pass from Trevor Lawrence (Huegel kick blocked), 12:50, 65 yards in 3 plays after ball turned over on downs
Clemson: Ross 42 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick), 1:44, 85 yards in 8 plays following punt
Clemson: Tee Higgins 19 pass from Lawrence (Huegel kick), 0:02, 80 yards in 4 plays following punt

THIRD QUARTER
Clemson: Travis Etienne 62 run (Huegel kick), 2:04, 71 yards in 3 plays following interception

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Trevor Lawrence, Clemson
Austin Bryant, Clemson

COACHES
Brian Kelly, Notre Dame
Dabo Swinney, Clemson

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	ND	CU
First Downs	17	26
Rushing	7	9
Passing	8	15
Penalty	2	2
Rushes-Net Yards	35-88	37-211
Net Yards Passing	160	327
Passes	17-34-1	27-41-0
Total Plays	69	78
Total Net Yards	248	538
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-50	6-65
Punts-Average	8-45.9	5-39.8

RUSHING
Notre Dame: Williams 16-54, Book 17-30, Armstrong 1-6, Team 1-(-2).
Clemson: Etienne 14-109, Brice 2-31, Choice 2-30, Feaster 4-20, Dixon 6-11, Lawrence 7-6, Overton 1-3, Rencher 1-1.

PASSING
Notre Dame: Book 17-34-1, 160 yds.
Clemson: Lawrence 27-39-0, 327 yds; Brice 0-2-0, 0 yds.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame: Boykin 5-69, Williams 3-29, Finke 2-24, Mack 2-11, Armstrong 2-8, Claypool 2-8, Kmet 1-11.
Clemson: Ross 6-148, Rodgers 6-26, Renfrow 4-62, Higgins 4-53, Chase 2-17, Thompson 2-8, Etienne 1-8, Feaster 1-3, Swinney 1-2.

PUNTING
Notre Dame: Newsome 8-45.9.
Coleman 3-40.7
Clemson: Spiers 5-39.8.



PENN STATE 53
MEMPHIS 39

2019
DECEMBER 28

ATTENDANCE: **54,828**

At first glance, the 84th Goodyear Cotton Bowl seemed long on offense and a bit skimpy on defense. But, in the end, it was defense that ultimately won the game for Penn State.

The matchup featured the No. 10 Nittany Lions (10-2, 7-2 Big Ten) vs. No. 17 Memphis (12-1, 7-1 AAC). Penn State brought the nation's seventh best scoring defense to North Texas, limiting opponents to 14.1 points a game while the offense scored at a 34.3 clip.

Paying its first visit to the Cotton Bowl, Memphis made a living on big play offense. The American Athletic Conference champs were reeling off 40.4 points per game while averaging 480.7 yards in total offense to rank eighth and tenth nationally.

However, the Tigers came to North Texas with a new look. Ryan Silverfield was now in charge after stepping into the head coaching position in mid-December when previous coach Mike Norvell moved on to Florida State following the AAC Championship Game.

In contrast, Penn State's James Franklin was a coaching veteran. Since taking over in Happy Valley, Franklin guided the Nittany Lions to six consecutive bowl games and the Classic was Penn State's third New Year's Six bowl appearance in four seasons.

No one could have predicted these teams would erupt for a record 92 points or log the Classic's second-best total offense day with 1,071 yards. The Nittany Lions rode the wave of seven touchdowns to tie yet another record in posting a 53-39 victory.

Memphis got things rolling when placekicker Riley Patterson booted a 48-yard field goal on the Tigers' first possession. It was the first of six field goals for Patterson who set the NCAA's all-time bowl record. Patterson shook off a sprained ankle to account for 21 of the Tigers' 39 points to claim another Classic kicking record.

Penn State answered quickly when sophomore Journey Brown broke loose on a 32-yard touchdown run to put the Nittany Lions on the scoreboard for the first time at 7-3. Memphis held a 13-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. Then, the floodgates opened. In the second period, Penn State tallied 28 of its 35 first half points to erase two more longstanding Classic records.

Freshman running backs Noah Cain and Devyn Ford sent Penn State in front 21-13 with a pair of short-yardage runs. Brown then ripped off a 56-yard touchdown romp to expand the lead to 28-13.

Kenneth Gainwell, named college football's Freshman of the Year by the Football Writers, led the charge for Memphis on a one-yard TD run to trim the score back to eight. Penn State countered with its only scoring pass of the day, a four-yard completion from Sean Clifford to Jahan Dotson in the final minute. Memphis responded when Patterson added his third field goal on the final play of the half. Penn State headed to the locker room with what seemed to be a comfortable 35-23 lead.

The scoring rampage continued in the third quarter. The Tigers posted back-to-back scores, a one-yard run by quarterback Brady White and a Classic record 51-yard field goal by Patterson to chop the lead to two, 35-33.

The two teams then traded field goals to bring the score to 38-36. At last, it was time for defense to rise to the occasion in the final minute of the quarter. The big play was delivered by the Nittany Lions' All-America sophomore linebacker Micah Parsons. His target was White, who to this point was enjoying a stellar game that ended with 454 passing yards, the second-best aerial performance ever in the Classic.

Attacking from the edge, Parsons jumped on White and wouldn't let go. In desperation, the Memphis quarterback flipped the ball away and into the hands of safety Garrett Taylor who dashed into the end zone with a 15-yard interception return. In a flash, the tenuous two-point Penn State lead jumped to nine, 45-36.

Memphis continued to fight. Patterson booted his record-setting sixth field goal, a 42-yard kick early in the fourth quarter. The Nittany Lions then sealed the game on Cain's one-yard burst into the end zone to push the score to 53-39 with 6:31 to play.

In a game fueled by high-octane offenses, it was the aggressive play of Parsons that made the difference. He won Outstanding Defensive Player honors after collecting 14 tackles, three stops for minus-27 yards, two sacks, two forced fumbles, broke up two pass attempts, and had one quarterback hurry…the play which resulted in the interception that turned the tide toward Penn State. Brown earned the game's Outstanding Offensive Player award with 202 rushing yards and two scores. Cain was next in line for the Lions with 92 yards and two touchdowns.

Penn State certainly made the most of its first visit to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic in 45 years.

Game Summary

MEMPHIS	13	10	13	3	**39**
PENN STATE	7	28	10	8	**53**

FIRST QUARTER
Mem: Riley Patterson 48 FG, 10:52, 58 yds in 11 pl following punt. PSU: Journey Brown 32 run (Jake Pinegar kick), 9:56, 75 yds in 3 pl following kickoff. Mem: Patrick Taylor 3 run (Patterson kick), 7:44, 75 yds in 6 pl following kickoff. Mem: Patterson 37 FG, 2:55, 40 yds in 10 pl following punt.

SECOND QUARTER
PSU: Noah Cain 1 run (Pinegar kick), 11:14, 45 yds in 8 pl following punt. PSU: Devyn Ford, 2 run (Pinegar kick), 7:47, 32 yds in 4 pl following punt. PSU: Brown 56 run (Pinegar kick), 5:51, 56 yds in 1 pl following punt.
Mem: Kenneth Gainwell 1 run (Patterson kick), 3:15, 75 yds in 7 pl following kickoff. PSU: Jahan Dotson 4 pass from Sean Clifford (Pinegar kick), 0:51, 75 yds in 10 pl following kickoff. Mem: Patterson 44 FG, 0:00, 49 yds in 8 pl following kickoff

THIRD QUARTER
Mem: Brady White 1 run (Patterson kick), 12:16, 75 yds in 6 pl following kickoff. Memphis: Patterson 51 FG, 10:24, -4 yds in 4 pl following interception. PSU: Pinegar 45 FG, 7:13, 46 yds in 8 pl following kickoff. Mem: Patterson 41 FG, following, 3:32, 52 yds in 11 pl following kickoff. PSU: Garrett Taylor 15 interception return (Pinegar kick), 0:38.

FOURTH QUARTER
Mem: Patterson 42 FG, 12:01, 51 yds in 9 pl following kickoff. PSU: Noah Cain 1 run (Pat Freirmuth pass from Clifford), 6:31, 75 yds in 12 pl following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Journey Brown, Penn State
Micah Parsons, Penn State

COACHES
Ryan Silverfield, Memphis
James Franklin, Penn State

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MEM	PSU
First Downs	27	25
Rushing	8	18
Passing	19	7
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	33-63	53-396
Net Yards Passing	479	133
Passes	33-53-2	11-20-1
Total Plays	86	73
Total Net Yards	542	529
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-45	2-15
Punts-Average	3-33.0	3-45.3

RUSHING
Memphis: P. Taylor 8-50, Gainwell 9-34, Gibson 2-6, K. Jones 1-2, Austin 2-(-6), White 11-(-23).
Penn State: Brown 16-202, Cain 15-92, Slade 5-58, Clifford 13-28, Hamler 2-14, Ford 2-2.

PASSING
Memphis: White 32-51-2, 454 yards; K. Jones 1-1-0, 25 yards; Taylor 0-1-0, 0 yards. Penn State: Clifford 11-20-1, 133 yards.

RECEIVING
Memphis: Coxie 8-132, Gainwell 7-78, Gibson 6-99, K. Jones 4-73, Austin 3-39, White 1-25, Daniel 1-9, P. Taylor 1-9, Samuel 1-8, K. Wilson 1-7. Penn State: Dotson 3-26, Hamler 2-46, Freiermuth 2-39, George 2-15, Brown 2-7.

PUNTING
Memphis: Williams 3-33.0.
Penn State: Gillikin 3-45.3.

2020 DECEMBER 30

OKLAHOMA 55
FLORIDA 20



ATTENDANCE: **17,323**

Game Summary

FLORIDA	3	10	0	7	**20**
OKLAHOMA	17	14	10	14	**55**

FIRST QUARTER

OU: Marvin Mims 27 pass from Spencer Rattler (Gabe Brkic kick), 12:59, 79 yards in 5 plays following kickoff. OU Tre Norwood 45 interception return (Brkic kick), 12:22. OU: Brkic 43 FG, 8:08, 30 yards in 5 plays following interception. UF: Evan McPherson 21 FG, 33 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery.

SECOND QUARTER

UF: Emory Jones 1 run (McPherson kick), 8:08, 88 yards in 16 plays following punt. UF: McPherson 35 FG, 6:05, 12 yards in 5 plays following fumble. OU: Theo Wease 36 pass from Rattler (Brkic kick), 4:08, 60 yards in 4 plays following kickoff. OU: Rattler 1 run (Brkic kick), 0:16, 60 yards in 9 plays following missed FG.

THIRD QUARTER

OU: Brkic 20 FG, 7:51, 86 yards in 6 plays following punt. OU: Rhamondre Stevenson 15 run (Brkic kick), 3:58, 87 yards in 5 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER

OU: Charleston Rambo 20 pass from Rattler (Brkic kick), 10:30, 97 yards in 8 plays following downs. OU: Marcus Major 46 run (Spencer Johnson kick), 6:11, 79 yards in six plays following punt. UF: Jordan Pouncey 27 pass from Anthony Richardson (Chris Howard kick), 3:18, 89 yards in 6 plays following kickoff.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Rhamondre Stevenson, Oklahoma
Tre Norwood, Oklahoma

COACHES

Dan Mullen, Florida
Lincoln Riley, Oklahoma

WEATHER

Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	UF	OU
First Downs	28	25
Rushing	12	15
Passing	15	9
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Net Yards	39-250	40-435
Net Yards Passing	271	249
Passes	25-45-3	15-25-0
Total Plays	84	65
Total Net Yards	521	684
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-61	4-40
Punts-Average	4-49.2	2-42.0

RUSHING

Florida: Pierce 11-60, E. Jones 10-60, Wright 4-44, Richardson 3-42, Davis 7-31, Lingard 1-13, Trask 3-0. Oklahoma: Stevenson 18-186, Major 9-110, McGowan 1-73. Rattler 7-40, Henderson 1-18, Hudson 2-12, Team 2-(-4).

PASSING

Florida: Trask 16-28-3, 158 yards; E. Jones 8-16-0, 86 yards; Richardson 1-1-0, 27 yards. Oklahoma: Rattler 14-23-0, 247 yards; Morris 1-2-0, 2 yards.

RECEIVING

Florida: Wells 6-43, Zipperer 4-38, Whittemore 2-47, Shorter 2-22, Pierce 2-20, Davis 2-19, Wright 2-13, Pouncey 1-27, Gamble 1-13, Weston 1-13, Henderson 1-12, Fraziars 1-4. Oklahoma: McGowan 3-70, Rambo 2-45, Stoops 2-21, Bridges 2-19, Wease 1-36, Mims 1-27, Hall 1-12, Stogner 1-12, Howard 1-5, Henderson 1-2.

PUNTING

Florida: Crenshaw 2-49.0, Finn 2-49.5. Oklahoma: Mundschau 2-42.0.

The 85th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic truly was like no other. This primetime matchup was staged amid strict health protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic and in front of a reduced crowd of 17,323 fans at AT&T Stadium. Traditional bowl week activities were suspended as teams spent less than 48 hours in North Texas leading up to kickoff.

But once No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 7 Florida hit the field, things quickly fell back into place. As expected, offense ruled the day. The Sooners and Gators rang up 75 points and erased a College Football Playoff record for total offense with 1,205 yards. Most of those imposing statistics belonged to the Sooners in a resounding 55-20 victory.

Entering the 85th Classic, both teams were fresh from conference championship game appearances. Oklahoma knocked off Iowa State 27-21 in the Big 12 title game just 11 days earlier at AT&T Stadium. Florida, the SEC's Eastern Division champs, lost to No. 1 Alabama in a 52-46 slugfest in Atlanta.

However, the Gators were now a different team from the one that battled the Crimson Tide. Twenty-five players, including Florida's top four receivers, had opted out of competition or tested positive to the coronavirus and would not play in the game.

Oklahoma struck quickly, taking the opening kickoff and marching 79 yards for the first score of the night. Heralded redshirt-freshman Spencer Rattler connected with fellow freshman receiver Marvin Mims on a 27-yard touchdown pass to take a 7-0 lead.

The Gators' first possession ended with an interception. OU nickelback Tre Norwood picked off Florida quarterback Kyle Trask's second pass of the night and then strolled down the sideline untouched on a 45-yard return for the Sooners' second score. Norwood, who also recorded two tackles to go along with his pick-six, earned Felix McKnight Outstanding Defensive Player honors.

Trask, the nation's top passer and a leading Heisman Trophy contender, tried to rally the Gators from a 14-0 deficit but a tipped pass resulted in another turnover, his second of three interceptions in the opening period. Linebacker Brian Asamoah returned the errant pass 29 yards to the Sooners' 45. Gabe Brkic booted a 43-yard field goal to make it 17-0 before the game had reached the halfway point of the opening quarter.

Florida then launched into a quarterback rotation between Trask and sophomore Emory Jones. By the end of the quarter the Gators had driven to the OU three-yard line. That's where the drive stalled, and Evan McPherson was called on to post the Gators' first points of the game with a 21-yard field goal.

In the second quarter, Trask and Jones continued to alternate and the duo guided Florida to its first touchdown when Jones punched it in from the one to chop the OU lead to 17-10. A fumble recovery at the Oklahoma 29 put the Gators in position to tie the game. However, Sooner linebacker Nik Bonitto came up with key, back-to-back defensive plays. He sacked Trask for a loss of three yards to the OU 17 and followed by forcing an incompletion. The Gators had to settle for another McPherson field goal, this one from 35 yards out with 6:05 to play in the half.

It was now a 17-13 game, but from that point forward the night belonged to Oklahoma as the Sooners reeled off five TDs and a field goal. Rattler came out swinging. He threw a 36-yard touchdown strike to Theo Wease and then capped a 60-yard drive on OU's next possession with a one-yard run to push the Sooners into a commanding position at halftime, 31-13.

Oklahoma tacked on 10 points in the third quarter when Brkic added a 20-yard field goal and Rhamondre Stevenson, the Classic's J. Curtis Sanford Outstanding Offensive Player, broke loose on a 15-yard touchdown run. Stevenson launched the 87-yard drive with a 50-yard gallop that moved the Sooners from their own 13 to the Florida 37.

OU held a 41-13 lead at the start of the fourth quarter. Yet, there was more to come. Rattler hit Charleston Rambo on a 20-yard touchdown pass and running back Marcus Major ran 46 yards for the Sooners' final TD that pushed the score to 55-13. Anthony Richardson, the third Florida quarterback to see action in the game, connected with Pouncey Jordan on a 27-yard pass that brought the night's scoring rampage to an end, 55-20.

OU's Stevenson finished with 186 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown while Rattler accounted for four touchdowns, three of them through the air. OU scored seven touchdowns, rolled up 435 yards rushing and 684 yards in total offense, averaged 10.9 yards per rush and 10.5 yards per play. Each mark was a Cotton Bowl Classic record.

Eight consecutive victories for OU and a 55-point effort to wrap up the season, the most points ever scored by the Sooners in postseason play, put a positive punctuation mark on a challenging 2020 college football season.



ALABAMA
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2021
DECEMBER 31

ATTENDANCE: **76,313**

The 86th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic was long on firsts.

For starters, fourth-ranked Cincinnati (13-0, 8-0 AAC) became the first member of a Group of Five conference to earn its way into the four-team College Football Playoff. The Bearcats, the American Athletic Conference champions, were college football's last remaining undefeated squad.

No. 1 Alabama (12-1, 7-1 SEC) was the first top-ranked team to play in the Classic in 44 years dating back to 1978. The Southeastern Conference champion earned the right to compete in a College Football Playoff Semifinal for the sixth time in eight seasons. And college football's premier head coach Nick Saban was back in the Classic for the third time. His last appearance in December 2015 led to a national championship. He was in familiar territory.

Alabama sophomore Bryce Young added to the Classic's legacy of decorated quarterbacks. Young became the tenth Heisman Trophy winner to play in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic in the same season of earning the prestigious honor. Spearheading the Crimson Tide defense was sophomore linebacker Will Anderson Jr. who won the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) Bronko Nagurski Award as college football's Outstanding Defensive Player.

The list of award winners didn't stop there. Walking the opposite sideline was Cincinnati head coach Luke Fickell, the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year. Fickell became the first recipient of the FWAA honor since 1974 to coach in the Classic during the same season he won the award.

Twice named AAC Player of the Year, Desmond Ridder was the Bearcats' driving force offensively. A four-year starter at quarterback, Ridder had delivered 30 touchdown passes during the 2021 season, one shy of the school record. Cincinnati also featured the nation's top cornerback tandem in senior Coby Bryant and junior Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner. Bryant won the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's best defensive back. Gardner would become the third selection in the NFL Draft.

Expectations were riding high for both teams entering the game. The question was could Cincinnati make a statement in the CFP Semifinals by knocking off the defending national champions to reach the CFP Championship Game?

For all intents and purposes, Alabama answered that question on its first possession, setting the tone by running the football on the first 10 plays of the game. Bama finally went to the air on the 11th play of the 75-yard drive when Young tossed an eight-yard touchdown pass to Slade Bolden for a 7-0 lead.

Fifth-year senior Brian Robinson Jr. shouldered the load offensively for the Crimson Tide. Robinson accounted for 37 of the Tide's 75 yards on the opening march. By the end of the day, Robinson would rush for a career-high 204 yards, averaged 7.8 yards per carry on 26 attempts, and was the clear choice for the J. Curtis Sanford Outstanding Player Award in the 27-6 Crimson Tide victory.

The Bearcats responded to the Alabama touchdown with a long drive of their own to the Crimson Tide's nine-yard line. Ridder directed Cincinnati's 13-play march with five pass completions. However, a loss of six yards on third down forced the Bearcats to settle for a 33-yard field goal by Cole Smith.

After Cincinnati gained 60 yards on its first drive, the Bearcats gained just 16 yards the rest of the half.

Alabama began the second quarter with a 26-yard field goal by Will Reichard for a 10-3 lead. Then, Young connected with wideout Ja'Corey Brooks for a 44-yard touchdown strike late in the half for a 17-3 lead at intermission.

Alabama outgained Cincinnati in the first half - 302 yards to 76 - and held a 15-5 edge in first downs. The Crimson Tide rushed for 172 yards in the first two quarters while averaging 6.9 yards per carry.

Cincinnati opened the second half determined to change the script, but the Bearcats' drive stalled at the Alabama 19. The resulting field goal momentarily trimmed Alabama's advantage to 17-6. The Bearcats next two possession went nowhere, and Alabama took a three-score lead, 24-6, with 13:52 to play in the final quarter when Young found tight end Cameron Latu on a nine-yard touchdown pass to cap another long scoring drvie, this one covering 70 yards.

Cincinnati drove to the Alabama 22 only to have their hopes dashed when Anderson sacked Ridder on fourth down. The Crimson Tide then drove for their final score of the game on Reichard's 43-yard field goal with 6:20 left to play.

Alabama's offense totaled 482 yards, including 301 on the ground. Defensively, the Crimson Tide did not allow a touchdown in holding Cincinnati to 218 yards. Robinson owned the AT&T Stadium dance floor with his 204-yard effort, the fifth highest in Classic history, while Anderson was just as dominating with two sacks and six total tackles to earn Felix McKnight Outstanding Defensive Player honors.

The win marked the Crimson Tide's fifth victory in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and kept Saban's squad perfect (6-0) in games played at AT&T Stadium.

Game Summary

CINCINNATI	3	0	3	0	**6**
ALABAMA	7	10	0	10	**27**

FIRST QUARTER
Alabama: Slade Bolden 8 pass from Bryce Young (Will Reichard kick), 9:51, 75 yards in 11 plays following kickoff.
Cincinnati: Cole Smith 33 FG, 4:52, 60 yds in 13 plays following kickoff.
SECOND QUARTER
Alabama: Reichard 26 FG, 14:56, 67 yds in 13 plays following kickoff.
Alabama: Ja'Corey Brooks 44 pass from Young (Reichard kick), 1:36, 88 yds in 8 plays following punt.
THIRD QUARTER
Cincinnati: C. Smith 37 FG, 9:57, 56 yds in 11 plays following kickoff.
FOURTH QUARTER
Alabama: Cameron Latu 9 pass from Young (Reichard kick), 13:52, 70 yds in 9 plays following punt.
Alabama: Reichard 43 FG, 6:20, 49 yds in 9 plays after ball turned over on downs.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Brian Robinson Jr., Alabama
Will Anderson Jr., Alabama
COACHES
Luke Fickell, Cincinnati
Nick Saban, Alabama
WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	CIN	UA
First Downs	13	27
Rushing	6	16
Passing	7	10
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	26-74	47-301
Net Yards Passing	144	181
Passes	17-32-0	17-28-1
Total Plays	58	75
Total Net Yards	218	482
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-39	6-36
Punts-Average	5-45.2	2-44.0

RUSHING
Cincinnati: Ford 15-77, Montgomery 1-3, Ridder 10-(-6). Alabama: Robinson 26-204, Sanders 14-67, J. Williams 1-18, Young 6-12.
PASSING
Cincinnati: Ridder 17-32-0, 144 yards. Alabama: Young 17-28-1, 181 yards.
RECEIVING
Cincinnati: M. Young 4-55, Scott 4-43, Ford 3-11, Pierce 2-17, Tucker 2-12, Whyle 1-12, Taylor 1-(-6). Alabama: J. Williams 7-62, Brooks 4-66, Bolden 3-31, Billingsley 1-12, Latu 1-9, Sanders 1-1.
PUNTING
Cincinnati: Fletcher 5-45.2. Alabama: Burnip 2-44.0.

2023 JANUARY 2

TULANE 46
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 45



ATTENDANCE: **55,329**

Game Summary

TULANE	0	14	16	16	**46**
USC	7	21	7	10	**45**

FIRST QUARTER
USC: Mchael Jackson III 9 pass from Caleb Williams (Denis Lynch kick), 5:58, 75 yards in 17 plays following kickoff.

SECOND QUARTER
USC: Terrell Bynum 3 pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick), 12:33, 95 yards in 12 plays following punt. Tulane: Tyjae Spears 3 run (Valentino Ambrosio kick), 9:30, 75 yards in 8 plays following kickoff. Tulane: Jha'Quan Jackson 87 pass from Michael Pratt (Ambrosio kick), 5:42, 92 yards in 2 plays following interception. USC: Raleek Brown 39 run (Lynch kick), 2:21, 75 yards in 6 plays following kickoff. USC: Brenden Rice 4 pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick), 0:12, 68 yards in 6 plays following punt.

THIRD QUARTER
Tulane: Spears 7 run (Ambrosio kick), 11:55, 76 yards in 7 plays following kickoff. Tulane: Ambrosio 42 FG, 4:02, 40 yards in 7 plays following failed field goal attempt. USC: Rice 19 pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick), 1:24, 97 yards in 5 plays following kickoff. Tulane: Spears 3 run (Pratt pass fail), 0:40, 65 yards in 3 plays following kickoff.

FOURTH QUARTER
USC: Kyron Hudson 4 pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick), 12:09, 47 yards in 7 plays following onside kickoff. USC: Lynch 43 FG, 4:30, 46 yards in 11 plays following fumble. Tulane: Spears 4 run (Ambrosio kick), 4:07, 63 yards in 2 plays following kickoff. Tulane: Austin Jones tackled by Patrick Jenkins in the end zone for a safety, 3:20. Tulane: Alex Bauman 6 pass from Pratt (Ambrosio kick), 0:09, 66 yards in 12 plays following free kick after safety.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tyjae Spears, Tulane
Dorian Williams, Tulane

COACHES
Willie Fritz, Tulane
Lincoln Riley, Southern California

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	TU	USC
First Downs	16	29
Rushing	9	6
Passing	6	22
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Net Yards	34-305	32-132
Net Yards Passing	234	462
Passes	8-18-0	37-52-1
Total Plays	52	84
Total Net Yards	539	594
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	5-37
Punts-Average	2-43.0	0-0

RUSHING
Tulane: Spears 17-205, Pratt 15-83, Clayton-Johnson 1-19, Team 1-(-2). USC: Jones 22-61, R. Brown 6-61, C. Williams 4-10.

PASSING
Tulane: Pratt 8-17-0, 234 yards; Team 0-1-0, 0 yards. USC: C. Williams 37-52-1, 462 yards.

RECEIVING
Tulane: Bauman 3-46, Watts 2-83, Jackson 1-87, Spears 1-14, Brown 1-4. USC: Rice 6-174, Mario Williams 6-35, Washington 5-109, Michael Jackson III 4-31, Hudson 4-23, Jones 4-20, Bynum 3-26, R. Brown 2-24, Ford 2-19, J. Jackson III 1-3, C. Williams 0-(-2).

PUNTING
Tulane: Glover 2-43.0. USC: 0 punts.

Football fans will be talking about the 87th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic for years to come.

The reasons are many. First is the manner in which No. 16 Tulane overcame a 15-point deficit with less than five minutes to play to pull off a stunning 46-45 upset of 10th-ranked Southern California. Michael Pratt, the Green Wave's unflappable junior quarterback, connected with freshman tight end Alex Bauman on a six-yard touchdown pass with just nine seconds on the clock for the game-winning score.

With its victory, Tulane established a major college milestone for the biggest single-season turnaround in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision history. It came a year after the Green Wave finished 2-10. Head coach Willie Fritz' 2022 squad then roared to a 12-2 season for an eye-popping 10-game improvement.

The upset of the Trojans proved to be the perfect ending for a team that captured the American Athletic Conference championship and earned the university's first appearance in a New Year's Six bowl since the 1940 Sugar Bowl. When all was said and done, the Green Wave climbed to ninth in the final Associated Press poll.

And, then there was the spectacular play of Southern California sophomore quarterback Caleb Williams, the 11th Heisman Trophy winner to play in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and the second in consecutive years.

After transferring from Oklahoma, Williams guided USC to an 11-3 season and narrowly missed landing a berth in the College Football Playoff. The arrival of Williams along with former OU head coach Lincoln Riley quickly restored the Trojans' standing among the nation's elite programs.

Williams tossed five touchdown passes against Tulane to establish a Cotton Bowl Classic scoring record while throwing for 462 yards. He went 37-52-1 for the day to register the Classic's most completions and the second-highest number of passing yards on record.

The dizzying rally by Tulane at the conclusion of the game was a far cry from the way the day started when Southern California scored on its first two possessions. Williams guided the Trojans on a 17-play drive that produced three third-down conversions and one on fourth down. The 75-yard march ended when the Heisman winner tossed his first touchdown on a quick screen to sophomore wide receiver Michael Jackson III.

Williams followed with a 95-yard drive that culminated on a three-yard sprint-out pass to receiver Terrell Bynum to increase the USC lead to 14-0 with 12:33 to go in the half.

At that point, Tulane had possessed the ball just once. But it wouldn't be long before the Green Wave came alive. Junior running back Tyjae Spears served as Tulane's workhorse rushing for 205 yards and four touchdowns during the afternoon to tie a Classic scoring record. However, Spears' fumble at the 10:46 mark of the fourth quarter led to a USC field goal that seemingly put the game out of reach for the Trojans at 45-30.

Yet, Tulane refused to go away, and the Green Wave unleashed their awe-inspiring comeback with 4:23 to play in the game. Pratt engineered two long touchdown drives and was aided by a safety that put Tulane in position to win the game.

The first drive took just two plays to cover 63 yards. A brilliant 59-yard catch and run to the USC four by senior receiver Duece Watts set up Spears' fourth touchdown run that trimmed the margin to eight, 45-37.

Then came a crucial mistake in the kicking game that spelled doom for the Trojans. Jackson fumbled the ensuing kickoff out of bounds to pin Southern California on its one-yard line. Two plays after the muffed kickoff return, Tulane junior defensive tackle Patrick Jenkins crashed through the line to smother Trojan senior running back Austin Jones for a safety.

It was now a six-point game, 45-39. Pratt took the free kick at his 34-yard line and launched the winning drive. The clock read 3:13.

Pratt converted a dramatic fourth-and-10 play with a 24-yard completion to Bauman at the Trojans' 30. He then hit Watts with a 24-yard strike to the six. The clock stopped on the first-down play at 18 seconds. Pratt again looked for Bauman on the right boundary but the pass fell incomplete.

Pratt went right back to his tight end, this time throwing into the end zone. Linebacker Eric Gentry was in perfect position for the Trojans. Bauman made the catch but bobbled the football as he and Gentry fell to the ground. Officials ruled the pass incomplete, but replay reviews confirmed that Bauman had maintained possession and the football never touched the ground.

Just nine seconds remained on the clock as redshirt senior placekicker Valentino Ambrosio booted home the all-important PAT to put the Green Wave in front for the first time and ultimately clinch the 46-45 victory. Pandemonium erupted along the Tulane sideline as USC looked on in disbelief.

Tulane's Spears earned the J. Curtis Sanford Outstanding Offensive Player Award after putting together a solid rushing day to become just the eighth player in Classic history to top the 200-yard mark. Green Wave junior linebacker Dorian Williams collected the Felix R. McKnight Outstanding Defensive Player Award with an impressive 17-tackle performance, nine of them unassisted stops.



MISSOURI
OHIO STATE

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2023
DECEMBER 29

ATTENDANCE: **70,114**

Defense ruled the day in the 88th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. And that came as a surprise.

Throughout the season, No. 7 Ohio State and No. 9 Missouri had grown accustomed to lighting up the scoreboard with prolific offense. Mizzou was scoring at a clip of 34.1 points per game with the Buckeyes not far behind at 32.8.

Not that defense was a foreign subject to either team, particularly for Ohio State which had held eight of its 12 regular-season opponents to 12 points or less. Yet, as the game progressed, a 3-0 Buckeye lead at the start of the fourth quarter caught everyone off guard.

Ohio State entered the game with obstacles to overcome. In mid-December, quarterback Kyle McCord announced his transfer from the program after leading the Buckeyes to an 11-1 season while piling up 3,170 passing yards and 24 touchdowns. Consensus All-America wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. had his eye on the NFL Draft and opted out of the game. At kickoff, Ohio State was missing 14 players.

Missouri, on the other hand, was operating at full strength. Brady Cook was an adept runner and passer. The resourceful junior quarterback completed 66.4 percent of his passes during the season to roll up 3,189 yards and 20 touchdowns while en route to a 10-2 mark.

Junior Cody Schrader was the nation's third leading rusher with 1,499 yards and 13 touchdowns. The All-America running back was awarded the Burlsworth Trophy, an honor presented annually to college football's top player who began his FBS career as a walk-on.

The slugfest got underway with Ohio State utilizing its kicking game to control field position. A 61-yard punt by junior Jesee Mirco pinned Missouri on its 10-yard line. Unable to move the chains, the Tigers went three and out and were forced to punt.

The Buckeyes took over just past midfield at their 47 and sophomore quarterback Devin Brown launched the drive that led to OSU's only score. Junior running back TreVeyon Henderson ran for 27 yards on his first two carries to push the Buckeyes deep inside Mizzou territory to the 26.

Just as Ohio State appeared to be picking up steam, Brown was sacked for a four-yard loss by senior safety JC Carlies, one of his eight solo tackles. Not only did the sack derail a promising start for the Buckeyes, but the play's result loomed even larger. Brown injured an ankle during the play, and with depth at quarterback already a glaring issue, concern began to grow for head coach Ryan Day.

Sophomore placekicker Jayden Fielding came on to boot a 44-yard field goal and put Ohio State on the scoreboard with a 3-0 lead.

On the Buckeyes' next possession, Brown was sacked again, this time by junior defensive end Johnny Walker Jr. At that point, Ohio State was forced to insert true freshman Lincoln Kienholz into the lineup for the remainder of the game.

After the OSU field goal, the Buckeyes and Tigers exchanged eight punts to finish out the half. Coupled with ill-timed penalties, neither team could achieve much offensive success.

Fielding was called upon again to salvage another stalled drive on the Buckeyes' first possession of the second half only to miss a 48-yard field goal attempt. Ohio State never mounted another scoring opportunity for the rest of the night as Mizzou held the Buckeyes to 203 yards in total offense, 222 fewer than OSU's season average.

While the offense struggled, the Buckeye defense was solid. Junior defensive end Jack Sawyer came up with three quarterback sacks. Senior linebacker Cody Simon was the game's tackle leader with 12 stops, six of them solo.

But it was only a matter of time before the Tigers managed to find their footing.

With 4:25 left in the third quarter, Mizzou launched an eight-play, 95-yard drive highlighted by a 50-yard pass from Cook to freshman wide receiver Marquis Johnson that put the Tigers in scoring position at the Buckeye 15. Then, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Schrader barreled over the goal line from seven yards out to give Missouri the go-ahead touchdown, 7-3.

The Tigers' next possession began at the nine-yard line where Cook initiated a 91-yard scoring march to ice the game. A pass to senior wide receiver Theo Wease Jr. gained 31 yards, while Schrader accounted for 42 of his 128 yards on the ground to keep the clock rolling. Cook ended the march with a seven-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Luther Burden III at the 5:12 mark of the fourth quarter to make it a 14-3 ballgame.

As Kienholz tried to rally, yet another sack caused him to fumble, and junior defensive end Joe Moore II pounced on the loose football at the Mizzou 46. Taking over with 3:13 to play, the Tigers' offense ran out the clock to give head coach Eliah Drinkwitz his first bowl victory and Missouri's first in the postseason since 2014.

Game Summary

MISSOURI	0	0	0	14	**14**
OHIO STATE	3	0	0	0	**3**

FIRST QUARTER
Ohio State: Jayden Fielding 44 FG, 3:12, 27 yds, 5 plays following punt.

FOURTH QUARTER
Missouri: Cody Schrader 7 run (Harrison Mevis kick), 14:55, 95 yards in 8 plays following punt.
Missouri: Luther Burden III 7 pass from Brady Cook (Mevis kick), 5:12, 91 yds in 13 plays following punt.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Brady Cook, Missouri
Johnny Walker Jr., Missouri

COACHES
Eliah Drinkwitz, Missouri
Ryan Day, Ohio State

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	MIZ	OSU
First Downs	19	12
Rushing	13	6
Passing	5	5
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Net Yards	53-203	33-97
Net Yards Passing	128	106
Passes	11-18-0	10-24-0
Total Plays	71	57
Total Net Yards	331	203
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-40	8-57
Punts-Average	8-40.8	8-48.2

RUSHING
Missouri: Schrader 29-128, Cook 19-66, Burden 1-20, Team 4-(-11).
Ohio State: Henderson 19-72, Johnson 5-35, Kienholz 6-2, Brown 3-(-12).

PASSING
Missouri: Cook 11-18-0, 128 yards.
Ohio State: Kienholz 6-17-0, 86 yards; Brown 4-6-0, 20 yards; Egbuka 0-1-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING
Wease 4-43, Burden 3-15, Cooper 2-18, Johnson 1-50, Norfleet 1-2.
Ohio State: Egbuka 6-63, Johnson 2-31, Scott 1-8, Tate 1-4.

PUNTING
Missouri: R. Williams 8-40.8. Ohio State: Mirco 8-48.2.

2025 JANUARY 10 OHIO STATE 28 TEXAS 14



ATTENDANCE: **74,527**

Game Summary

OHIO STATE	7	7	0	14	**28**
TEXAS	0	7	7	0	**14**

FIRST QUARTER
Ohio State: Qunshon Judkins 9 yd rush (Jayden Fielding kick), 04:18, 64 yards in 10 plays following getting the ball on downs.
SECOND QUARTER
Texas: Jaydon Blue 18 yd pass from Quinn Ewers (Will Stone kick), 7-59, 01:22, 59 yards in 7 plays following a punt.
Ohio State: TreVeyon Henderson 75 yd pass from Will Howard (Fielding kick), 00:16, 75 yards in 1 play following a kickoff.
THIRD QUARTER
Texas: Blue 26 yd pass from Ewers (Stone kick), 05:18, 67 yards in 12 plays following a punt.
FOURTH QUARTER
Ohio State: Judkins 1 yd rush (Fielding kick), 07:45, 88 yards in 13 plays following a punt.
Ohio State: Jack Sawyer 83 yd fumble return (Fielding kick), 04:49, 83 yards in 1 play following a fumble recovery.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Will Howard, Ohio State
Jack Sawyer, Ohio State

COACHES
Ryan Day, Ohio State
Steve Sarkisian, Texas

WEATHER
Indoors

Game Statistics

TEAM STATS	OSU	TEX
First Downs	18	20
Rushing	5	7
Passing	12	10
Penalty	1	3
Rushes-Net Yards	24-81	29-58
Net Yards Passing	289	283
Passes	24-33-1	23-39-1
Total Plays	57	68
Total Net Yards	370	341
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-75	5-54
Punts-Average	6-42.0	6-43.8

RUSHING
Ohio State: Henderson 6-42, Judkins 9-36, Howard 7-4, Egbuka 1-(-1), Team 1-(-1). Texas: Wisner 17-46, Blue 4-16, Manning 1-8, Wingo 1-6, Gibson 1-0, Ewers 5-(-18).
PASSING
Ohio State: Howard 24-33-1, 289 yards, 1 TD.
Texas: Ewers 23-39-1, 283 yards, 2 TDs.
RECEIVING
Ohio State: Tate 7-87, Egbuka 5-51, Scott Jr. 5-30, Judkins 3-22, Kacmarek 2-21, Henderson, 1-75 1 TD, Smith 1-3.
Texas: Wisner 6-42, Blue 5-59 2 TDs, Moore Jr. 4-31, Golden 2-51, Helm 2-42, Bolden 1-24, Wingo 1-22, Bond 1-8, Davis 1-4.
PUNTING
Ohio State: McGuire 6-42.0.
Texas: Kern 6-43.8.

It was a reunion of former roommates that ultimately decided the 2025 College Football Playoff Semifinal at the 89th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

With two minutes left and Texas threatening, Ohio State senior defensive end Jack Sawyer crashed into Texas junior quarterback Quinn Ewers, forcing a fumble that Sawyer returned 83 yards for a touchdown. The scoop-and-score was the decisive play in the 28-14 Ohio State victory.

Sawyer and Ewers were freshman roommates at Ohio State before Ewers transferred to Texas.

The win put eighth-seeded Ohio State in the CFP National Championship against seventh-seeded Notre Dame. This season marked the first year for the playoff to expand from four teams to 12, and the CFP couldn't have asked for a more dramatic, hard-hitting Semifinal at AT&T Stadium.

The first half ended in a final-minute flurry after the defenses initially grabbed the spotlight. Ohio State scored on its opening possession with a methodical, 10-play drive. Junior running back Quinshon Judkins dodged traffic up the middle for a nine-yard touchdown run.

Ohio State followed with several promising drives, but each was scuttled by penalties. Meanwhile, the Buckeyes kept Texas in check by sacking Ewers three times in the half.

Texas appeared to send the game to halftime with a 7-7 tie score when Ewers hit junior running back Jaydon Blue for an 18-yard touchdown with 29 seconds left. Ohio State had other ideas as Howard dropped a screen pass to senior running back TreVeyon Henderson, who put on a burst of speed for a 75-yard touchdown. The score reclaimed the lead, 14-7, for the Buckeyes with just 13 seconds remaining in the half.

Texas had its own memorable moments on defense, highlighted by senior linebacker David Gbenda's interception to thwart Ohio State's drive to start the second half. The Longhorns also held Ohio State's outstanding freshman wide receiver Jeremiah Smith to one reception for three yards. Smith came into the game with 70 catches for 1,224 yards and 14 touchdowns. Texas set the stage for the fourth-quarter fireworks when Ewers found Blue for a 26-yard touchdown pass. It was Blue's second touchdown catch and the 12-play scoring drive tied the score at 14-14.

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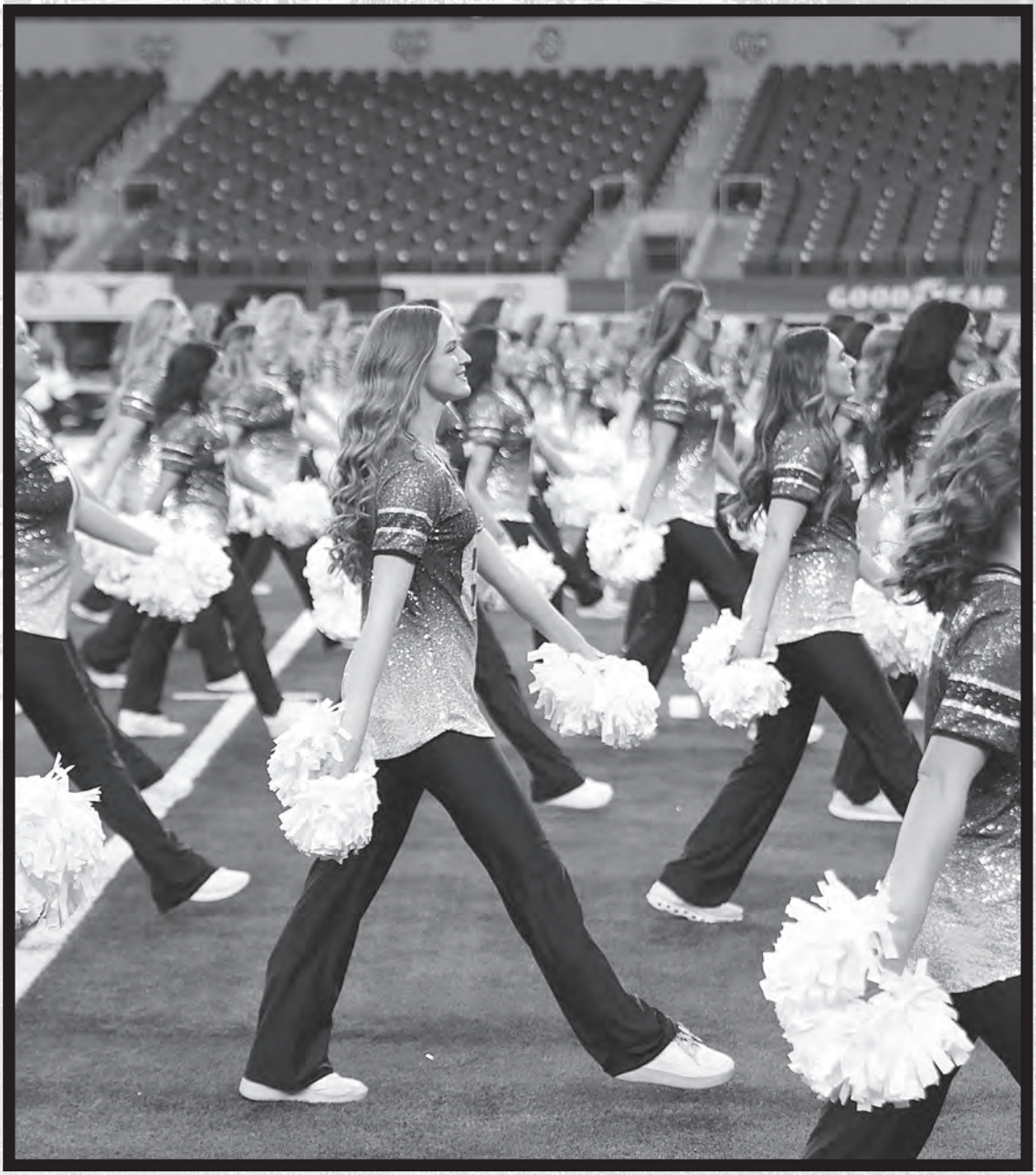
Ohio State took a 21-14 lead with 7:02 remaining after a grueling, 13-play, 88-yard drive. The key moment came when the Buckeyes faced fourth-and-two at the Texas 34-yard line. Graduate quarterback Will Howard kept the ball and powered forward for an 18-yard gain. Howard would go on to be named the Most Valuable Offensive Player and receive the J. Curtis Sanford Trophy.

Four plays later, Buckeyes junior running back Quinshon Judkins slammed into the end zone from the one-yard line.

Then it was Ewers' turn to lead Texas on a potential game-changing drive, but the Longhorns ran into a Buckeye brick wall after reaching the Buckeyes' one-yard line. A first-down run up the middle went nowhere. A pitch play lost seven yards thanks to the swarming safety duo of sophomore Caleb Downs and senior Lathan Ransom.

On third down, a pass by Ewers was tipped at the line of scrimmage. The ensuing fourth-and-goal from the eight-yard line set the stage for the game's biggest play by Sawyer, who earned Most Valuable Defensive Player honors and the Felix R. McKnight Trophy.

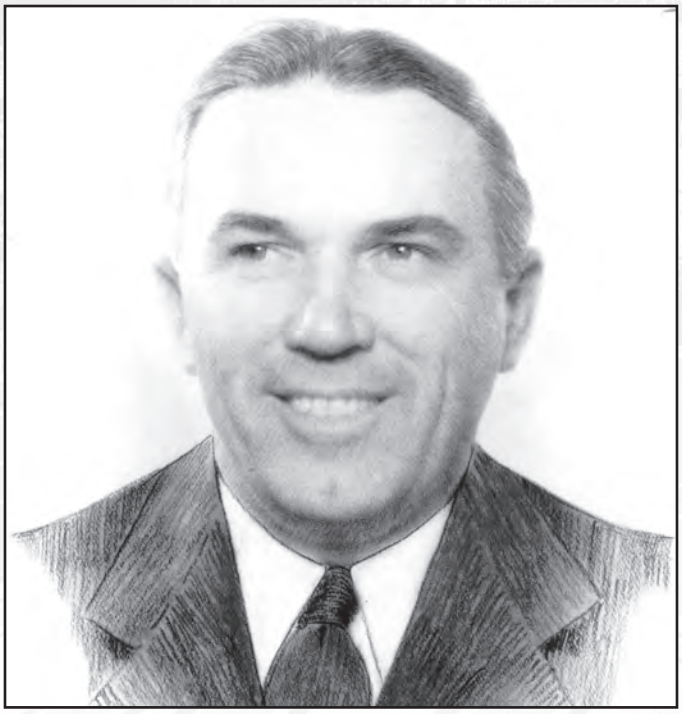
GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL HISTORY



IT HAPPENED AT THE 89TH CLASSIC

The 2025 College Football Playoff Semifinal at the 89th Goodyear Cotton Bowl was historic in more ways than one. For the Kilgore College Rangerettes, the game marked their 75th consecutive performance and their 85th anniversary as one of the nation's first collegiate dance/drill team. Nearly 800 Rangerettes, current and former ranging from their early 20s to age 93 performed pregame, showcasing traditional high kick as a part of a choreographed number that lit up the AT&T Stadium crowd. The returning alumni represented 33 states, from Texas to Alaska and Hawaii, and 275 cities. Among those who performed were mothers and daughters who both made the team, decades apart, and triplet sisters who made the team together in the 2000s. It truly was a milestone day for The Sweethearts of the Gridiron.

CLASSIC LEGENDS





FOUNDER
J. Curtis Sanford

Not too many folks have first-hand memories of the first Cotton Bowl Classic, partly because its been 88 years since Jan. 1, 1937, and partly because only 17,000 attended the matchup between TCU and Marquette in Fair Park Stadium. But, it was a perfect beginning for what has become an age-old classic. The first Cotton Bowl Classic featured the nation's top two passers, Sammy Baugh of TCU and Buzz Buivid of Marquette. The Frogs won that one, 16-6.

The idea for a post-season football classic belonged to J. Curtis Sanford, a Dallas oilman and entrepreneur who promoted that first game as a private enterprise and covered expenses with $6,000 out of his own pocket. With an economic depression still gripping the country, and tremors of global unrest becoming more apparent, Mr. Sanford's dream of a Texas sports spectacle was deemed unrealistic by many observers.

Time has vindicated Mr. Sanford's vision. It took a few years to gain momentum, and it took a tie-in with the Southwest Conference to assure future success. The 1941 game, an outstanding contest between Texas A&M and Fordham, was the first Classic sponsored by the SWC, and the first in a long line of sellouts. A then capacity crowd of 45,507 watched the Aggies squeeze out a 13-12 victory.

When the Classic's 55-year partnership with the SWC dissolved in 1995, a new arrangement was established for three seasons with the Big 12 Conference, the Pacific-10 Conference and Western Athletic Conference. From 1999 to 2014, the game's conference alignment featured a Big 12 vs. Southeastern Conference matchup.

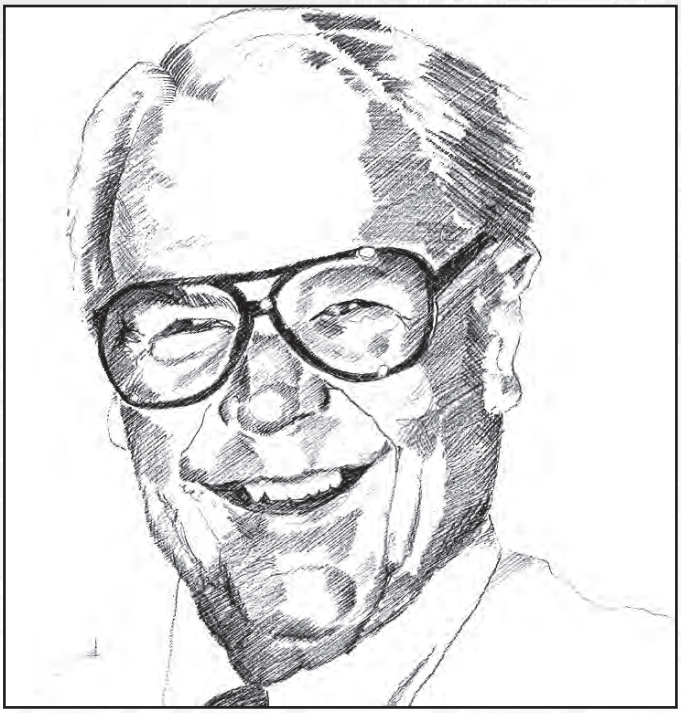
With the 2015 game, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic became one of six bowl games to comprise the College Football Playoff. ESPN became the new television home of the Classic and provides an increased global presence across its extensive family of networks and digital platforms.

The College Football Playoff Semifinal at the 89th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic marks the 16th consecutive year the game has been played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

The honor role of gridiron greats who have appeared in the Classic includes such standouts as: Joe Montana, Troy Aikman, Bo Jackson, Doug Flutie, Earl Campbell, Bart Starr, Joe Theismann, Eric Dickerson, Roger Staubach, Doak Walker, Jim Brown, Kenny Stabler, Tim Brown, Mike Singletary, Lydell Mitchell, Jerome Bettis, Dan Marino, Dicky Maegle, Sammy Baugh, Byron "Whizzer" White, James Street, Keyshawn Johnson, Jim Swink, Lance Alworth, Davey O'Brien, Jerry Sisemore, Bob Lilly, Norm Van Brocklin, Bobby Layne, John Kimbrough, Tommy Nobis, Duke Carlisle, Ernie Davis, Hank Lauricella, Ricky Williams, Eli Manning, Johnny Manziel, Derrick Henry, Nick Bosa, Trevor Lawrence, Micah Parsons, Bryce Young and Caleb Williams.

It's a list that reads like a Who's Who of college football, and those are just a few of the many outstanding players who have etched their names into the history and tradition of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

CLASSIC LEGENDS





MR. COTTON BOWL
Field Scovell

For the better part of four decades, the name Field Scovell was tossed around press boxes and athletic offices as reverently and with as much frequency as any of the great football legends of the 20th Century. Everyone knew and loved Field Scovell. After all, he was the consummate public relations man and the patriarch of the Dallas sporting community. His famous "Howdy, Podner" greeting, his spontaneous one-liners and the crunch of his handshake opened countless doors for the City of Dallas. Mr. Scovell combined an athletic background with his magnetic personality and a keen sense of humor that many said would make Bob Hope envious. And, he blended it all together in his job as "Mr. Cotton Bowl."

Born in Wichita Falls on March 1, 1907, and raised in Dallas from the age of 10, the name Field Scovell first found it's way into print in the "Roaring 20s" as an All-City and All-State end with the North Dallas High School Bulldogs. Upon graduation, Mr. Scovell attended Texas A&M and played football for three seasons under legendary head coach D.X. Bible before the stock market crash of 1929 sent him into the job market during the Great Depression.

His relationship with the Cotton Bowl Classic began in the mid-1950s when he was appointed to serve on the game's entertainment committee. In 1963, he was invited to join Felix McKnight as the Classic's Co-Chair of Team Selection.

Ten years later, he was elected CBAA Chair and when his two-year term expired, Mr. Scovell assumed the role of Team Selection Chair, a post he held from 1975 to 1992. Mr. Cotton Bowl never missed a trick in wooing prospective coaches, athletic directors, presidents and infuential alumni to Dallas. From memory he could recite birthdays, favorite foods and any other tidbit of information that might prove beneficial to the Cotton Bowl Classic.

His endless hours of travel, letter writing, telephone conversations and entertaining were a labor of love for Mr. Scovell and his family. Nothing was too much effort if it helped his hometown and the Cotton Bowl Classic gain a competitive advantage. It was another great example of the patented "Scovell Touch."

"I'm in debt to this city, and I have this great fear that I won't live long enough to pay it back," he often said. "I owe a lot of folks. When I came to this town, people gave me opportunities. I feel so indebted to this town. I think it's the greatest city in the world. I'm very biased. I know that. But, I don't plan to change."

Fortunately, he never changed. Mr. Scovell left his mark on everything he touched. Today, the Field Scovell Foundation awards scholarships in his name to deserving high school students throughout the North Texas region. And, every year his enduring legacy is honored by the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic when the championship team is awarded the Field Scovell Trophy.

CLASSIC LEGENDS





COTTON BOWL PIONEER
Felix McKnight

In the beginning there were two individuals whose combined efforts created one of college football's greatest traditions… the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. These two men who plotted strategy way back in 1936 and put the wheels in motion for the bowl game's grand debut on Jan. 1, 1937, were J. Curtis Sanford and Felix R. McKnight.

At the tender age of 25, Mr. McKnight was the sports editor of the Dallas bureau of the Associated Press when he had an assignment to go over to the Adolphus Hotel and interview a brazen promoter named Sanford.

Back in the newsroom, McKnight found a hundred dollar bill in his coat pocket, about three weeks wire service pay. He gave the money back, but Sanford was able to get McKnight to buy into his dream of bringing a "football extravaganza" to Big D.

The rest is history. Mr. McKnight was one of the guiding forces behind the Classic's rise to prominence. No other individual has served the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association in as many key roles as this highly respected newspaperman.

He was there from the start and through the years his duties ranged from organizing entertainment and special events, team and player awards, radio and television negotiations, and media and community relations.

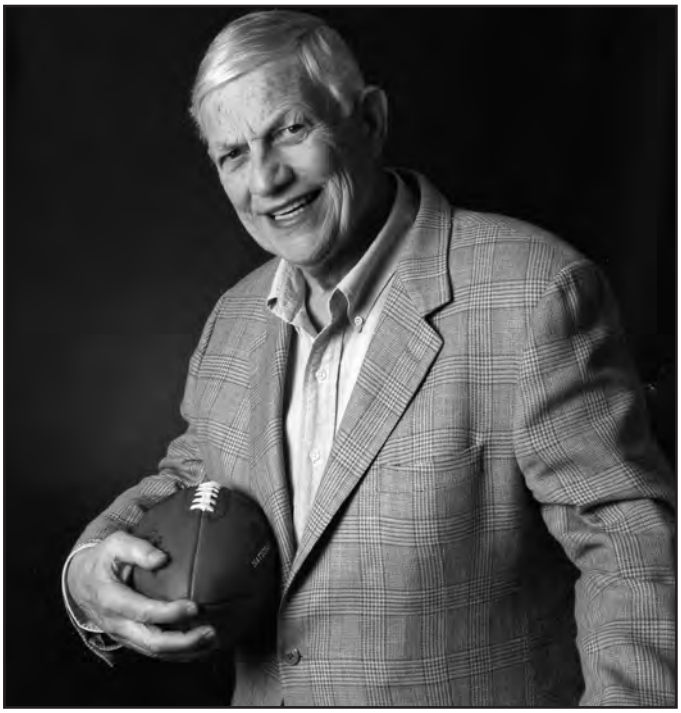
Mr. McKnight's best-known work came in team selection, a committee he chaired for 31 years. No job was too big or too small for Felix McKnight. His goal was always the same – to promote the City of Dallas and the Classic.

One of Mr. McKnight's biggest contributions may have been his most simple task - convincing a childhood friend to assist him with the bowl's entertainment. That was Field Scovell, who later became known as Mr. Cotton Bowl. McKnight and Scovell went on to become a powerful tandem in the college football world as the CBAA's Co-Chairmen of Team Selection.

Scovell and McKnight were responsible for courting the nation's top teams, including a heralded Navy squad in 1958 and again in 1964 when the Midshipmen were led by Hesiman Trophy winner Roger Staubach. However, their biggest success may have come when Notre Dame agreed to play unbeaten and top-ranked Texas in the 1970 Classic after a 45-year postseason bowl hiatus.

Considered by many as the dean of Dallas newspaper journalists, Mr. McKnight's enormous contributions to the city encompassed much more than reporting or editing big stories. He was intimately involved in making the Goodyear Cotton Bowl what it is today – a Classic.

CLASSIC LEGENDS





MAN OF INTEGRITY
Dan Petty

Dan Petty grew up during the 1950s in the East Texas town of Texarkana, in a state where the game of football was a way of life. Like most every other schoolboy, he had a strong desire to play and excel in the sport that he quickly grew to love. Mr. Petty carried that same enthusiasm into adulthood.

By day, he served as President of the North Texas Commission, a non-profit organization that promoted business opportunities for the region throughout the world. But, when the workday was done, his thoughts quickly returned to his long-time passion of college football.

Mr. Petty enjoyed a unique relationship with the Cotton Bowl Classic, one that spanned for more than five decades. His first brush with the game took place at the 1960 Classic as a member of the Texas Longhorns' team that battled Syracuse.

After graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in civil engineering, he went on to earn three master's degrees during his lifetime...one in public affairs, the second in governmental administration, and the third in electronic commerce management.

In 1980, Mr. Petty was invited to serve on the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association's management committee as an institutional director for his alma mater. From there, his responsibilities with the bowl expanded as he worked his way through the chain of command to become Chair in 1987-88.

When his two-year chairmanship came to an end, Mr. Petty directed his engergies toward the team selection committee, a group charged with the responsibility of selecting Cotton Bowl Classic participants. In 1997, he was elevated to the role of Chair of Team Selection, a position he held for 10 years.

Cut from the same cloth of Cotton Bowl legends J. Curtis Sanford, Field Scovell and Felix McKnight, Mr. Petty was a man of integrity whose heart always led him to do the right thing. He opened every meeting by offering a bit of sage advice to his fellow committee members. "It's time to take off your school hat and time to put on your Cotton Bowl hat."

No matter how difficult a certain decision might have been in the team selection process, he always held firm and was fair to all. Coaches and athletic directors from across the country knew that the word and handshake of Dan Petty was golden.

Mr. Petty passed away in 2011, but his legacy lives on through higher education. Each year a deserving student-athlete is selected from the two universities competing in the Classic. Both are presented the Dan S. Petty Scholar-Athlete Award in recognition of excellence in academics, athletics and character. This prestigious and coveted honor is the crowning achievement for student-athletes participating in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

Dan Petty was quite a guy and a mentor to everyone lucky enough to make his acquaintance. Thanks to him, we all have a special hat to wear.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS / PRESIDENTS



1940-1952: Under the administrative leadership of Dan D. Rogers, the Cotton Bowl Classic rose to national prominence. Rogers developed a close working relationship with the Southwest Conference and starting with the 1941 Classic its champion served as the bowl's host team. The Classic flourished and became one of college football's most celebrated postseason events.



1970-1978: Wilbur Evans became the first full-time executive director of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association prior to the 1970 Classic. It didn't take him long to command a presence in college football that opened many doors for the CBAA. During his watch, the Cotton Bowl Classic staged three games that impacted the national championship.



1979-1992: Jim "Hoss" Brock ruled the roost of college football for 14 Cotton Bowl Classics. The bowl industry's premier public relations man, Hoss was literally on a first-name basis with the rest of the world. The master of working his way through a press box, Texas hospitality was his chief commodity and nobody did a better job of selling it than the Hoss.



1993-Present: Rick Baker is the dean of college football bowl executives. The CBAA's longest tenured leader, he worked tirelessly with his staff and executive committee to regain the Cotton Bowl Classic's footing among the elite of postseason bowls. The move to AT&T Stadium in the summer of 2009 ultimately led to a berth in the College Football Playoff on Aug. 24, 2013.

COTTON BOWL CLASSIC **HALL OF FAME**

CLASS OF 2025
Jerome Bettis, Fullback, Notre Dame
Randy Braband, Linebacker, Texas
Tony Davis, Running Back, Nebraska
Fin Ewing III, Chair/Team Selection Chair/Chief Ambassador, CBAA
Charlie Fiss, Staff Member & Historian, CBAA
Bo Jackson, Running Back, Auburn
DeMeco Ryans, Linebacker, Alabama

CLASS OF 2023
Terrell Buckley, Cornerback, Florida State
Edd Hargett, Quarterback, Texas A&M
Will Herring, Linebacker, Auburn
Eli Manning, Quarterback, Ole Miss
Fred McClure, Chair, CBAA
Coach Gary Pinkel, Missouri
Tony Temple, Tailback, Missouri

CLASS OF 2020
Jonathan Beasley, Quarterback, Kansas State
Tom Gatewood, Split End, Notre Dame
Jerry Jones, Right Guard, Arkansas
Dexter McCluster, Running Back / Wide Receiver, Ole Miss
Cory Redding, Defensive End, Texas
Bill Romanowski, Linebacker, Boston College
Coach Bill Snyder, Kansas State

CLASS OF 2018
Quentin Coryatt, Linebacker, Texas A&M
Coach Houston Nutt, Arkansas / Ole Miss
Coach John Robinson, Southern California
Wallace Triplett, Halfback / Linebacker, Penn State
Ricky Williams, Running Back, Texas
Roy Williams, Strong Safety, Oklahoma

CLASS OF 2016
Coach Fred Akers, Texas
Tony Boselli, Offensive Tackle, Southern California
Eric Dickerson, Running Back, SMU
Bob Golic, Linebacker, Notre Dame
Fred Marshall, Quarterback, Arkansas
Dan Petty, Chair / Team Selection Chair, CBAA

CLASS OF 2012
Tom Campbell, Linebacker / Defensive Back, Texas
Coach Lou Holtz, Notre Dame
Shay Muirbrook, Linebacker, BYU
Kevin Murray, Quarterback, Texas A&M
Jim Williams, Defensive Tackle, Arkansas / Chair, CBAA

CLASS OF 2010
Wilbur Evans, Executive Director, CBAA
Kris Haines, Split End, Notre Dame
Phil Harris, Wingback, Texas
Warren Lyles, Middle Guard, Alabama
Joe Montana, Quarterback, Notre Dame
Coach Jackie Sherrill, Texas A&M / Mississippi State

CLASS OF 2007
Brad Bradley, Photographer, CBAA
Bob Fenimore, Tailback, Oklahoma A&M
Keyshawn Johnson, Wide Receiver, Southern California
Dat Nguyen, Linebacker, Texas A&M
Coach Ara Parseghian, Notre Dame
Jerry Sisemore, Offensive Tackle, Texas

CLASS OF 2005
Troy Aikman, Quarterback, UCLA
Lance Alworth, Halfback, Arkansas
Jim "Hoss" Brock, Executive Director, CBAA
Mike Dean, Offensive Guard, Texas
Andy Kozar, Fullback, Tennessee
Hank Lauricella, Tailback, Tennessee
Lydell Mitchell, Running Back, Penn State
Coach Gene Stallings, Texas A&M

CLASS OF 2003
Robert B. Cullum, Chair, CBAA
Eagle Day, Quarterback, Ole Miss
Kent Lawrence, Tailback, Georgia
Coach Charles McClendon, LSU
Kyle Rote, Halfback, SMU
Joe Theismann, Quarterback, Notre Dame
Steve Worster, Fullback, Texas

CLASS OF 2001
Scott Appleton, Defensive Tackle, Texas
Ernie Davis, Halfback, Syracuse
Russell Maryland, Defensive Tackle, Miami
Coach Jess Neely, Clemson / Rice
Loyd Phillips, Defensive Tackle, Arkansas
Charles "Cotton" Speyrer, Split End, Texas
Coach Bill Yeoman, Houston

CLASS OF 2000
Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama / Kentucky
Duke Carlisle, Quarterback, Texas
Johnny Holland, Linebacker, Texas A&M
John Kimbrough, Fullback, Texas A&M
Lindsey Nelson, CBS, Voice of the Cotton Bowl Classic
Roger Staubach, Quarterback, Navy
Jim Swink, Halfback, TCU

CLASS OF 1999
Sammy Baugh, Quarterback, TCU
Coach Frank Broyles, Arkansas
Gussie Nell Davis, Director, Kilgore College Rangerettes
David Hodge, Linebacker, Houston
Felix McKnight, Chair / Team Selection Chair, CBAA
James Street, Quarterback, Texas

CLASS OF 1998
Jim Brown, Fullback, Syracuse
Bobby Layne, Quarterback, Texas
Dicky Maegle, Halfback, Rice
Coach Darrell Royal, Texas
J. Curtis Sanford, Founder / Chair, CBAA
Field Scovell, Chair / Team Selection Chair, CBAA
Doak Walker, Halfback, SMU

KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES









There's no shortage of history and tradition whenever the Kilgore College Rangerettes and the the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic get together. These two American icons have shared a remarkable and colorful relationship that has touched nine different decades.

Gussie Nell Davis founded her legendary group of performers in 1940, three years after the inaugural Cotton Bowl Classic. Dr. B.E. Masters, the first dean of Kilgore College, asked Miss Davis to create a group of entertainers to keep fans glued to their seats during halftime of the school's football games. Obviously, she succeeded in grand style.

This unique and special partnership between the Rangerettes and the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic began on New Year's Day 1949. Two years later at the 1951 game, the Rangerettes launched their streak of consecutive performances that hits 76 with this year's 90th Classic.

Christened as "The Sweethearts of the Gridiron" by football legend Red Grange following their performance at the 1954 College Football All-Star Game in Chicago, the girls with the distinctive style and highly synchronized choreography were the first to bring "show business" to the game of football. Dancing ability, projection, precision and the patented high kick are hallmarks of the Kilgore Rangerettes.

In recognition of the Rangerettes' immense contributions to the pageantry of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic, Miss Davis was honored on May 25, 1999, with her induction into the Cotton Bowl Classic Hall of Fame.

Only three women have served as directors of the organization. Miss Davis' tenure continued until her retirement in 1979. She was followed by Deana Bolton Covin, who held the director's post until 1993 when Dana Brown Blair, a former Rangerette Lieutenant, was promoted to the leadership position.

Through the years, the Rangerettes have truly become "world famous," performing at many high-profile events such as presidential inaugurations and traveling to such faraway places as Italy, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, China, Venezuela and the Soviet Union. On Dec. 7, 2021, the Rangerettes helped America commemorate the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor in Honolulu.

In the fall of 2002, the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association established a scholarship at Kilgore College for a deserving Rangerette each year. The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic is proud of its longtime association with the Rangerettes and Kilgore College. After all, the Classic wouldn't be the same without them...they're a Texas tradition!

CLASSIC MILESTONES

1935
- J. Curtis Sanford, a Dallas oilman, conceived the idea for a Texas sports spectacular to rival California's Rose Bowl.

1936
- In January, Sanford applied to copyright the name "Cotton Bowl" then entered into an agreement with the State Fair of Texas for the rental of its stadium the following January 1.
- On December 10, Marquette accepted Sanford's invitation as the visiting team for his January 1, 1937 game. Southwest Conference runner-up TCU was selected to serve as the host team on December 14. TCU received a $10,000 guarantee and Marquette received a $6,000 minimum guarantee. Both teams shared 85% of gate receipts.
- Sixteen days before the game, Dr. George I. Bennett, a blind man and a practicing Dallas chiropractor purchased the first Cotton Bowl Classic tickets, two seats on the 50-yard line.

1937
- January 1, the first Cotton Bowl Classic featured the nation's top two collegiate passers: Singin' Sammy Baugh of TCU and Ray "Buzz" Buivid of Marquette. The Frogs posted a 16-6 victory over the Golden Avalanche.
- L.D. (Little Dutch) Meyer, the nephew of TCU coach Dutch Meyer, scored the Cotton Bowl's first points on a 33-yard field goal to push the Frogs to an early 3-0 lead over Marquette. When the day was done, Meyer had accounted for each of TCU's 16 points.

1938
- Rice spotted Colorado and its Rhodes Scholar and Heisman Trophy runnerup Byron "Whizzer" White a 14-0 first quarter lead. But, the Owls' outstanding sophomore back Ernie Lain came off the bench to spark a Rice comeback that produced a 28-14 victory.
- In July, Dan D. Rogers was named Chairman of the Board of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, a position he held for 14 years. Rogers led the campaign for the Southwest Conference's involvement with the Cotton Bowl.

1939
- Sanford turned the Classic over to the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association for the 1940 Boston College vs. Clemson matchup, but he still played the key role in staging the fourth Cotton Bowl Classic.

1940
- On May 10 SWC members voted to invite the conference champion to act as host and to "urge" the championship institution to accept the Cotton Bowl Classic invitation.

1941
- The Cotton Bowl Classic came under the sponsorship of the Southwest Conference with the 1941 Classic.
- The Classic's first sellout of more than 45,000 witnessed Texas A&M, coached by Homer Norton, score a one-point victory over Sleepy Jim Crowley's Fordham Rams, 13-12.

1942
- On May 9, the Southwest Conference prohibited its champion from playing in any bowl other than the Cotton Bowl.
- This was the first war-time Classic that saw 31 Texas, Oklahoma and Alabama men take the oath of enlistment into the Naval Air Corps at halftime. Among them were Texas A&M's great tackle Martin Ruby, Aggie running back Sam Porter, and Alabama fullback Paul Spencer.

1944
- The Classic encountered a unique twist when Randolph Field became the first and only military installation to play in the Cotton Bowl. The Ramblers and Texas battled to the Classic's first tie, 7-7.
- Randolph Field's Martin Ruby became the only player to star for two different Cotton Bowl Classic teams. In 1942, Ruby was named Texas A&M's outstanding player in the Aggies' 29-21 loss to Alabama. Two years later, he returned to the Cotton Bowl Classic as a member of Uncle Sam's team playing for Randolph Field, the San Antonio airbase. Again, Ruby was voted as one of the game's outstanding players.

1945
- Led by sophomore sensation Bob Fenimore, Missouri Valley Conference champion Oklahoma A&M scored the Classic's most lopsided victory to date, defeating TCU, 34-0.

1946
- Bobby Layne of Texas recorded one of the most unforgettable performances in Classic history, accounting for all 40 Longhorn points. Texas defeated the Missouri Tigers 40-27 as Layne rushed for three touchdowns, passed for two others, was on the receiving end of a 50-yard pass, and kicked four extra points.
- The first press box lunch was served at the Classic. On the day after Texas defeated Missouri, Jere Hayes, sports editor of of the Dallas Times Herald, noted in his column, "the sportswriters covering the game were treated to a nifty box lunch, including chicken, fruit, a hard-boiled egg and cake by J. Curtis Sanford, one of the Cotton Bowl directors. It was really a treat to those boys who were so busy they didn't get to eat lunch in town."

1947
- Arkansas and LSU played in snow and ice and posted the Cotton Bowl Classic's first scoreless tie.

1948
- The Cotton Bowl's upper west side was added just in time for the 13th Classic in 1949. With the addition, the stadium's capacity rose from 46,200 to 67,431.

CLASSIC MILESTONES

1949
- Doak Walker of SMU became the first Heisman Trophy winner to play in the Cotton Bowl Classic.
- Following the 1949 Classic, construction resumed on Cotton Bowl Stadium with the addition of the east side upper deck which increased the stadium's capacity to 75,504.

1953
- On May 16 the Southwest Conference formally committed its champion by contract to host the Cotton Bowl Classic on New Year's Day.
- The Cotton Bowl Classic's first nationally televised audience saw Texas shut out Tennessee, 16-0.

1954
- Rice halfback Dicky Maegle rushed for an all-time bowl record of 265 yards and an amazing 24.1 yards per carry. Maegle ran for three touchdowns during the day, including the famous bench tackle play. Maegle was awarded a 95-yard touchdown run after Alabama's Tommy Lewis came off the bench to blindside the Owl-All American at the Crimson Tide 40-yard line.

1957
- Syracuse All-America Jim Brown rushed for 132 yards, scored three touchdowns and kicked three extra points. But, it wasn't enough. Led by its own All-America halfback, Jim Swink, TCU outscored the Orangemen 28-27 in the 21st Classic.

1958
- The Cotton Bowl Athletic Association began its long-standing relationship with CBS in 1958.

1960
- National champion Syracuse ended its unbeaten season with a 23-14 victory over Texas. It also marked the first of ten Classic appearances by Texas coach Darrell Royal.

1961
- Arkansas and Duke helped the Classic celebrate its Silver Anniversary. With less than three minutes to play, the Blue Devils scored to upset the Razorbacks, 7-6.

1964
- It was the first time the Classic matched the nation's No. 1 and No. 2 teams. The top-ranked Texas Longhorns left little doubt they were most deserving of the coveted ranking, handing the Midshipmen a decisive 28-6 defeat.
- Navy's outstanding quarterback Roger Staubach became the second Heisman Trophy winner to appear in the Classic.

1965
- Arkansas gained the Football Writers' Association of America national championship by springing a 10-7 victory over Nebraska. (Wire service champion Alabama was upset by Texas later that evening in the Orange Bowl).

1966 (30th)
- LSU snapped Arkansas' 22-game winning streak before a record crowd of 76,200 with a 14-7 upset. The loss prevented the Razorbacks from claiming their second consecutive national title.

1966 (31st)
- Actually, this was the second Cotton Bowl Classic played in 1966. Georgia outdueled SMU 24-8 on Dec. 31, 1966. This was the first Classic played prior to New Year's Day.

1968
- It was a Classic rematch: Texas A&M vs. Alabama. The two teams met 26 years earlier in the sixth Cotton Bowl Classic when the Crimson Tide turned seven Aggie interceptions and five fumbles into a 29-21 victory. This time around, A&M head coach Gene Stallings turned the tables on his former mentor, Paul "Bear" Bryant, to deal the Tide a 20-16 defeat.
- Renovation reduced Cotton Bowl Stadium's seating capacity to 72,032 when theater-style seats were installed.



1960: Ernie Davis, Syracuse


1981: Warren Lyles, Alabama

CLASSIC MILESTONES



1993: Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame



1964: Duke Carlisle, Texas

1969 • In the first of six consecutive appearances, Texas steamrolled Tennessee 36-13 in the Classic's first display of the wishbone formation.

1970 • No. 1 Texas spoiled Notre Dame's first bowl trip in 45 years. The last bowl appearance for the Fighting Irish was the 1925 Rose Bowl. The three surviving members of the famed Four Horseman rode into Dallas for the 34th Classic, but Texas fought off the Notre Dame challenge for a hard-earned 21-17 triumph and the Longhorns' second national championship.

1971 • One year later, it was Notre Dame's turn to play the spoiler's role, ruining the Longhorn's national championship dreams with a 24-11 surprise. The Irish victory snapped Texas' 30-game winning streak. Ironically, 14 years earlier the Irish also were the ones responsible for breaking Oklahoma's record 47-game victory streak. The 35th Cotton Bowl Classic marked the first year the game was played on artificial turf.

1975 • Baylor claimed its first Southwest Conference championship in 50 seasons and earned its first ever Cotton Bowl Classic appearance. However, the Bears fell to Penn State as the Nittany Lions established a Classic scoring record, 41-20.

1976 • An overflow crowd of 77,500, the largest in Classic history, looked on as Arkansas stormed back from a 10-point deficit to defeat the Junkyard Dawgs of Georgia, 31-10.

1977 • In Houston's first year of eligibility in the Southwest Conference, the Cougars tied Texas Tech for the championship and went on to post a 30-21 victory over previously unbeaten Maryland.

1978 • Notre Dame became the first Cotton Bowl Classic team to receive a $1 million dollar check with its New Year's Day appearance against Texas. In the process, the Fighting Irish spoiled the Longhorns' national championship hopes with a 38-10 upset. The victory vaulted Notre Dame from No. 5 into the No. 1 spot. It was the seventh time the national title was either won or lost at the Classic.

• The 42nd Classic featured six individual national awards as well as the nation's top-ranked team...No. 1 Texas vs. No. 5 Notre Dame. The Longhorns featured Earl Campbell, the winner of the Heisman Trophy, and Outland Trophy recipient Brad Shearer. Notre Dame was led by the Lombardi and Maxwell Award winner Ross Browner, who also won the previous year's Outland, and that season's Walter Camp honoree, Ken MacAfee.

CLASSIC MILESTONES



1948: Cotton Bowl Stadium - known far and wide as "The House That Doak Built" - received a facelift in the late 1940s with the addition of upper decks on both sides of the stadium. To satisfy the growing demand to watch Doak Walker, SMU's great All-America halfback and Heisman Trophy winner, a total of 21,231 seats and a new press box for the nation's media were added in 1948. When work was completed a year later in 1949, capacity rose to 75,504.

1979
- Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana rallied his team from a 22-point fourth quarter deficit to tie the game at 34-34 on the final play of the contest. The Irish then called on Dallas native Joe Unis to add the extra point to down the Houston Cougars, 35-34.

1982
- Paul "Bear" Bryant made his last Cotton Bowl Classic appearance with the Alabama Crimson Tide and came to Dallas as college football's winningest coach. But, it was an unhappy visit, as Texas quarterback Robert Brewer rallied the Longhorns to a 14-12 victory.

1983
- Unbeaten SMU returned to the Classic for the first time since 1967. Lance McIlhenny, the winningest quarterback in Southwest Conference history, accompanied by the Pony Express tandem of Eric Dickerson and stablemate Craig James, handed Dan Marino and the Pitt Panthers a 7-3 defeat.

1984
- Again, a possible national championship lay in the balance for Texas. The Longhorns were ranked second behind top-ranked Nebraska which would fall later that evening in Miami. Texas seemed to have the game well in hand in the closing minutes leading 9-3, but a fumbled punt paved the way to Georgia's comeback for a 10-9 upset.

1985
- Doug Flutie became the fourth Heisman winner to play in the Cotton Bowl Classic. The game also marked the fourth appearance in nine years for Houston. The Cougars' Earl Allen raced 98 yards for the longest kickoff return in the game's history. Flutie passed for a record-tying three touchdowns to lead his Boston College Eagles to a 45-28 victory.
- Boston College became the first team to take home a $2 million dollar paycheck for its appearance in the Classic.

1986
- For the second consecutive year and the fifth time in its history, the Cotton Bowl Classic shared the national spotlight with a Heisman Trophy winner. Auburn's Bo Jackson received most of the media attention prior to the game, but once the 50th annual Classic was underway, Texas A&M quarterback Kevin Murray stole the show. Murray passed for a record 292 yards and led the Aggies to a 36-16 triumph. The 1986 game marked A&M's first appearance in the New Year's Day Classic in 18 years dating back to 1968.

1987
- Ohio State, co-champions of the Big Ten Conference, helped open a new era for the Cotton Bowl Classic. The Buckeyes became the first team ever from the Big Ten to play in the Classic. Ohio State turned five interceptions into a convincing 28-12 victory over Texas A&M.

CLASSIC MILESTONES

1988
- For the third time in four years, the Classic featured the Heisman Trophy winner with Notre Dame's Tim Brown. However, it was Texas A&M that had the final say. The Aggies, making their third consecutive trip to the Cotton Bowl Classic under head coach Jackie Sherrill, roared from behind to claim a 35-10 victory.
- The Mobil Corporation and the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association agreed to a long-term partnership on August 2. The name of the traditional New Year's Day game became the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic.

1989
- Arkansas' Ken Hatfield became the first player ever to return to the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic as a head coach. But, it was Troy Aikman and the UCLA defense that grabbed the spotlight, leading the Bruins to a 17-3 victory over the Hogs.

1990
- Records tumbled in the 54th Classic as Tennessee and Arkansas rolled up 1,038 yards in total offense. Chuck Webb, the Vols' elusive freshman, was the primary contributor. Webb rushed for 250 yards and two touchdowns as Tennessee outlasted the Razorbacks, 31-27.

1991
- Miami quarterback Craig Erickson broke a Classic passing record that had stood for 53 years. Erickson threw for four touchdowns as the No. 4 Hurricanes overwhelmed No. 3 Texas, 46-3. It was the largest margin of victory in the game's history.
- The team payout rose to $3 million per team with the1991 Classic.

1992
- The College Football Coalition was officially chartered on January 23. In this nine-year partnership, the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic joined three other New Year's Day bowl games, six conferences, and a total of 56 schools in an agreement designed to enhance the team selection process based on the final regular-season football polls.

1993
- Renovation work in excess of $14 million began in January on Cotton Bowl Stadium in preparation for 1994 World Cup Soccer. Natural grass replaced the artificial playing surface, the press box was remodeled and concession and restroom facilities were improved on the stadium's west side.

1994
- The Classic recorded its latest starting time to date with a 3:40 p.m. kickoff. But, it didn't seem to phase the teams. Notre Dame rallied in the game's closing minutes with a 31-yard field goal to claim a 24-21 victory over Texas A&M.

1995
- Southern California's first trip to the Mobil Cotton Bowl was a classic display of speed and power. Wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson caught a record three touchdown passes to fuel the Trojans' 55-14 defeat of Texas Tech. The game also marked the end of the Cotton Bowl Classic's relationship with the Southwest Conference, a partnership that had been established on May 10, 1940.

1996
- The Cotton Bowl Athletic Association entered into a new era on its 60th anniversary. With the passing of the Southwest Conference, the Classic moved into a multi-year partnership with the new Big 12 Conference, Pac-10 Conference and Western Athletic Conference.
- On September 18, two prominent Texas institutions, Southwestern Bell and the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, formed a four-year partnership to solidify the game's future into the 21st Century. The name of the New Year's Day tradition officially became the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic.

1997
- A sellout crowd, 71 degree temperatures, and a game that was in doubt until the final play proved to be a perfect beginning for the Southwestern Bell era. BYU scored with 3:39 to play and then staved off a fierce Kansas State rally in the final minute to claim a thrilling 19-15 victory.

1998
- On September 24, the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl announced a new lineup. A four-year partnership that began with the 1999 Classic paired the Big 12 Conference with the Southeastern Conference in the annual New Year's Day Classic.

1999
- Ricky Williams of Texas became the seventh Heisman Trophy winner to play in the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl. Williams ran for 203 yards for the third highest rushing total in Classic history and helped the Longhorns roll to a 38-11 victory over Mississippi State.

2000
- Thirty years after the "The Big Shootout," Arkansas and Texas renewed one of college football's greatest rivalries in the 2000 Classic. The Hogs held the Longhorns to a bowl record minus-27 yards rushing and broke open a 3-3 halftime deadlock to celebrate the millennium with a memorable 27-6 victory.

2001
- On September 24, the New Year's Day bowl game was renamed the SBC Cotton Bowl Classic. The change was made to better reflect the game's national stature with SBC's national and international image.

2002
- Although no stranger to Big D, Oklahoma paid its first-ever visit to the SBC Cotton Bowl Classic and carried home a 10-3 victory over Arkansas. The Sooners' tenacious defense held the Hogs to 50 yards in total offense and yielded no passing first downs.

2005
- On Nov. 23, the game became the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic. Following its acquisition of AT&T Corp., on Nov. 18, SBC Communications adopted the name AT&T Inc.

CLASSIC MILESTONES

2007
- The CBAA's Board of Directors cast a unanimous vote at 8:42 a.m., on Tuesday, February 27, to move the Classic to the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium in Arlington. The first AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic in the new venue would take place on Jan. 2, 2010.

2008
- Missouri tailback Tony Temple erased one of the Classic's longest-standing records by rushing for 281 yards and four touchdowns to help lead the Tigers past Arkansas, 38-7. Temple broke the old mark of 265 yards set by Dicky Maegle of Rice in 1954.

2009
- In the final Classic played in Cotton Bowl Stadium, a record crowd of 88,175 watched as Ole Miss outlasted Texas Tech in the highest scoring game in Classic history, 47-34. The teams combined for a record 81 points, easily outpacing the previous record of 73 set by Boston College and Houston in the Eagles' 45-28 victory in 1985.
- On July 8 moving vans arrived at the CBAA's Mockingbird Lane offices in Dallas to begin the move to AT&T Stadium. The relocation effort was completed twenty four hours later and a new era in Cotton Bowl Classic history was underway.

2010
- The AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic launched a new era with its move to AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Ole Miss returned for the second year in a row and christened the new stadium with a spectacular offensive effort from Dexter McCluster. The Rebels broke the game open in the closing minutes to win 21-7 over Oklahoma State.

2011
- The AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic celebrated its 75th anniversary and legendary Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown flipped the coin to commemorate the historic occasion. LSU defeated longtime rival Texas A&M, 41-24.

2013
- Texas A&M's sophomore quarterback Johnny Manziel became the Cotton Bowl Classic's eighth Heisman Trophy winner as the Aggies ran past Oklahoma, 41-13.
- On April 24, the Classic was selected as one of six bowl games to comprise the College Football Playoff. In this 12-year agreement, the Classic began showcasing the national semifinals once every three years starting with the 2015 game.
- On this same date, it was announced that North Texas and AT&T Stadium would host the first CFP National Championship Game on Jan. 12, 2015.

2014
- Goodyear reached an agreement with ESPN and the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association to become the Classic's title sponsor. The game's official name changed to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic on Friday, Nov. 7.

2015 (79th & 80th)
- On New Year's Day, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic launched the College Football Playoff era when Michigan State rallied in the fourth quarter from a 20-point deficit to defeat Baylor, 42-41.
- On December 31, the Classic hosted it's first Playoff Semifinal when Alabama shutout Michigan State 38-0 to advance to the CFP Championship Game and claim college football's national championship. The Crimson Tide's Derrick Henry became the Classic's ninth Heisman winner.

2018
- The Classic hosted the CFP National Semifinals for the second time and staged its first matchup of two unbeaten teams. No. 2 Clemson exploded with three touchdown passes in the second quarter to defeat No. 3 Notre Dame, 30-3. One week later, the Tigers rolled over top-ranked Alabama 44-16 to bring home their second national title in three seasons and became the first team in modern history to finish 15-0.



2010: Ole Miss and Oklahoma State raised the curtain on the Classic's inaugural game at AT&T Stadium on January 2. Dexter McCluster, the Rebels' elusive running back, christened the stadium with an electrifying 86-yard touchdown run in the game's first four minutes to set the tone for Ole Miss in a 21-7 victory.

CLASSIC MILESTONES

2019
- Penn State and Memphis combined for 92 points in the Classic's highest scoring game to date. The Nittany Lions reeled off 35 points in the first half and prevailed 53-39. Memphis amassed 479 yards through the air, the second-highest passing mark on record. It was the Tigers' debut appearance in the Classic and the first for Penn State in 45 years dating back to 1975.

2020
- Offense ruled the day in Oklahoma's 55-20 victory over Florida in the 85th Classic. The Sooners and Gators combined for 1,205 yards in total offense to set a Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and College Football Playoff record. OU scored seven touchdowns, rolled up 435 yards rushing, 684 yards in total offense, averaged 10.9 yards per rush and 10.5 yards per play. Each mark was a Classic record. It was the most points ever scored by the Sooners in postseason play.
- Seating capacity for the game was reduced to 17,323 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021
- The College Football Playoff Semifinal returned to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic for the third time. At 12-1, Alabama became the first No. 1 team to play in the Classic since 1978. No. 4 Cincinnati was the first non-Power 5 team to make the Playoff after finishing as the nation's only undefeated team at 13-0. Quarterback Bryce Young, the 10th Heisman Trophy winner to play in the Classic, threw for three touchdowns to lead Alabama to a 27-6 victory and secure a berth in the CFP National Championship Game for the sixth time in eight seasons.

2022
- The Board of Managers of the College Football Playoff voted on Sept. 2 to expand the four-team playoff into a 12-team format beginning in 2024. The Playoff field now would feature the six highest-ranked conference champions designated by the CFP selection committee, plus the six highest-ranked teams not included among the conference champions. First-round games would take place at campus sites with quarterfinal and semifinal games rotated among the New Year's Six bowls. The national championship game continues to be played at a neutral site.

2023
- Tulane overcame a 15-point deficit in the final 4:07 to spring a 46-45 upset of Southern California. The game was decided with just nine seconds to play when Green Wave quarterback Michael Pratt connected with freshman tight end Alex Bauman on a six-yard touchdown pass. Trojan quarterback Caleb Williams gave the Classic its second consecutive Heisman Trophy winner. Williams tossed a record five touchdown passes and rang up 462 yards through the air, but it wasn't enough to offset Tulane's last second heroics.

2024
- The College Football Playoff initiated a 12-team playoff beginning with the 2024 college football season. In this expanded format, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic hosted a CFP Semifinal for the fourth time at AT&T Stadium (80th in 2015, 83rd in 2018, 86th in 2021 and 89th in 2025) and was the final game to be played before the 2025 CFP National Championship.

2025
- The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic hosted its first College Football Playoff Quarterfinal as a part of the second year of the expanded 12-team Playoff. The 90th Classic mark the fifth time to have two games in the same calendar year (1966, 2015, 2017, 2023, 2025).

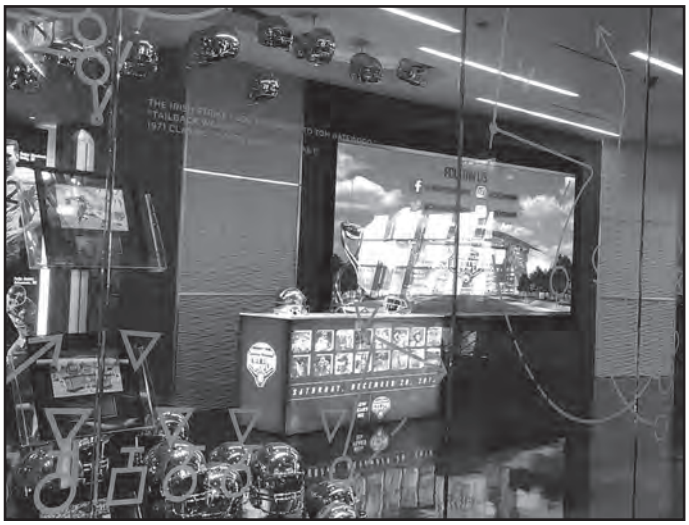


2011: The great Jim Brown served as the cornerstone of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic's 75th anniversary celebration with his return to North Texas to flip the coin for team captains from LSU and Texas A&M. In his day, Brown had no equal. Historians say that the measuring stick by which all other running backs are evaluated - college or professional - begins with the legend from Syracuse. In 1998, he was enshrined as a member of the inaugural class of the Cotton Bowl Classic Hall of Fame for his spectacular performance against TCU in the 1957 Classic. Brown scored three touchdowns in that game, booted three PATS, and recorded five tackles.

CLASSIC MILESTONES



2021: A total team effort was required to stage the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the 107th Rose Bowl Game presented by Capital One. When the COVID-19 pandemic intervened and forced the Tournament of Roses to make a difficult decision to move "The Granddaddy of Them All" from Pasadena to Arlington's AT&T Stadium, it took the work of hundreds of people to ensure a smooth transition within a two-week period. Following Alabama's 31-14 victory over Notre Dame, New Year's Day was celebrated when the staff of the Rose Bowl Game and the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic assembled at midfield for a family gathering and a toast to the evening's success.



2009: Moving vans arrived at AT&T Stadium on Thursday, July 9 to complete the CBAA's 18-mile journey from Dallas to Arlington. The Cotton Bowl Classic's new state-of-the-art home placed the game on solid footing and in position for future success.



2013: A long-awaited phone call arrived on Wednesday, April 24, and Cotton Bowl Athletic Association President/CEO Rick Baker was quick to answer. The Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic was extended an invitation to become a member of the College Football Playoff.



2021: Bryce Young, the Classic's 10th Heisman Trophy winner, more than delivered in Alabama's 27-6 victory over Cincinnati in the College Football Playoff Semifinal. His three touchdown passes helped the Crimson Tide reach the national title game for the sixth time in eight seasons.



2023/87th: For the first time since 1986, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic showcased the Heisman Trophy winner in consecutive seasons. Southern California quarterback Caleb Williams set a Classic scoring record with five touchdown passes but lost in a shootout with Tulane, 46-45.

HONOR ROLL OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

1937 Ki Aldrich, TCU, Center
Sammy Baugh, TCU, Quarterback
L. D. Meyer, TCU, End

1938 Ernie Lain, Rice, Back
Byron White, Colorado, Quarterback

1939 Jerry Dowd, St. Mary's, Center
Elmer Tarbox, Texas Tech, Back

1940 Banks McFadden, Clemson, Back

1941 Charles Henke, Texas A&M, Guard
John Kimbrough, Texas A&M, Fullback
Chip Routt, Texas A&M, Tackle
Lou DeFilippo, Fordham, Center
Joe Ungerer, Fordham, Tackle

1942 Martin Ruby, Texas A&M,Tackle
Jimmy Nelson, Alabama, Halfback
Holt Rast, Alabama, End
Don Whitmire, Alabama,Tackle

1943 Jack Freeman, Texas, Guard
Roy McKay, Texas, Fullback
Stanley Mauldin, Texas, Tackle
Harvey Hardy, Georgia Tech, Guard
Jack Marshall, Georgia Tech, End

1944 Joe Parker, Texas, End
Martin Ruby, Randolph Field, Tackle
Glenn Dobbs, Randolph Field, Quarterback

1945 Neil Armstrong, Oklahoma A&M, End
Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A&M, Back
Ralph Foster, Oklahoma A&M, Tackle

1946 Hub Bechtol, Texas, End
Bobby Layne, Texas, Quarterback
Jim Kekeris, Missouri, Tackle

1947 Alton Baldwin, Arkansas, End
Y.A. Tittle, LSU, Quarterback

1948 Doak Walker, SMU, Back
Steve Suhey, Penn State, Guard

1949 Kyle Rote, SMU, Back
Doak Walker, SMU, Back
Brad Ecklund, Oregon, Center
Norm Van Brocklin, Oregon, Quarterback

1950 Billy Burkhalter, Rice, Halfback
Joe Watson, Rice, Center
James "Froggy" Williams, Rice, End

1951 Bud McFadin, Texas, Guard
Andy Kozar, Tennessee, Fullback
Hank Lauricella, Tennessee, Halfback
Horace “Bud” Sherrod, Tennessee, End

1952 Keith Flowers, TCU, Fullback
Emery Clark, Kentucky, Halfback
Ray Correll, Kentucky, Guard
Vito “Babe” Parilli, Kentucky, Quarterback

1953 Richard Ochoa, Texas, Fullback
Harley Sewell, Texas, Guard
Bob Griesbach, Tennessee, Linebacker

1954 Richard Chapman, Rice, Tackle
Dan Hart, Rice, End
Dicky Maegle, Rice, Halfback

1955 Bud Brooks, Arkansas, Guard
George Humphreys, Georgia Tech, Fullback

1956 Buddy Alliston, Ole Miss, Guard
Eagle Day, Ole Miss, Quarterback

1957 Norman Hamilton, TCU, Tackle
Jim Brown, Syracuse, Fullback

1958 Tom Forrestal, Navy, Quarterback
Tony Stremic, Navy, Guard

1959 Jack Spikes, TCU, Fullback
Dave Phillips, Air Force, Tackle

1960 Maurice Doke, Texas, Guard
Ernie Davis, Syracuse, Halfback

1961 Lance Alworth, Arkansas, Halfback
Dwight Bumgarner, Duke, Tackle

1962 Mike Cotten, Texas, Quarterback
Bob Moses, Texas, End

1963 Johnny Treadwell, Texas, Guard
Lynn Amedee, LSU, Quarterback

1964 Scott Appleton, Texas, Tackle
Duke Carlisle, Texas, Quarterback

1965 Ronnie Caveness, Arkansas, Linebacker
Fred Marshall, Arkansas, Quarterback

1966 (30th) Joe Labruzzo, LSU, Tailback
David McCormick, LSU, Tackle

1966 (31st) Kent Lawrence, Georgia, Tailback
George Patton, Georgia, Tackle

HONOR ROLL OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

1968 Grady Allen, Texas A&M, Defensive End
Edd Hargett, Texas A&M, Quarterback
Bill Hobbs, Texas A&M, Linebacker

1969 Tom Campbell, Texas, Linebacker
Charles "Cotton" Speyrer, Texas, Receiver
James Street, Texas, Quarterback

1970 Steve Worster, Texas, Fullback
Bob Olson, Notre Dame, Linebacker

1971 Eddie Phillips, Texas, Quarterback
Clarence Ellis, Notre Dame, Cornerback

1972 Bruce Bannon, Penn State, Defensive End
Lydell Mitchell, Penn State, Running Back

1973 Randy Braband, Texas, Linebacker
Alan Lowry, Texas, Quarterback

1974 Wade Johnston, Texas, Linebacker
Tony Davis, Nebraska, Tailback

1975 Ken Quesenberry, Baylor, Safety
Tom Shuman, Penn State, Quarterback

1976 Ike Forte, Arkansas, Running Back
Hal McAfee, Arkansas, Linebacker

1977 Alois Blackwell, Houston, Running Back
Mark Mohr, Houston, Cornerback

1978 Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame, Running Back
Bob Golic, Notre Dame, Linebacker

1979 David Hodge, Houston, Linebacker
Joe Montana, Notre Dame, Quarterback

1980 Terry Elston, Houston, Quarterback
David Hodge, Houston, Linebacker

1981 Warren Lyles, Alabama, Noseguard
Major Ogilvie, Alabama, Running Back

1982 Robert Brewer, Texas, Quarterback
Robbie Jones, Alabama, Linebacker

1983 Wes Hopkins, SMU, Strong Safety
Lance McIlhenny, SMU, Quarterback

1984 Jeff Leiding, Texas, Linebacker
John Lastinger, Georgia, Quarterback

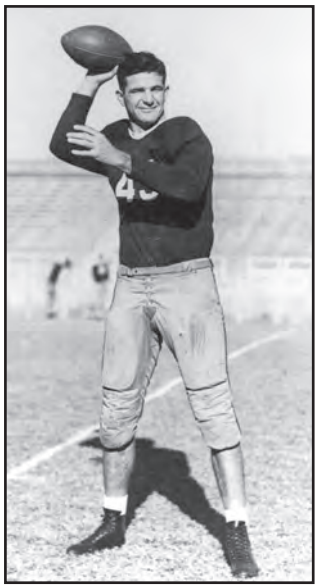
1985 Bill Romanowski, Boston College, Linebacker
Steve Strachan, Boston College, Fullback

1986 Domingo Bryant, Texas A&M, Strong Safety
Bo Jackson, Auburn, Tailback

1987 Chris Spielman, Ohio State, Linebacker
Roger Vick, Texas A&M, Fullback

1988 Adam Bob, Texas A&M, Linebacker
Bucky Richardson, Texas A&M, Quarterback

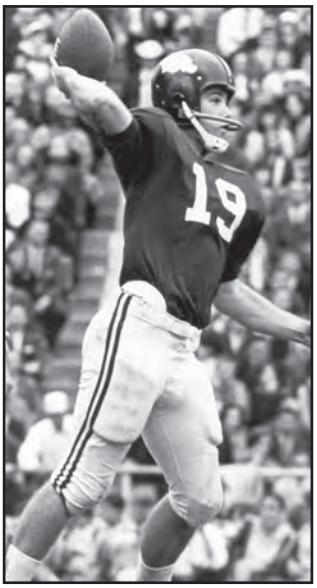
1989 LaSalle Harper, Arkansas, Linebacker
Troy Aikman, UCLA, Quarterback



1937: "Slingin'" Sammy Baugh led the Frogs to a 16-6 victory over Marquette in the inaugural Cotton Bowl Classic.



1972: Franco Harris and Lydell Mitchell were too much for Texas to handle as Penn State thumped the Horns, 30-6.



1965: Fred Marshall rallied Arkansas in the fourth quarter to defeat Nebraska 10-7 and claim the national championship.



1964: Defensive tackle Scott Appleton and No. 1 Texas rolled over No. 2 Navy 28-6 en route to an unbeaten season.

HONOR ROLL OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

1990 Carl Pickens, Tennessee, Free Safety
Chuck Webb, Tennessee, Tailback

1991 Russell Maryland, Miami, Defensive Tackle
Craig Erickson, Miami, Quarterback

1992 Chris Crooms, Texas A&M, Strong Safety
Sean Jackson, Florida State, Tailback

1993 Devon McDonald, Notre Dame, Defensive End
Rick Mirer, Notre Dame, Quarterback

1994 Antonio Shorter, Texas A&M, Linebacker
Lee Becton, Notre Dame, Tailback

1995 John Herpin, Southern California, Cornerback
Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California, Receiver

1996 Marcus Washington, Colorado, Free Safety
Herchell Troutman, Colorado, Tailback

1997 Shay Muirbrook, BYU, Linebacker
Steve Sarkisian, BYU, Quarterback
Kevin Lockett, Kansas State, Receiver

1998 Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M, Linebacker
Cade McNown, UCLA, Quarterback

1999 Aaron Babino, Texas, Linebacker
Ricky Williams, Texas, Tailback

2000 D.J. Cooper, Arkansas, Defensive Tackle
Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas, Running Back

2001 Chris Johnson, Kansas State, Defensive End
Jonathan Beasley, Kansas State, Quarterback

2002 Roy Williams, Oklahoma, Strong Safety
Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma, Running Back

2003 Cory Redding, Texas, Defensive End
Roy Williams, Texas, Receiver

2004 Josh Cooper, Ole Miss, Defensive End
Eli Manning, Ole Miss, Quarterback

2005 Justin Harrell, Tennessee, Defensive Tackle
Rick Clausen, Tennessee, Quarterback

2006 DeMeco Ryans, Alabama, Linebacker
Brodie Croyle, Alabama, Quarterback

2007 Will Herring, Auburn, Linebacker
Courtney Taylor, Auburn, Receiver

2008 William Moore, Missouri, Free Safety
Tony Temple, Missouri, Tailback

2009 Marshay Green, Ole Miss, Defensive Back
Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, Running Back

2010 Andre Sexton, Oklahoma State, Linebacker
Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, Running Back

2011 Terrence Toliver, LSU, Wide Receiver
Tyrann Mathieu, LSU, Cornerback

2012 Tyler Wilson, Arkansas, Quarterback
Jake Bequette, Arkansas, Defensive End

2013 Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M, Quarterback
Dustin Harris, Texas A&M, Cornerback

2014 Henry Josey, Missouri, Tailback
Andrew Wilson, Missouri, Linebacker

2015 (79th) Bryce Petty, Baylor, Quarterback
Taylor Young, Baylor, Linebacker

2015 (80th) Jake Coker, Alabama, Quarterback
Cyrus Jones, Alabama, Cornerback

2017 (81st) Troy Fumagalli, Wisconsin, Tight End
T.J. Edwards, Wisconsin, Linebacker

2017 (82nd) J.T. Barrett, Ohio State, Quarterback
Damon Webb, Ohio State, Safety

2018 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, Quarterback
Austin Bryant, Clemson, Defensive End

2019 Journey Brown, Penn State, Running Back
Micah Parsons, Penn State, Linebacker

2020 Rhamondre Stevenson, Oklahoma, Running Back
Tre Norwood, Oklahoma, Nickelback

2021 Brian Robinson Jr., Alabama, Running Back
Will Anderson Jr., Alabama, Linebacker

2023 (87th) Tyjae Spears, Tulane, Running Back
Dorian Williams, Tulane, Linebacker

2023 (88th) Brady Cook, Missouri, Quarterback
Johnny Walker Jr., Missouri, Defensive End

2025 (89th) Will Howard, Ohio State, Quarterback
Jack Sawyer, Ohio State, Defensive End

CLASSIC ALL-DECADE TEAMS

Since the inception of the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic, each game has produced some amazing performances. The most outstanding players, selected by a poll of the working press covering the game, make up the Classic's Honor Roll.

From this group, the Classic Committee has chosen All-Star teams representing each decade of Classic heroes. The eight teams chosen represent the periods ending in 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, 2009 and 2019. A new team is selected at the close of each 10-year period.

1937-49 ALL-STARS

Pos.	Player	School	Year
E	L. D. Meyer	TCU	1937
T	Jim Kekeris	Missouri	1946
G	Charles Henke	Texas A&M	1941
C	Ki Aldrich	TCU	1937
G	Jack Freeman	Texas	1943
T	Martin Ruby	Texas A&M	1942
		Randolph Field	1944
E	Holt Rast	Alabama	1942
QB	Sammy Baugh	TCU	1937
B	Bobby Layne	Texas	1946
B	Glenn Dobbs	Randolph Field	1944
B	John Kimbrough	Texas A&M	1941

1950-59 ALL-STARS

Pos.	Player	School	Year
E	Froggy Williams	Rice	1950
T	Richard Chapman	Rice	1954
G	Harley Sewell	Texas	1953
C	Joe Watson	Rice	1950
G	Tony Stremic	Navy	1958
T	Norman Hamilton	TCU	1957
E	Horace Sherrod	Tennessee	1951
QB	Tom Forrestal	Navy	1958
B	Dicky Maegle	Rice	1954
B	Jim Brown	Syracuse	1957
B	Andy Kozar	Tennessee	1951
B	Hank Lauricella	Tennessee	1951

1960-69 ALL-STARS

Pos.	Player	School	Year
E	Cotton Speyrer	Texas	1969
T	Scott Appleton	Texas	1964
G	Tommy Nobis	Texas	1964
C	Ronnie Caveness	Arkansas	1965
G	Bill Hobbs	Texas A&M	1968
T	David McCormick	LSU	1966/30th
E	Bob Moses	Texas	1962
QB	Duke Carlisle	Texas	1964
B	Ernie Davis	Syracuse	1960
B	Kent Lawrence	Georgia	1966/31st
B	Joe Labruzzo	LSU	1966/30th



1966/31st: Kent Lawrence, Georgia



1942, 1944: Martin Ruby earned MVP honors in the Classic twice while playing for two different teams. After taking the oath of enlistment into the military at halftime of the 1942 Classic just weeks after Pearl Harbor, Ruby earned outstanding player honors for Texas A&M against Alabama. The lineman returned two years later in 1944 with Randolph Field, a San Antonio military installation, to earn MVP honors again.

CLASSIC ALL-DECADE TEAMS

1970-79 ALL-STARS

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
SE	Cotton Speyrer	Texas	1970
TE	Ken MacAfee	Notre Dame	1978
OT	Jerry Sizemore	Texas	1973
OT	Bobby Wuensch	Texas	1970
OG	Tom Rafferty	Penn State	1975
OG	R.C. Thielemann	Arkansas	1976
OG	Ernie Hughes	Notre Dame	1978
C	Bill Wyman	Texas	1973
QB	Eddie Phillips	Texas	1971
RB	Steve Worster	Texas	1970
RB	Lydell Mitchell	Penn State	1972
RB	Vagas Ferguson	Notre Dame	1978

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
DB	Clarence Ellis	Notre Dame	1971
DB	Ken Quesenberry	Baylor	1975
DB	Mark Mohr	Houston	1977
LB	Bob Olson	Notre Dame	1970
LB	Randy Braband	Texas	1973
LB	Hal McAfee	Arkansas	1976
LB	David Hodge	Houston	1979
DE	Bruce Bannon	Penn State	1972
DT	Mike Hartenstine	Penn State	1975
DT	Wilson Whitley	Houston	1977
NG	John Bell	Nebraska	1974



1983: Eric Dickerson, SMU



1972: Lydell Mitchell, Penn State

1980-89 ALL-STARS

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
WR	Tim Brown	Notre Dame	1988
TE	Rod Bernstine	Texas A&M	1986-87
OT	Jimbo Covert	Pittsburgh	1983
OT	Louis Cheek	Texas A&M	1986-88
OG	Doug Dawson	Texas	1982,1984
OG	Doug Williams	Texas A&M	1986
C	Ben Tamburello	Auburn	1986
QB	Troy Aikman	UCLA	1989
RB	Eric Dickerson	SMU	1983
RB	Troy Stradford	Boston College	1985
RB	Bo Jackson	Auburn	1986

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
DB	Tom Flynn	Pittsburgh	1983
DB	Wes Hopkins	SMU	1983
DB	Audrey McMillian	Houston	1985
DB	Domingo Bryant	Texas A&M	1986
LB	Adam Bob	Texas A&M	1986-88
LB	Chris Spielman	Ohio State	1987
LB	LaSalle Harper	Arkansas	1989
DL	E. J. Junior	Alabama	1981
DL	Warren Lyles	Alabama	1981-82
DL	Sammy O'Brient	Texas A&M	1986-88
DL	Jim Wahler	UCLA	1989

CLASSIC ALL-DECADE TEAMS

1990-99 ALL-STARS

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
WR	Keyshawn Johnson	Southern California	1995
WR	Kevin Lockett	Kansas State	1997
TE	Chad Lewis	BYU	1997
OT	Jim Mabry	Arkansas	1990
OT	Tony Boselli	Southern California	1995
OG	Eric Still	Tennessee	1990
OG	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame	1993-94
C	Tim Ruddy	Notre Dame	1993-94
QB	Cade McNown	UCLA	1998
RB	Chuck Webb	Tennessee	1990
RB	Ricky Williams	Texas	1999

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
DB	Carl Pickens	Tennessee	1990
DB	Terrell Buckley	Florida State	1992
DB	Marcus Washington	Colorado	1996
DB	Omarr Morgan	BYU	1997
LB	Quentin Coryatt	Texas A&M	1992
LB	Shay Muirbrook	BYU	1997
LB	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M	1998
DL	Russell Maryland	Miami	1991
DL	Devon McDonald	Notre Dame	1993
DL	Sam Adams	Texas A&M	1993-94
DL	Lance Teichelman	Texas A&M	1993-94

2000-2009 ALL-STARS

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
WR	Rashaun Woods	Oklahoma State	2004
WR	Quincy Morgan	Kansas State	2001
TE	David Thomas	Texas	2003
OL	Michael Oher	Ole Miss	2009
OL	Derrick Dockery	Texas	2003
OL	Antoine Caldwell	Alabama	2006
OL	Brandon Carter	Texas Tech	2009
OL	Kurtis Gregory	Missouri	2008
QB	Eli Manning	Ole Miss	2004
RB	Tony Temple	Missouri	2008
RB	Dexter McCluster	Ole Miss	2009

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
DB	Darcel McBath	Texas Tech	2009
DB	Marshay Green	Ole Miss	2009
DB	Roy Williams	Oklahoma	2002
DB	William Moore	Missouri	2008
LB	Rocky Calmus	Oklahoma	2002
LB	DeMeco Ryans	Alabama	2006
LB	Will Herring	Auburn	2007
LB	Bradie James	LSU	2003
DL	Cory Redding	Texas	2003
DL	Justin Harrell	Tennessee	2005
DL	D.J. Cooper	Arkansas	2000



1989: Troy Aikman, UCLA



1998: Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M

CLASSIC ALL-DECADE TEAMS

2010-2019 ALL-STARS

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
WR	Calvin Ridley	Alabama	2015 (80th)
WR	Justyn Ross	Clemson	2018
WR	KD Cannon	Baylor	2015 (79th)
TE	Troy Fumagalli	Wisconsin	2017 (81st)
OL	Luke Joeckel	Texas A&M	2013
OL	Cam Robinson	Alabama	2015 (80th)
OL	Mitch Hyatt	Clemson	2018
C	Ryan Kelly	Alabama	2015 (80th)
QB	Johnny Manziel	Texas A&M	2013
RB	Dexter McCluster	Ole Miss	2010
RB	Henry Josey	Missouri	2014

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Year
DB	Tyrann Mathieu	LSU	2011
DB	Patrick Peterson	LSU	2011
DB	Dustin Harris	Texas A&M	2013
DB	Damon Webb	Ohio State	2017 (82nd)
LB	Andre Sexton	Oklahoma State	2010
LB	Andrew Wilson	Missouri	2014
LB	Riley Bullough	Michigan St.	2015 (79th/80th)
DL	Jake Bequette	Arkansas	2012
DL	Kony Ealy	Missouri	2014
DL	Jimmy Bean	Oklahoma State	2014
DL	Austin Bryant	Clemson	2018



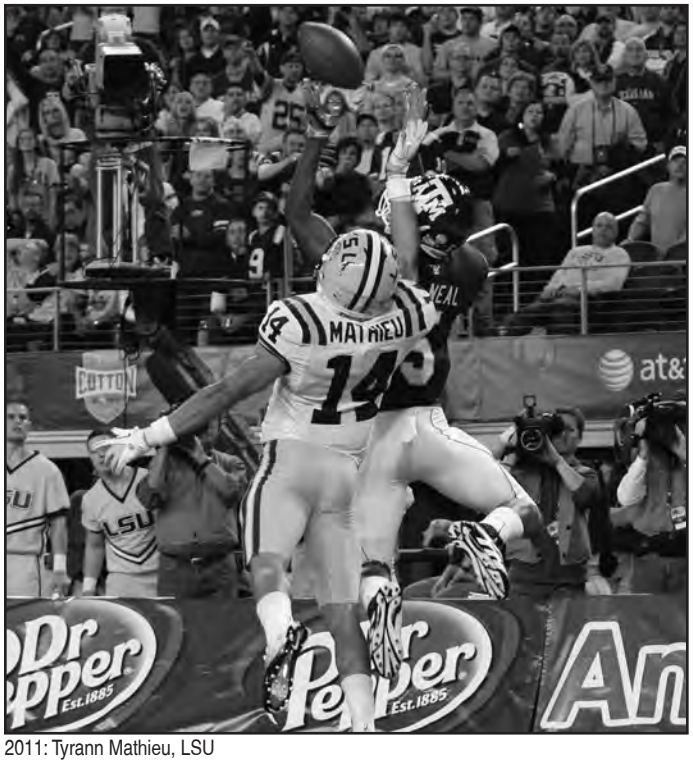
2017/82nd: Damon Webb, Ohio State



2015/80th: Calvin Ridley, Alabama



2015/80th: Cam Robinson, Alabama



2011: Tyrann Mathieu, LSU

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS

(Outstanding College Football Player)

Presented by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York

1938	Davey O'Brien	TCU vs. Marquette (1937 Classic)
1948	Doak Walker	SMU vs. Penn State (1948 Classic)
		SMU vs. Oregon (1949 Classic)
1961	Ernie Davis	Syracuse vs. Texas (1960 Classic)
1963	Roger Staubach	Navy vs. Texas (1964 Classic)
1973	John Cappelletti	Penn State vs. Texas (1972 Classic)
1977	Earl Campbell	Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978 Classic)
1984	Doug Flutie	Boston College vs. Houston (1985 Classic)
1985	Bo Jackson	Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986 Classic)
1987	Tim Brown	Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988 Classic)
1992	Gino Torretta	Miami vs. Texas (1991 Classic)
1998	Ricky Williams	Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999 Classic)
2012	Johnny Manziel	Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma (2013 Classic)
2015	Derrick Henry	Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015 Classic/80th)
2019	Joe Burrow*	Ohio State vs. Southern California (2017 Classic/82nd)
2021	Bryce Young	Alabama vs. Cincinnati (2021 Classic)
2022	Caleb Williams	Southern California vs. Tulane (2023 Classic)



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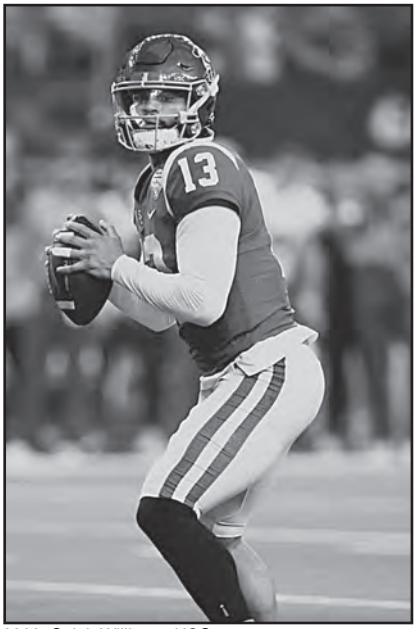
1949: Doak Walker, SMU



2015/80th: Derrick Henry, Alabama



2008: Darren McFadden, Arkansas



2023: Caleb Williams, USC

HEISMAN TROPHY RUNNERS-UP

1937	Byron "Whizzer" White	Colorado vs. Rice (1938 Classic)
1940	John Kimbrough	Texas A&M vs. Fordham (1941 Classic)
1948-49	Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice	North Carolina vs. Rice (1950 Classic)
1950	Kyle Rote	SMU vs. Oregon (1949 Classic)
1951	Hank Lauricella	Tennessee vs. Texas (1951 Classic)
1955	Jim Swink	TCU vs. Ole Miss (1956 Classic)
		TCU vs. Syracuse (1957 Classic)
1962	Jerry Stovall	LSU vs. Texas (1963 Classic)
1970	Joe Theismann	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1970 Classic)
		Notre Dame vs. Texas (1971 Classic)
1991	Casey Weldon	Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992 Classic)
2006-07	Darren McFadden	Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008 Classic)

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

HEISMAN TROPHY LIST OF RECIPIENTS

(Cotton Bowl Classic Heisman Winners Appear in Bold Face)

Year	Heisman Winner	University	Bowl
1935	Jay Berwanger	Chicago	
1936	Larry Kelley	Yale	
1937	Clint Frank	Yale	
1938	Davey O'Brien	TCU	Sugar
1939	Nile Kinnick	Iowa	
1940	Tom Harmon	Michigan	
1941	Bruce Smith	Minnesota	
1942	Frank Sinkwich	Georgia	Rose
1943	Angelo Bertelli	Notre Dame	
1944	Les Horvath	Ohio State	
1945	Doc Blanchard	Army	
1946	Glenn Davis	Army	
1947	Johnny Lujack	Notre Dame	
1948	**Doak Walker**	**SMU**	**Cotton**
1949	Leon Hart	Notre Dame	
1950	Vic Janowicz	Ohio State	
1951	Dick Kazmaier	Princeton	
1952	Billy Vessels	Oklahoma	
1953	John Lattner	Notre Dame	
1954	Alan Ameche	Wisconsin	
1955	Howard Cassady	Ohio State	
1956	Paul Hornung	Notre Dame	
1957	John David Crow	Texas A&M	Gator
1958	Pete Dawkins	Army	
1959	Billy Cannon	LSU	Sugar
1960	Joe Bellino	Navy	Orange
1961	Ernie Davis	Syracuse	Liberty
1962	Terry Baker	Oregon State	Liberty
1963	**Roger Staubach**	**Navy**	**Cotton**
1964	John Huarte	Notre Dame	
1965	Mike Garrett	Southern California	
1966	Steve Spurrier	Florida	Orange
1967	Gary Beban	UCLA	
1968	O.J. Simpson	Southern California	Rose
1969	Steve Owens	Oklahoma	
1970	Jim Plunkett	Stanford	Rose
1971	Pat Sullivan	Auburn	Sugar
1972	Johnny Rodgers	Nebraska	Orange
1973	John Cappelletti	Penn State	Orange
1974	Archie Griffin	Ohio State	Rose
1975	Archie Griffin	Ohio State	Rose
1976	Tony Dorsett	Pittsburgh	Sugar
1977	**Earl Campbell**	**Texas**	**Cotton**
1978	Billy Sims	Oklahoma	Orange
1979	Charles White	Southern California	Rose
1980	George Rogers	South Carolina	Gator
1981	Marcus Allen	Southern California	Fiesta
1982	Herschel Walker	Georgia	Sugar
1983	Mike Rozier	Nebraska	Orange
1984	**Doug Flutie**	**Boston College**	**Cotton**
1985	**Bo Jackson**	**Auburn**	**Cotton**
1986	Vinny Testaverde	Miami	Fiesta
1987	**Tim Brown**	**Notre Dame**	**Cotton**
1988	Barry Sanders	Oklahoma State	Holiday
1989	Andre Ware	Houston	
1990	Ty Detmer	Brigham Young	Holiday
1991	Desmond Howard	Michigan	Rose
1992	Gino Torretta	Miami	Sugar
1993	Charlie Ward	Florida State	Orange
1994	Rashaan Salaam	Colorado	Fiesta
1995	Eddie George	Ohio State	Citrus
1996	Danny Wuerffel	Florida	Sugar
1997	Charles Woodson	Michigan	Rose
1998	**Ricky Williams**	**Texas**	**Cotton**
1999	Ron Dayne	Wisconsin	Rose
2000	Chris Weinke	Florida State	Orange
2001	Eric Crouch	Nebraska	Rose
2002	Carson Palmer	Southern California	Orange
2003	Jason White	Oklahoma	Sugar
2004	Matt Leinart	Southern California	Orange
2005	Reggie Bush	Southern California	Rose
2006	Troy Smith	Ohio State	BCS
2007	Tim Tebow	Florida	Citrus
2008	Sam Bradford	Oklahoma	BCS
2009	Mark Ingram	Alabama	BCS
2010	Cam Newton	Auburn	BCS
2011	Robert Griffin III	Baylor	Alamo
2012	**Johnny Manziel**	**Texas A&M**	**Cotton**
2013	Jameis Winston	Florida State	BCS
2014	Marcus Mariota	Oregon	Rose
2015	**Derrick Henry**	**Alabama**	**Cotton**
2016	Lamar Jackson	Louisville	Citrus
2017	Baker Mayfield	Oklahoma	Rose
2018	Kyler Murray	Oklahoma	Orange
2019	Joe Burrow	LSU	Peach
2020	DeVonta Smith	Alabama	Rose
2021	**Bryce Young**	**Alabama**	**Cotton**
2022	**Caleb Williams**	**Southern California**	**Cotton**
2023	Jayden Daniels	LSU	
2024	Travis Hunter	Colorado	Alamo
2025	Fernando Mendoza	Indiana	Rose

HEISMAN BOWL APPEARANCES

Bowl	Heisman Winners	Heisman Years
Rose	15	'42,'68,'70,'74,'75,'79,'91,'97,'99,'01,'05,'14,'17,'20,'25
Cotton	**11**	**'48,'63,'77,'84,'85,'87,'98,'12,'15/80th,'21,'22**
Orange	11	'60,'66,'72,'73,'78,'83,'93,'00,'02,'04,'18
Sugar	8	'38,'59,'71,'76,'82,'92,'96,'03
BCS /CFP Championship	7	'06,'08,'09,'10,'13,'14,'15
Fiesta	3	'81,'86,'94
Citrus/Capital One	3	'95,'07,'16
Gator	2	'57,'80
Liberty	2	'61,'62
Holiday	2	'88,'90
Alamo	2	'11,'24
Peach	1	'19

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

OUTLAND TROPHY WINNERS

(Outstanding Interior Lineman)
Presented by the Football Writers Association of America

1954	Bud Brooks	Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech (1955 Classic)
1963	Scott Appleton	Texas vs. Ole Miss (1962 Classic)
		Texas vs. LSU (1963 Classic)
		Texas vs. Navy (1964 Classic)
1965	Tommy Nobis	Texas vs. Navy (1964 Classic)
1966	Loyd Phillips	Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965 Classic)
		Arkansas vs. LSU (1966/30th Classic)
1968	Bill Stanfill	Georgia vs. SMU (1966/31st Classic)
1976	Ross Browner	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978 Classic)
1977	Brad Shearer	Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978 Classic)
1981-82	Dave Rimington	Nebraska vs. Houston (1980 Classic)
1985	Mike Ruth	Boston College vs. Houston (1985 Classic)
1988	Tracy Rocker	Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986 Classic)
1990	Russell Maryland	Miami vs. Texas (1991 Classic)
1998	Kris Farris	UCLA vs. Texas A&M (1998 Classic)
2000	John Henderson	Tennessee vs. Kansas State (2001 Classic)
2009	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska vs. Auburn (2007 Classic)
2012	Luke Joeckel	Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma (2013 Classic)
2024	Kevin Banks Jr.	Texas vs. Ohio State (2025/89th Classic)



1991: Russell Maryland (67), Miami



2013: Luke Joeckel, Texas A&M

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD WINNERS

(Best Defensive Player in the NCAA)
Presented by the Charlotte Touchdown Club and the Football Writers Association of America

2001	Roy Williams	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2003	Derrick Strait	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2004	Derrick Johnson	Texas vs. LSU (2003 Classic)
2009	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska vs. Auburn (2007 Classic)
2016	Jonathan Allen	Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015/80th Classic)
2019	Chase Young	Ohio State vs. Southern California (2017/82nd Classic)
2021-22	Will Anderson Jr.	Alabama vs. Cincinnati (2021 Classic)

LOU GROZA AWARD WINNERS

(Top College Placekicker)
Presented by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission

2003	Jonathan Nichols	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004 Classic)
2010	Dan Bailey	Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss (2010 Classic)
2011	Randy Bullock	Texas A&M vs. LSU (2011 Classic)



2010: Dan Bailey, Oklahoma State

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

MAXWELL AWARD WINNERS

(Outstanding College Football Player)
Presented by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia

1938	Davey O'Brien	TCU vs. Marquette (1937 Classic)
1947	Doak Walker	SMU vs. Penn State (1948 Classic)
		SMU vs. Oregon (1949 Classic)
1963	Roger Staubach	Navy vs. Texas (1964 Classic)
1965	Tommy Nobis	Texas vs. Navy (1964 Classic)
1977	Ross Browner	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978 Classic)
1984	Doug Flutie	Boston College vs. Houston (1985 Classic)
1992	Gino Torretta	Miami vs. Texas (1991 Classic)
1998	Ricky Williams	Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999 Classic)
2003	Eli Manning	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004 Classic)
2015	Derrick Henry	Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015 Classic/80th)
2019	Joe Burrow*	Ohio State vs. So. California (2017 Classic/82nd)
2021	Bryce Young	Alabama vs. Cincinnati (2021 Classic)
2022	Caleb Williams	Southern California vs. Tulane (2023 Classic)

*Burrow was honored with the Maxwell Award after transferring from Ohio State to LSU



1964: Roger Staubach, Navy

WALTER CAMP AWARD WINNERS

(College Player of the Year)
Presented by the Walter Camp Foundation

1948	Choo Choo Justice*	North Carolina vs. Rice (1950 Classic)
1977	Ken MacAfee	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978 Classic)
1984	Doug Flutie	Boston College vs. Houston (1985 Classic)
1985	Bo Jackson	Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986 Classic)
1987	Tim Brown	Notre Dame vs.Texas A&M (1988 Classic)
1992	Gino Torretta	Miami vs. Texas (1991 Classic)
1998	Ricky Williams	Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999 Classic)
2007	Darren McFadden	Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008 Classic)
2015	Derrick Henry	Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015 Classic/80th)
2019	Joe Burrow**	Ohio State vs. So. California (2017 Classic/82nd)
2022	Caleb Williams	Southern California vs. Tulane (2023 Classic)

*Justice was honored as the Walter Camp Player of the Year by the Washington, D.C. Touchdown Club
**Burrow was honored with the Walter Camp Award after transferring from Ohio State to LSU

UPI COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1963	Roger Staubach	Navy vs. Texas (1964 Classic)
1977	Earl Campbell	Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978 Classic)
1984	Doug Flutie	Boston College vs. Houston (1985 Classic)
1985	Bo Jackson	Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986 Classic)
1987	Tim Brown	Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988 Classic)



1988: Tim Brown, Notre Dame


1937: Davey O'Brien, TCU

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD WINNERS

(Outstanding College Quarterback)

Presented by the Fort Worth Club

The Davey O'Brien Award originated in 1977 and was presented to the outstanding college football player in the five southwestern states comprised of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. In 1982, the award was changed to honor the nation's outstanding collegiate quarterback, the primary position played by Davey O'Brien.

1978	Earl Campbell	Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978 Classic)
1979-80	Mike Singletary	Baylor vs. Alabama (1981 Classic)
1984	Doug Flutie	Boston College vs. Houston (1985 Classic)
1988	Troy Aikman	UCLA vs. Arkansas (1989 Classic)
1992	Gino Torretta	Miami vs. Texas (1991 Classic)
2012	Johnny Manziel	Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma (2013 Classic)
2019	Joe Burrow*	Ohio State vs. Southern California (2017/82nd Classic)
2021	Bryce Young	Alabama vs. Cincinnati (2021 Classic)

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DOAK WALKER AWARD WINNERS

(Nation's Best Running Back)

Presented by the SMU Athletic Forum of Dallas

1996	Byron Hanspard	Texas Tech vs. Southern California (1995 Classic)
1997-98	Ricky Williams	Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999 Classic)
2004	Cedric Benson	Texas vs. LSU (2003 Classic)
2006-07	Darren McFadden	Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008 Classic)
2015	Derrick Henry	Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015/80th Classic)



1985: Doug Flutie, Boston College



1978: Earl Campbell, Texas

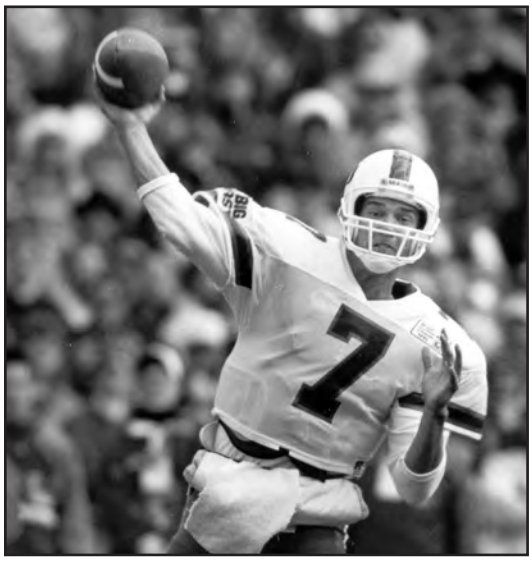
CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

JOHNNY UNITAS AWARD WINNERS

(Outstanding Senior College Quarterback)
Presented by the Kentucky Chapter of the National Football Foundation

1989	Tony Rice	Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988 Classic)
1990	Craig Erickson	Miami vs. Texas (1991 Classic)
1991	Casey Weldon	Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992 Classic)
1992	Gino Torretta	Miami vs. Texas (1991Classic)
1998	Cade McNown	UCLA vs. Texas A&M (1998 Classic)
2003	Eli Manning	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004 Classic)
2008	Graham Harrell	Alabama vs. Texas Tech (2006/2009 Classic)
2012	Colin Klein	Kansas State vs. Arkansas (2012 Classic)
2015	Connor Cook	Michigan State vs. Alabama (2015 Classic/80th)
2019	Joe Burrow*	Ohio State vs. So. California (2017 Classic/82nd)

*Burrow was honored with the Unitas Award after transferring from Ohio State to LSU



1991: Craig Erickson, Miami

BUTKUS AWARD WINNERS

(Nation's Outstanding Linebacker)
Presented by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando

2001	Rocky Calmus	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2003	Teddy Lehman	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2004	Derrick Johnson	Texas vs. LSU (2003 Classic)
2006	Patrick Willis	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004 Classic)
2011	Von Miller	Texas A&M vs. LSU (2011 Classic)
2019	Isaiah Simmons	Clemson vs. Notre Dame (2018 Classic)



2017/81st: Zach Terrell, Western Michigan

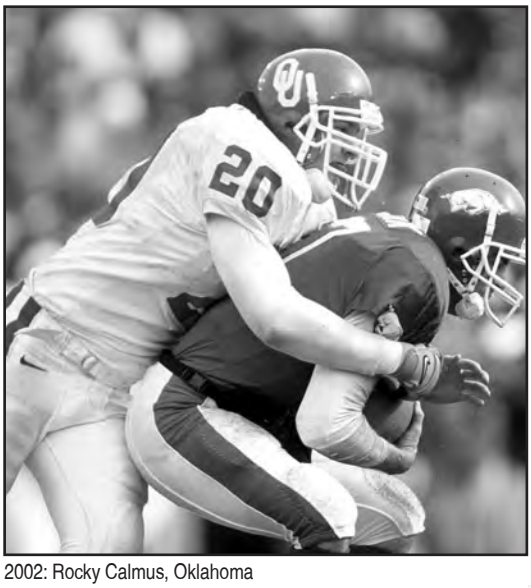
WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY WINNERS

(Nation's Best in Adademics, Community Service, On-Field Performance)
Presented by the Mazda and the National Football Foundation

2004	Michael Muñoz	Tennessee vs. Texas A&M (2005 Classic)
2005	Rudy Niswanger	LSU vs. Texas (2003 Classic)
2015	Ty Darlington	Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M (2013 Classic)
2016	Zach Terrell	Western Michigan vs. Wisc. (2017 Classic/81st)
2018	Christian Wilkins	Clemson vs. Notre Dame (2018 Classic)
2020	Brady White	Memphis vs. Penn State (2019 Classic)



2018: Christian Wilkins, Clemson



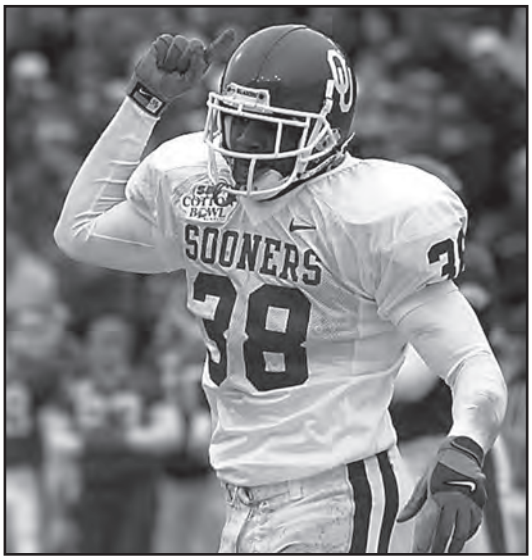
2002: Rocky Calmus, Oklahoma

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

JIM THORPE AWARD WINNERS

(Nation's Best Defensive Back)
Presented by the Jim Thorpe Athletic Club of Oklahoma City

1991	Terrell Buckley	Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992 Classic)
2001	Roy Williams	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2002	Terence Newman	Kansas State vs. Tennessee (2001 Classic)
2003	Derrick Strait	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2005	Michael Huff	Texas vs. LSU (2003 Classic)
2010	Patrick Peterson	LSU vs. Texas A&M (2011 Classic)
2011	Morris Claiborne	LSU vs. Texas A&M (2011 Classic)
2017	Minkah Fitzpatrick	Alabama vs. Michigan St. (2015/80th Classic)
2021	Coby Bryant	Cincinnati vs. Alabama (2021 Classic)
2024	Jahdae Barron	Texas vs. Ohio State (2025/89th Classic)
2025	Caleb Downs	Ohio State (2025/90th Classic)



2002: Roy Williams, Oklahoma

RIMINGTON TROPHY WINNERS

(Nation's Outstanding Center)
Presented by the Boomer Esiason Foundation

2007	Jonathan Luigs	Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008 Classic)
2015	Ryan Kelly	Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015/80th Classic)
2017	Billy Price	Ohio State vs. So. California (2017 Classic)
2024	Seth McLaughlin	Ohio State vs. Texas (2025/89th Classic)



2017/82nd: Billy Price, Ohio State

DISNEY SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS

(Nation's Most Inspirational Player or Team)
Presented by Disney Sports Attractions

2010	D. J. Williams	Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008 Classic)
2014	Sterling Shepard	Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M (2013 Classic)

BURLSWORTH TROPHY WINNERS

(Nation's Most Outstanding Player Who Began Career as a Walk-on)
Presented by the Brandon Burlsworth Foundation, Harrison, Ark.

2018	Hunter Renfrow	Clemson vs. Notre Dame (2018 Classic)
2023	Cody Schrader	Missouri vs. Ohio State (2023/88th Classic)



2018: Hunter Renfrow, Clemson



2011: Patrick Peterson, LSU

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

WUERFFEL TROPHY WINNERS

(Premier Award for Community Service)
Presented by the All-Sports Association, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

2005	Rudy Niswanger	LSU vs. Texas (2003 Classic)
2013	Gabe Ikard	Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M (2013 Classic)
2015	Ty Darlington	Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M (2013 Classic)
2018	Drue Tranquill	Notre Dame vs. Clemson (2018 Classic)

BILETNIKOFF AWARD WINNERS

(Nation's Best Wide Receiver)
Presented by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc.

2007-08	Michael Crabtree	Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss (2009 Classic)
2010-11	Justin Blackmon	Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss (2010 Classic)
2015	Corey Coleman	Baylor vs. Michigan State (2015/79th Classic)

BEDNARIK AWARD WINNERS

(Defensive Player of the Year)
Presented by the Maxwell Football Club of Philiadlphia

1998	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M vs. UCLA (1998 Classic)
2003	Teddy Lehman	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2009	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska vs. Auburn (2007 Classic)
2010	Patrick Peterson	LSU vs. Texas A&M (2011 Classic)
2011	Tyrann Mathieu	LSU vs. Texas A&M (2011 Classic)
2016	Jonathan Allen	Alabama vs. Michigan St. (2015/80th Classic)
2017	Minkah Fitzpatrick	Alabama vs. Michigan St. (2015/80th Classic)
2019	Chase Young	Ohio State vs. Southern California (2018 Classic)

LOMBARDI AWARD WINNERS

(Nation's Best Lineman)
Presented by The Lombardi Foundation, Inc., of Houston

1971	Walt Patulski	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1970 Classic)
		Notre Dame vs. Texas (1971 Classic)
1976	Wilson Whitley	Houston vs. Maryland (1977 Classic)
1977	Ross Browner	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978 Classic)
1981	Kenneth Sims	Texas vs. Alabama (1982 Classic)
1982	Dave Rimington	Nebraska vs. Houston (1980 Classic)
1984	Tony Degrate	Texas vs. Georgia (1984 Classic)
1987	Chris Spielman	Ohio State vs. Texas A&M (1987 Classic)
1988	Tracy Rocker	Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986 Classic)
1990	Chris Zorich	Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988 Classic)
1992	Marvin Jones	Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992 Classic)
1993	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1993 Classic)
		Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1994 Classic)
1998	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M vs. UCLA (1998 Classic)
2003	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2009	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska vs. Auburn (2007 Classic)
2015	Jonathan Allen	Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015 Classic/80th)
2024	Kelvin Banks Jr.	Texas vs. Ohio State (2025 Classic/89th)

JOHN MACKEY AWARD WINNERS

(College Football's Outstanding Tight End)

2010	D. J. Williams	Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008 Classic)


2018: Drue Tranquill, Notre Dame


2015/79th: Corey Coleman, Baylor



1984: Tony Degrate, Texas

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

DAN S. PETTY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS

(Excellence in Academics and Athletics)
Presented by the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association

1987 Kip Corrington, Texas A&M, Junior, Defensive Back
William White, Ohio State, Junior, Cornerback

1988 Kip Corrington, Texas A&M, Senior, Defensive Back
Byron Spruell, Notre Dame, Senior, Offensive Tackle

1989 Steve Atwater, Arkansas, Senior, Safety
Brendan McCracken, UCLA, Wide Receiver

1990 Eric Still, Tennessee, Senior, Offensive Lineman
Billy Winston, Arkansas, Senior, Tight End

1991 Rob Chudzinski, Miami, Senior, Tight End
Stephen Clark, Texas, Senior, Tight End

1992 Reggie Dixon, Florida State, Senior, Guard
Bucky Richardson, Texas A&M, Senior, Quarterback

1993 Jason Atkinson, Texas A&M, Junior, Linebacker
Tim Ruddy, Notre Dame, Junior, Center

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Tim Ruddy, Notre Dame, Senior, Center

1995 Tony Boselli, Southern California, Senior, Offensive Tackle
Field Scovell, Texas Tech, Sophomore, Flanker

1996 Paul Jensen, Oregon, Senior, Linebacker
Neil Voskeritchian, Colorado, Senior, Placekicker

1997 James Johnson, BYU, Senior, Offensive Guard
Jason Johnson, Kansas State, Senior, Center

1998 Shawn Stuart, UCLA, Junior, Center
Koby Hackradt, Texas A&M, Senior, Center

1999 Eric Allen, Mississippi State, Senior, Center
Dusty Renfro, Texas, Senior, Linebacker

2000 Josh Melton, Arkansas, Freshman, Center
Kris Stockton, Texas, Junior, Placekicker

2001 David Leaverton, Tennessee, Senior, Punter
Brice Libel, Kansas State, Senior, Wide Receiver

2002 Kenny Sandlin, Arkansas, Senior, Center
Renaldo Works, Oklahoma, Sophomore, Running Back

2003 Bradie James, LSU, Senior, Linebacker
Brett Robin, Texas, Junior, Running Back

2004 Billy Bajema, Oklahoma State, Junior, Tight End
Wes Scott, Ole Miss, Senior, Defensive Back

2005 Keith Joseph, Texas A&M, Senior, Running Back
Michael Munoz, Tennessee, Senior, Offensive Tackle

2006 DeMeco Ryans, Alabama, Senior, Linebacker
David Schaefer, Texas Tech, Sophomore, Wide Receiver

2007 Will Herring, Auburn, Senior, Linebacker
Dane Todd, Nebraska, Senior, Fullback

2008 Adam Crossett, Missouri, Senior, Punter
Marcus Monk, Arkansas, Senior, Wide Receiver

2009 Jason Cook, Ole Miss, Senior, Fullback
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, Senior Quarterback

2010 Andy Hartmann, Ole Miss, Senior, Fullback
Andrew Lewis, Oklahoma State, Senior, Center

2011 Richard Dugas, LSU, Senior, Fullback
Michael Hodges, Texas A&M, Senior, Linebacker

2012* Tysyn Hartman, Kansas State, Senior, Safety
Jake Bequette, Arkansas, Senior, Defensive End

2013 Steven Terrell, Texas A&M, Senior, Free Safety
Gabe Ikard, Oklahoma, Junior, Center

2014 Caleb Lavey, Oklahoma State, Senior, Linebacker
Matt Hoch, Missouri, Junior, Defensive Tackle

2015 (79th) Mike Sadler, Michigan State, Senior, Punter
Collin Brence, Baylor, Senior, Nickelback

2015 (80th) Paul Lang, Michigan State, Senior, Tight End
Ryan Kelly, Alabama, Senior, Center

2017 (81st) Zach Terrell, Western Michigan, Senior, Quarterback
Bart Houston, Wisconsin, Senior, Quarterback

2017 (82nd) Terry McLaurin, Ohio State, Junior, Wide Receiver
Jordan Austin, Southern California, Junior, Guard

2018 Christian Wilkins, Clemson, Graduate, Defensive Tackle
Drue Tranquill, Notre Dame, Senior, Linebacker

2019 Blake Gillikin, Penn State, Senior, Punter
Brady White, Memphis, Junior, Quarterback

2020 Brenton Cox Jr., Florida, Redshirt Sophomore, Defensive End
Pat Fields, Oklahoma, Junior, Safety

2021 Slade Bolden, Alabama, Junior, Wide Receiver
Wilson Huber, Cincinnati, Senior, Linebacker

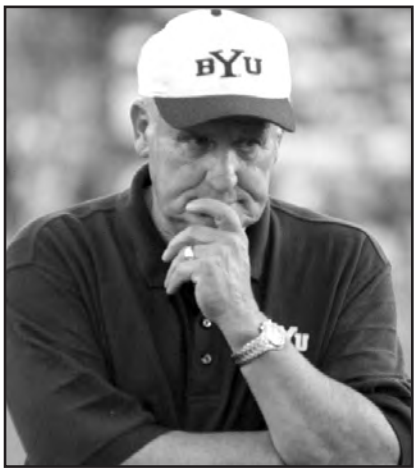
2023 (87th) Nick Anderson, Tulane, Senior, Linebacker
Nick Figueroa, Southern California, Senior, Defensive End

2023 (88th) Donovan Jackson, Ohio State, Junior, Offensive Guard
Darius Robinson, Missouri, Graduate, Defensive End

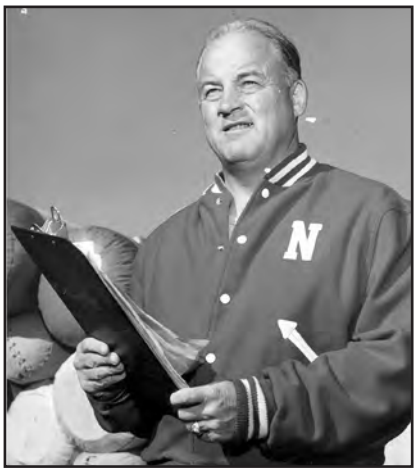
2025 (89th) Will Howard, Ohio State, Graduate, Quarterback
Jake Majors, Texas, Graduate, Offensive Lineman

*Renamed as the Dan S. Petty Scholar-Athlete Award starting with the 2012 Classic

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS



1997: Lavell Edwards, BYU



1965: Bob Devaney, Nebraska


1990: Johnny Majors, Tennessee

EDDIE ROBINSON AWARD WINNERS

(Best college football coach in Division I)
Presented by the Football Writers Association of America

1959	Ben Schwartzwalder	Syracuse vs. Texas (1960 Classic)
1961, 1963	Darrell Royal	Texas vs. LSU (1963 Classic)
		Texas vs. Navy (1964 Classic)
		Texas vs. Tennessee (1969 Classic)
		Texas vs. Notre Dame (1970 Classic)
		Texas vs. Notre Dame (1971 Classic)
		Texas vs. Penn State (1972 Classic)
		Texas vs. Alabama (1973 Classic)
		Texas vs. Nebraska (1974 Classic)
1964	Ara Parseghian	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1970 Classic)
		Notre Dame vs. Texas (1971 Classic)
1971	Bob Devaney	Nebraska vs. Arkansas (1965 Classic)
1973, 1976	Johnny Majors	Tennessee vs. Arkansas (1990 Classic)
1974	Grant Teaff	Baylor vs. Penn State (1975 Classic)
		Baylor vs. Alabama (1981 Classic)
1977, 1988	Lou Holtz	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1988 Classic)
		Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1993 Classic)
		Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1994 Classic)
1978, 1982, 1986	Joe Paterno	Penn State vs. Texas (1972 Classic)
		Penn State vs. Baylor (1975 Classic)
1979	Earle Bruce	Ohio State vs. Texas A&M (1987 Classic)
1980	Vince Dooley	Georgia vs. SMU (1966 Classic)
1984	LaVell Edwards	BYU vs. Kansas State (1997 Classic)
1992	Gene Stallings	Texas A&M vs. Alabama (1968 Classic)
1998	Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee vs. Kansas State (2001 Classic)
		Tennessee vs. Texas A&M (2005 Classic)
2000	Bob Stoops	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
		Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M (2013 Classic)
2003, 2008	Nick Saban	LSU vs. Texas (2003 Classic)
		Alabama vs. Michigan State (2015/80th Classic)
		Alabama vs. Cincinnati (2021 Classic)
2004	Urban Meyer	Ohio State vs. Southern California (2017/82nd Classic)
2011	Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss (2010 Classic)
		Oklahoma State vs. Missouri (2014 Classic)
2012	Brian Kelly	Notre Dame vs. Clemson (2018 Classic)
2021	Luke Fickell	Cincinnati vs. Alabama (2021 Classic)

CLASSIC AWARD WINNERS

GENE STALLINGS AWARD WINNERS

(College Head Coach Who is Both a Humanitarian and Exceptional Coach)
Presented by the Stallings Award Foundation, Dallas

2012	Mack Brown	Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999 Classic)
		Texas vs. Arkansas (2000 Classic)
		Texas vs. LSU (2003 Classic)
2014	David Cutliffe*	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004 Classic)
2015	Dabo Swinney	Clemson vs. Notre Dame (2018 Classic)
2016	Mark Dantonio	Michigan State vs. Baylor (2015 Classic/79th)
		Michigan State vs. Alabama (2015 Classic/80th)
2019	Brian Kelly	Notre Dame vs. Clemson (2018 Classic)
2022	Luke Fickell	Cincinnati vs. Alabama (2021 Classic)

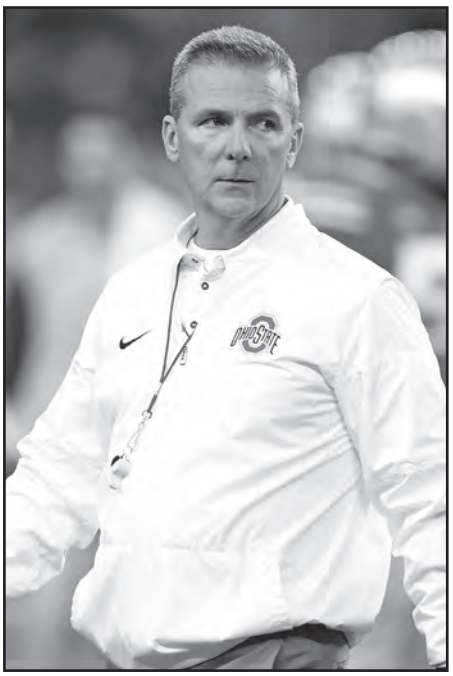
*Cutcliffe was honored as the head coach of Duke

HOME DEPOT AWARD WINNERS

(College Football's Top Head Coach)
Presented by ESPN and ABC Football Analysts

1994	Bobby Bowden	Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992 Classic)
1998	Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee vs. Kansas State (2001 Classic)
		Tennessee vs. Texas A&M (2005 Classic)
2000	Bob Stoops	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
		Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M (2013 Classic)
2004	Urban Meyer**	Ohio State vs. Southern California (2017/82nd Classic)
2005	Joe Paterno	Penn State vs. Texas (1972 Classic)
		Penn State vs. Baylor (1975 Classic)
2008	Nick Saban	LSU vs. Texas (2003 Classic)
		Alabama vs. Michigan State (2016 Classic)
2009, 2012, 2018	Brian Kelly	Notre Dame vs. Clemson (2018 Classic)
2011	Les Miles***	Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss (2004 Classic)
2015	Dabo Swinney	Clemson vs. Notre Dame (2018 Classic)
2021	Luke Fickell	Cincinnati vs. Alabama (2021 Classic)

**Meyer was honored as the head coach at Utah
***Miles was honored as the head coach at LSU


2017/82nd: Urban Meyer, Ohio State


2015/79th & 80th: Mark Dantonio, Michigan State


2004/68th: David Cutliffe, Ole Miss

AFCA COACH OF THE YEAR

Presented by the American Football Coaches Association

1941	Frank Leahy*	Boston College vs. Clemson (1940 Classic)
1942	Bill Alexander	Georgia Tech vs. Texas (1943 Classic)
1956	Bowden Wyatt**	Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech (1955 Classic)
1959	Ben Schwartzwalder	Syracuse vs. TCU (1957 Classic)
		Syracuse vs. Texas (1960 Classic)
1961, 1971, 1973	Paul "Bear" Bryant	Kentucky vs. TCU (1952 Classic)
		Alabama vs. Texas A&M (1968 Classic)
		Alabama vs. Texas (1973 Classic)
		Alabama vs. Baylor (1981 Classic)
		Alabama vs. Texas (1982 Classic)
1963, 1970	Darrell Royal	Texas vs. Syracuse (1960 Classic)
		Texas vs. Ole Miss (1962 Classic)
		Texas vs. LSU (1963 Classic)
		Texas vs. Navy (1964 Classic)
		Texas vs. Tennessee (1969 Classic)
		Texas vs. Notre Dame (1970 Classic)
		Texas vs. Notre Dame (1971 Classic)
		Texas vs. Penn State (1972 Classic)
		Texas vs. Alabama (1973 Classic)
		Texas vs. Nebraska (1974 Classic)
1964	Frank Broyles	Arkansas vs. Duke (1961 Classic)
		Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965 Classic)
		Arkansas vs. LSU (1966/30th Classic)
		Arkansas vs. Georgia (1976 Classic)
1964	Ara Parseghian	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1970 Classic)
		Notre Dame vs. Texas (1971 Classic)
1968, 1978, 1982, 1986, 2005	Joe Paterno	Penn State vs. Texas (1972 Classic)
		Penn State vs. Baylor (1975 Classic)
1970	Charles McClendon	LSU vs. Texas (1963 Classic)
		LSU vs. Arkansas (1966/30th Classic)
1974	Grant Teaff	Baylor vs. Penn State (1975 Classic)
		Baylor vs. Alabama (1981 Classic)
1976	Johnny Majors	Tennessee vs. Arkansas (1990)
1979	Earle Bruce	Ohio State vs. Texas A&M (1987 Classic)
1980	Vince Dooley	Georgia vs. SMU (1966/31st Classic)
		Georgia vs. Arkansas (1976 Classic)
		Georgia vs. Texas (1984 Classic)
1983	Ken Hatfield***	Arkansas vs. UCLA (1989 Classic)
		Arkansas vs. Tennessee (1990 Classic)
1984	LaVell Edwards	BYU vs. Kansas State (1997 Classic)
1992	Gene Stallings	Texas A&M vs. Alabama (1968 Classic)
1994	Tom Osborne	Nebraska vs. Texas (1974 Classic)
		Nebraska vs. Houston (1980 Classic)
1998	Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee vs. Kansas State (2001 Classic)
2000	Bob Stoops	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002 Classic)
2004	Tommy Tuberville	Auburn vs. Nebraska (2007 Classic)
2011	Les Miles	Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss (2004 Classic)
		LSU vs. Texas A&M (2011 Classic)
2012	Brian Kelly	Notre Dame vs. Clemson (2018 Classic)
2013	David Cutcliffe****	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004 Classic)
2015	Dabo Swinney	Clemson vs. Notre Dame (2018 Classic)
2018	Mike Leach*****	Texas Tech vs. Alabama (2006 Classic)
		Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss (2009 Classic)
2021	Luke Fickell	Cincinnati vs. Alabama (2021 Classic)

*Leahy was honored as the head coach of Notre Dame
**Wyatt was honored as the head coach of Tennessee
***Hatfield was honored as the head coach of Air Force
****Cutcliffe was honored as the head coach of Duke
*****Leach was honored as the head coach of Washington State

HALL OF FAME PLAYERS

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

ALABAMA
John Hannah — Alabama vs. Texas (1973)
Bart Starr — Alabama vs. Rice (1954)
Ken Stabler — Alabama vs. Texas A&M (1968)

ARKANSAS
Lance Alworth — Arkansas vs. Duke (1961)
Steve Atwater — Arkansas vs. UCLA (1989)
Jimmy Johnson* — Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965)
Jerry Jones** — Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965)

BAYLOR
Mike Singletary — Baylor vs. Alabama (1981)

FLORIDA STATE
Derrick Brooks — Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992)

LSU
Y. A. Tittle — LSU vs. Arkansas (1947)

MISSISSIPPI (OLE MISS)
Gene Hickerson — Ole Miss vs. TCU (1956)
Patrick Willis — Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004)

NAVY
Roger Staubach — Navy vs. Texas (1964)

NOTRE DAME
Jerome Bettis — Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1993)
Tim Brown — Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988)
Joe Montana — Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978)
Notre Dame vs. Houston (1979)
Bryant Young — Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1993)
Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1994)

OHIO STATE
Cris Carter — Ohio State vs. Texas A&M (1987)

OREGON
Norm Van Brocklin — Oregon vs. SMU (1949)

PENN STATE
Franco Harris — Penn State vs. Texas (1972)

PITTSBURGH
Jimbo Covert — Pittsburgh vs. SMU (1983)
Chris Doleman — Pittsburgh vs. SMU (1983)
Dan Marino — Pittsburgh vs. SMU (1983)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Tony Boselli — Southern California vs. Texas Tech (1995)

SMU
Eric Dickerson — SMU vs. Pittsburgh (1983)
Doak Walker — SMU vs. Penn State (1948)
SMU vs. Oregon (1949)

SYRACUSE
Jim Brown — Syracuse vs. TCU (1957)

TENNESSEE
Doug Atkins — Tennessee vs. Texas (1951)
Tennessee vs. Texas (1953)

TEXAS
Earl Campbell — Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978)
Bobby Dillon — Texas vs. Tennessee (1951)
Bobby Layne — Texas vs. Missouri (1946)
Steve McMichael — Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978)

TCU
Sammy Baugh — TCU vs. Marquette (1937)
Bob Lilly — TCU vs. Air Force (1959)

TEXAS TECH
Zach Thomas — Texas Tech vs. Southern California (1995)

UCLA
Troy Aikman — UCLA vs. Arkansas (1989)

* Johnson was honored as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and Miami Dolphins
** Jones was honored as owner and general manager of the Dallas Cowboys


1961: Lance Alworth, Arkansas


1987: Cris Carter, Ohio State

HALL OF FAME PLAYERS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

AIR FORCE
Colonel Brock Strom, Air Force vs. TCU (1959)

ALABAMA
Sylvester Croom, Alabama vs. Texas (1973)
John Hannah, Alabama vs. Texas (1973)
E.J. Junior, Alabama vs. Baylor (1981)
Woodrow Lowe, Alabama vs. Texas (1973)

ARKANSAS
Lance Alworth, Arkansas vs. Duke (1961)
Ronnie Caveness, Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965)
Dan Hampton, Arkansas vs. Georgia (1976)
Wayne Harris, Arkansas vs. Duke (1961)
*Jimmy Johnson, Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965)
Darren McFadden, Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008)
Loyd Phillips, Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965)
Arkansas vs. LSU (1966/30th)
Clyde Scott, Arkansas vs. LSU (1947)

AUBURN
Bo Jackson, Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986)
Tracy Rocker, Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986)

BAYLOR
Mike Singletary, Baylor vs. Alabama (1981)

BOSTON COLLEGE
Doug Flutie, Boston College vs. Houston (1985)
Chester Gladchuk, Boston College vs. Clemson (1940)
Gene Goodreault, Boston College vs. Clemson (1940)
George Kerr, Boston College vs. Clemson (1940)
Charley O'Rourke, Boston College vs. Clemson (1940)
Mike Ruth, Boston College vs. Houston (1985)

CLEMSON
Banks McFadden, Clemson vs. Boston College (1940)

COLORADO
Byron White, Colorado vs. Rice (1938)

FLORIDA STATE
Derrick Brooks, Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992)
Terrell Buckley, Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992)
Marvin Jones, Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992)

GEORGIA
Kevin Butler, Georgia vs. Texas (1984)
Terry Hoage, Georgia vs. Texas (1984)
Bill Stanfill, Georgia vs. SMU (1966/31st)

GEORGIA TECH
Larry Morris, Georgia Tech vs. Arkansas (1955)

HOUSTON
Wilson Whitley, Houston vs. Maryland (1977)

KANSAS STATE
Mark Simoneau, Kansas State vs. BYU (1997)

KENTUCKY
Steve Meilinger, Kentucky vs. TCU (1952)
Vito "Babe" Parilli, Kentucky vs. TCU (1952)

LSU
Jerry Stovall, LSU vs. Texas (1963)

MIAMI
Gino Torretta, Miami vs. Texas (1991)
Russell Maryland, Miami vs. Texas (1991)
Darrin Smith, Miami vs. Texas (1991)

MISSISSIPPI (OLE MISS)
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Alabama (2006)
Patrick Willis, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004)

MISSOURI
Jeremy Maclin, Missouri vs. Arkansas (2008)

NAVY
Bob Reifsnyder, Navy vs. Rice (1958)
Roger Staubach, Navy vs. Texas (1964)

NEBRASKA
Dave Rimington, Nebraska vs. Houston (1980)
**Frank Solich, Nebraska vs. Arkansas (1965)

NORTH CAROLINA
Choo Choo Justice, North Carolina vs. Rice (1950)
Art Weiner, North Carolina vs. Rice (1950)

NOTRE DAME
Tim Brown, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988)
Ross Browner, Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978)
Bob Crable, Notre Dame vs. Houston (1979)
Tom Gatewood, Notre Dame vs. Texas (1970,1971)
Ken MacAfee, Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978)
Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1993, 1994)
Joe Theismann, Notre Dame vs. Texas (1970, 1971)
Chris Zorich, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988)

OHIO STATE
Chris Spielman, Ohio State vs. Texas A&M (1987)

OKLAHOMA
Roy Williams, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002)

*Johnson was honored as the head coach of Oklahoma State and Miami
**Solich was honored as the head coach of Nebraska and Ohio

HALL OF FAME PLAYERS

OKLAHOMA A&M/OKLAHOMA STATE
Justin Blackmon, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss (2010)
Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU (1945)

OREGON
Norm Van Brocklin, Oregon vs. SMU (1949)

PENN STATE
John Cappelletti, Penn State vs. Texas (1972)
Lydell Mitchell, Penn State vs. Texas (1972)
Steve Suhey, Penn State vs. SMU (1948)

PITTSBURGH
Jimbo Covert, Pittsburgh vs. SMU (1983)
Bill Fralic, Pittsburgh vs. SMU (1983)
Dan Marino, Pittsburgh vs. SMU (1983)

RANDOLPH FIELD
Glenn Dobbs, Randolph Field vs. Texas (1944)

RICE
Buddy Dial, Rice vs. Navy (1958)
Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama (1954)
James "Froggy" Williams, Rice vs. North Carolina (1950)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Tony Boselli, Southern California vs. Texas Tech (1995)

SMU
Eric Dickerson, SMU vs. Pittsburgh (1983)
Jerry LeVias, SMU vs. Georgia (1966/31st)
Kyle Rote, SMU vs. Oregon (1949)
Doak Walker, SMU vs. Penn State (1948)
SMU vs. Oregon (1949)

SYRACUSE
Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU (1957)
Ernie Davis, Syracuse vs. Texas (1960)

TENNESSEE
Doug Atkins, Tennessee vs. Texas (1951)
Tennessee vs. Texas (1953)
John Henderson, Tennessee vs. Kansas State (2001)
Chip Kell, Tennessee vs. Texas (1969)
Steve Kiner, Tennessee vs. Texas (1969)
Hank Lauricella, Tennessee vs. Texas (1951)
John Michels, Tennessee vs. Texas (1951)
Tennessee vs. Texas (1953)

TEXAS
Hubert "Hub" Bechtol, Texas vs. Missouri (1946)
Earl Campbell, Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978)
Doug English, Texas vs. Alabama (1973)
Texas vs. Nebraska (1974)
Chris Gilbert, Texas vs. Tennessee (1969)
Jerry Gray, Texas vs. Alabama (1982)
Michael Huff, Texas vs. LSU (2003)
Derrick Johnson, Texas vs. LSU (2004)
Johnnie Johnson, Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978)
Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri (1946)
Roosevelt Leaks, Texas vs. Alabama (1973)
Texas vs. Nebraska (1974)
Bud McFadin, Texas vs. Tennessee (1951)
Bob McKay, Texas vs. Tennessee (1969)
Texas vs. Notre Dame (1970)
Steve McMichael, Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978)
Tommy Nobis, Texas vs. Navy (1964)
James Saxton, Texas vs. Syracuse (1960)
Texas vs. Ole Miss (1962)
Harley Sewell, Texas vs. Tennessee (1951)
Texas vs. Tennessee (1953)
Kenneth Sims, Texas vs. Alabama (1982)
Jerry Sisemore, Texas vs. Notre Dame (1971)
Texas vs. Penn State (1972)
Texas vs. Alabama (1973)
Ricky Williams, Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999)

TEXAS A&M
John Kimbrough, Texas A&M vs. Fordham (1941)
Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M vs. UCLA (1998)
Kevin Smith, Texas A&M vs. Florida State (1992)

TEXAS TECH
Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss (2009)
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Alabama (70th)
Zach Thomas, Texas Tech vs. Southern California (1995)

TCU
Charles "Ki" Aldrich, TCU vs. Marquette (1937)
Sammy Baugh, TCU vs. Marquette (1937)
Bob Lilly, TCU vs. Air Force (1959)
Davey O'Brien, TCU vs. Marquette (1937)
Jim Swink, TCU vs. Ole Miss (1956)
TCU vs. Syracuse (1957)

UCLA
Troy Aikman, UCLA vs. Arkansas (1989)
Cade McNown, UCLA vs. Texas A&M (1998)

HALL OF FAME COACHES

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

ALABAMA/KENTUCKY
Paul "Bear" Bryant
- Kentucky vs. TCU (1952)
- Alabama vs. Texas A&M (1968)
- Alabama vs. Texas (1973)
- Alabama vs. Baylor (1981)
- Alabama vs. Texas (1982)

Frank Thomas
- Alabama vs. Texas A&M (1942)

Nick Saban
- LSU vs. Texas (2003)
- Alabama vs. Michigan (2015/80th)
- Alabama vs. Cincinnati (2021)

ARKANSAS
Frank Broyles
- Arkansas vs. Duke (1961)
- Arkansas vs. Nebraska (1965)
- Arkansas vs. LSU (1966/30th)
- Arkansas vs. Georgia (1976)

Bowden Wyatt
- Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech (1955)

AUBURN
Pat Dye
- Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986)

BAYLOR
Grant Teaff
- Baylor vs. Penn State (1975)
- Baylor vs. Alabama (1981)

BOSTON COLLEGE
Frank Leahy
- Boston College vs. Clemson (1940)

BRIGHAM YOUNG
LaVell Edwards
- BYU vs. Kansas State (1997)

CLEMSON/RICE
Jess Neely
- Clemson vs. Boston College (1940)
- Rice vs. North Carolina (1950)
- Rice vs. Alabama (1954)
- Rice vs. Navy (1958)

DUKE
Bill Murray
- Duke vs. Arkansas (1961)

FLORIDA STATE
Bobby Bowden
- Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992)

FORDHAM
*Jim Crowley
- Fordham vs. Texas A&M (1941)

GEORGIA
Vince Dooley
- Georgia vs. SMU (1966/31st)
- Georgia vs. Arkansas (1976)
- Georgia vs. Texas (1984)

GEORGIA TECH
Bill Alexander
- Georgia Tech vs. Texas (1943)

Bobby Dodd
- Georgia Tech vs. Arkansas (1955)

HOUSTON
Bill Yeoman
- Houston vs. Maryland (1977)
- Houston vs. Notre Dame (1979)
- Houston vs. Nebraska (1980)
- Houston vs. Boston College (1985)

KANSAS STATE
Bill Snyder
- Kansas State vs. BYU (1997)
- Kansas State vs. Tennessee (2001)
- Kansas State vs. Arkansas (2012)

KENTUCKY/ALABAMA
Paul "Bear" Bryant
- Kentucky vs. TCU (1952)
- Alabama vs. Texas A&M (1968)
- Alabama vs. Texas (1973)
- Alabama vs. Baylor (1981)
- Alabama vs. Texas (1982)

LSU
Charles McClendon
- LSU vs. Texas (1963)
- LSU vs. Arkansas (1966/30th)

Bernie Moore
- LSU vs. Arkansas (1947)

MARQUETTE
Frank Murray
- Marquette vs. TCU (1937)

*Crowley was honored as a Notre Dame Four Horseman

HALL OF FAME COACHES

MIAMI
Dennis Erickson
Miami vs. Texas (1991)

MISSISSIPPI (OLE MISS)
Johnny Vaught
Ole Miss vs. TCU (1956)
Ole Miss vs. Texas (1962)

MICHIGAN STATE
Mark Dantonio
Michigan State vs. Baylor (2015/79th)
Michigan State vs. Alabama (2015/80th)

MISSOURI
Gary Pinkel
Missouri vs. Arkansas (2008)
Missouri vs. Oklahoma State (2014)

NAVY
Wayne Hardin
Navy vs. Texas (1964)

NEBRASKA
Bob Devaney
Nebraska vs. Arkansas (1965)
Tom Osborne
Nebraska vs. Texas (1974)
Nebraska vs. Houston (1980)

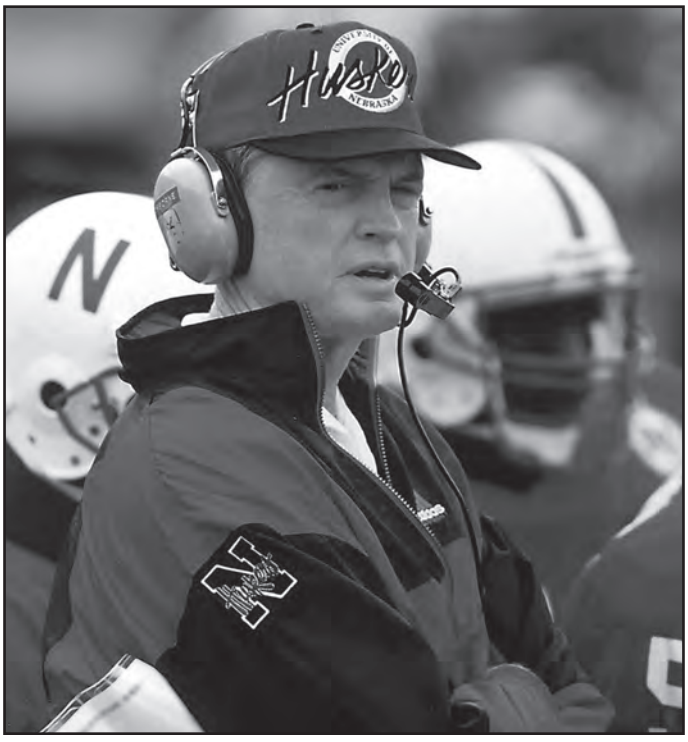
NORTH CAROLINA
Carl Snavely
North Carolina vs. Rice (1950)

NOTRE DAME
Dan Devine
Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978)
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Lou Holtz
Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1988, 1993, 1994)
Ara Parseghian
Notre Dame vs. Texas (1970, 1971)

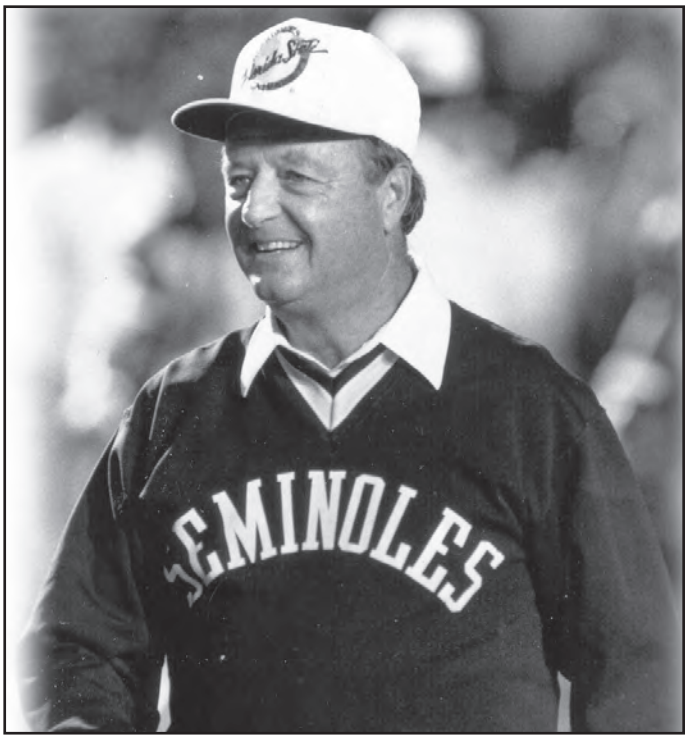
OHIO STATE
Earle Bruce
Ohio State vs. Texas A&M (1987)
Urban Meyer
Ohio State vs. Southern California (2017)

OKLAHOMA
Bob Stoops
Oklahoma vs. Arkansas (2002)
Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M (2013)

OREGON
Mike Bellotti
Oregon vs. Colorado (1996)



1974, 1980: Tom Osborne, Nebraska



1992: Bobby Bowden, Florida State

HALL OF FAME COACHES

PENN STATE
Bob Higgins
- Penn State vs. SMU (1948)

Joe Paterno
- Penn State vs. Texas (1972)
- Penn State vs. Baylor (1975)

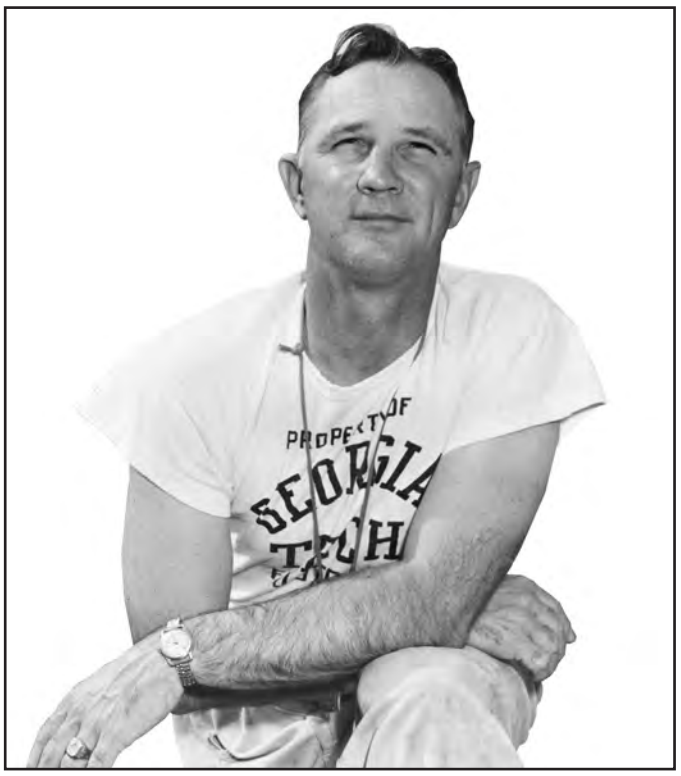
RICE/CLEMSON
Jess Neely
- Clemson vs. Boston College (1940)
- Rice vs. North Carolina (1950)
- Rice vs. Alabama (1954)
- Rice vs. Navy (1958)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
John Robinson
- Southern California vs. Texas Tech (1995)

SMU
Matty Bell
- SMU vs. Penn State (1948)
- SMU vs. Oregon (1949)

Hayden Fry
- SMU vs. Georgia (1966/31st)

ST. MARY'S
Edward "Slip" Madigan
- St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech (1939)



1955: Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech

SYRACUSE
Ben Schwartzwalder
- Syracuse vs. TCU (1957)
- Syracuse vs. Texas (1960)

TENNESSEE
Doug Dickey
- Tennessee vs. Texas (1969)

Phillip Fulmer
- Tennessee vs. Kansas State (2001)
- Tennessee vs. Texas A&M (2005)

General Robert R. Neyland
- Tennessee vs. Texas (1951, 1953)

TEXAS
D. X. Bible
- Texas vs. Georgia Tech (1943)
- Texas vs. Randolph Field (1944)
- Texas vs. Missouri (1946)

Darrell Royal
- Texas vs. Syracuse (1960)
- Texas vs. Ole Miss (1962)
- Texas vs. LSU (1963)
- Texas vs. Navy (1964)
- Texas vs. Tennessee (1969)
- Texas vs. Notre Dame (1970, 1971)
- Texas vs. Penn State(1972)
- Texas vs. Alabama (1973)
- Texas vs. Nebraska (1974)

Mack Brown
- Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999)
- Texas vs. Arkansas (2000)
- Texas vs. LSU (2003)

TEXAS A&M
Homer Norton
- Texas A&M vs. Fordham (1941)
- Texas A&M vs. Alabama (1942)

R.C. Slocum
- Texas A&M vs. Florida State (1992)
- Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame (1993, 1994)
- Texas A&M vs. UCLA (1998)

Gene Stallings
- Texas A&M vs. Alabama (1968)

TCU
L. R. "Dutch" Meyer
- TCU vs. Marquette (1937)
- TCU vs. Oklahoma A&M (1945)
- TCU vs. Kentucky (1952)

UCLA
Terry Donahue
- UCLA vs. Arkansas (1989)

GREAT MOMENTS IN CLASSIC HISTORY



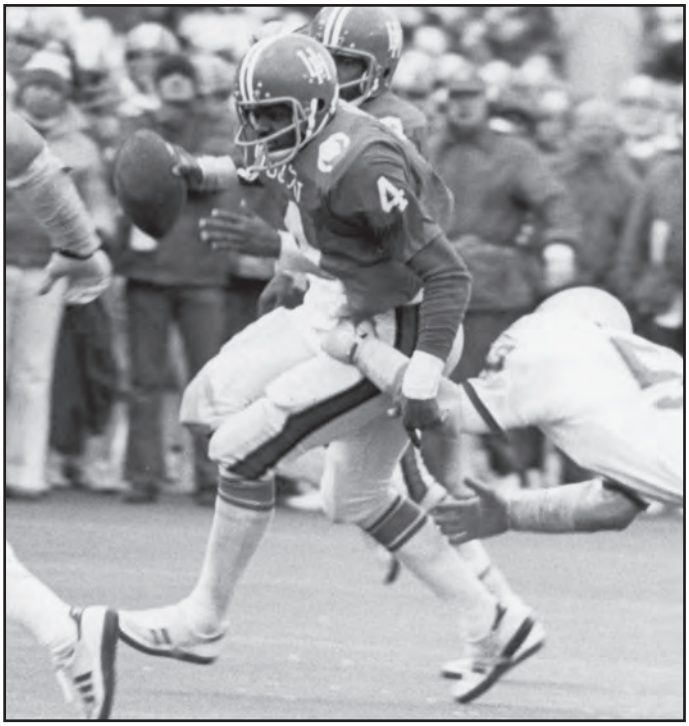
1969-71: Fullback Steve Worster was the cornerstone of the Texas Wishbone. A tremendous short yardage rusher and a devastating blocker, Big Woo helped the Longhorns chew up 30 straight opponents and log three consecutive Cotton Bowl Classic appearances in the Longhorns' most celebrated era. In 1970, Worster ran for 155 yards on Notre Dame in a 21-17 victory that brought the national championship home to Texas.



1957: In what may have been his greatest college game, Jim Brown ran through, over and around TCU defenders in the 1957 Classic. Brown help rally Syracuse from an early 14-0 deficit and then paced a fourth-quarter comeback that fell just short in a 28-27 loss. He scored three TDs, rushed for 132 yards, recorded five tackles and booted two PATs. The measuring stick for all running backs begins and ends with the great Jim Brown.



1966/31st: Jerry LeVias, SMU's great wide receiver, blazed trails in the Southwest Conference during the 1960s. LeVias became the first Black scholarship football player in the SWC and paved the way for others to follow in his footsteps. LeVias was a three-time All-SWC receiver, a three-time Academic All-American, and earned consensus All-America honors as a senior. He guided SMU to the Classic after an 18-year absence dating back to 1949.



1977, 1979: QB Danny Davis was the maestro of the Houston Veer. As a sophomore, he guided the Cougars to a 10-2 season and claimed a share of the SWC title in Houston's first year in the conference. Davis led Houston to a 30-21 victory over Maryland in the 1977 Classic. Two years later he had the Cougars back in Dallas, this time against Notre Dame, in brutal weather conditions only to lose a heartbreaker on the game's final play, 35-34.

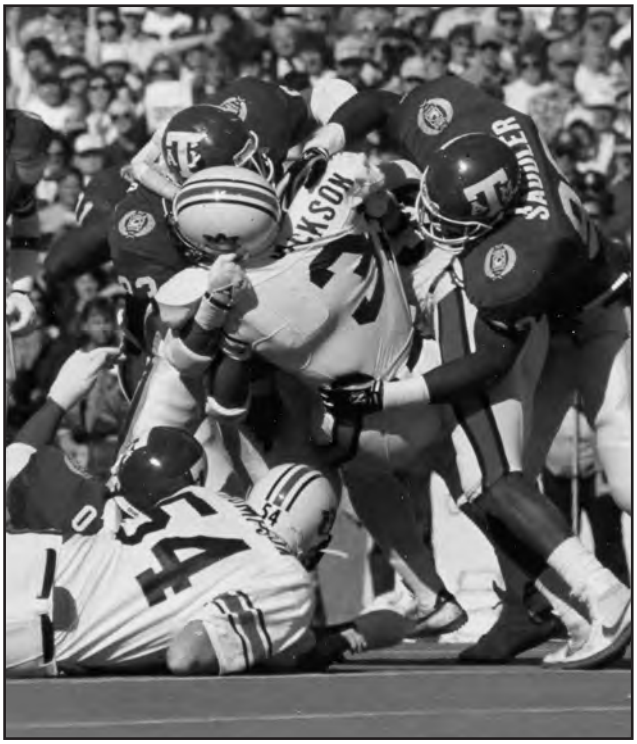
GREAT MOMENTS IN CLASSIC HISTORY



1937: TCU's Slingin' Sammy Baugh (left) and Marquette's Ray "Buzz" Buivid (right) pose with the Sanford Trophy before the Cotton Bowl Classic's inaugural game. The matchup featured two of the nation's premier passers. Buivid finished third in the race for the Heisman Trophy while Baugh was fourth. The two QBs provided the Classic the kind of drawing card it desperately needed to get off the ground. TCU dominated the trenches and Baugh shined offensively to down the Golden Avalanche, 16-6.



1970-71: Tom Gatewood was Notre Dame's go-to receiver. In 1970, he made six catches for 112 yards and hauled in a 54-yard TD pass to push the Irish to a 10-0 lead over Texas. A year later, Gatewood launched an Irish scoring barrage with a 26-yard TD catch in a 24-11 victory that snapped UT's 30-game winning streak.



1986: Led by All-America linebacker Johnny Holland, Texas A&M's Wrecking Crew stopped Auburn running back and Heisman winner Bo Jackson in his tracks twice on fourth-down plays in the fourth quarter. The Aggies quickly turned a tenuous 21-16 lead into a decisive 36-16 victory in the Classic's 50th anniversary game.

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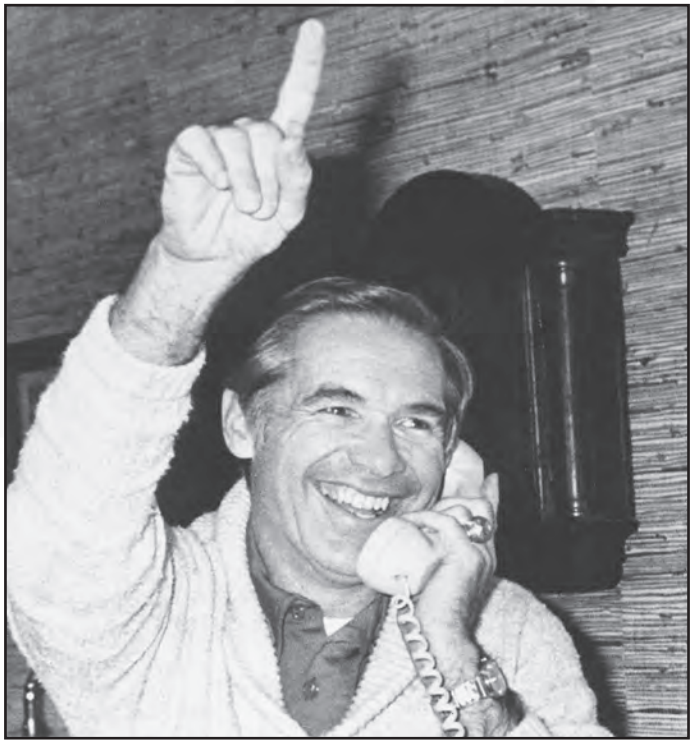
2004: Eli Manning of Ole Miss and Josh Fields of Oklahoma State waged a duel of hot-handed quarterbacks before the Rebels pulled out a 31-28 victory. Manning racked up three touchdowns and ran out the clock on a 10-play, 65-yard drive to ice the game.



2018: Freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence propelled Clemson to a 23-3 lead with three TD passes of 52, 42 and 19 yards in the second quarter. The Tigers never looked back as they cruised to a 30-3 College Football Playoff Semifinal victory over Notre Dame.



1964, 1970: Darrell Royal won more Cotton Bowl Classics than any other coach. He guided Texas to Big D 10 times, winning five Classics and two national titles. The Longhorns dealt Navy a 28-6 defeat in 1964 to claim his first championship. The second came six years later in a dramatic 21-17 come-from-behind victory over Notre Dame in 1970.



1978: Notre Dame's Dan Devine was ecstatic upon receiving the news that the Fighting Irish had vaulted from No. 5 to No. 1 to secure college football's national championship following a 38-10 upset of top-ranked Texas. It marked the seventh time that college football's national title had been won or lost in the Cotton Bowl Classic.

GREAT MOMENTS IN CLASSIC HISTORY



1987: Ohio State coach Earle Bruce surprised everyone by sporting a fancy black suit and matching fedora. It was all the motivation his Buckeyes needed to knock off Texas A&M, 28-12.



1979: Facing a 22-point deficit with just under eight minutes to play, Joe Montana worked his magic to lead Notre Dame to an amazing 35-34 victory over Houston.



1989: UCLA's Terry Donahue, the winningest head coach in Pac-12 Conference history, guided his Bruins to a 17-3 victory over Arkansas while holding the Hogs to a mere 42 yards in total offense.



1965: Frank Broyles led Arkansas to the national title when the Razorbacks rallied in the fourth quarter and drove 80 yards for the winning score to top Nebraska, 10-7.

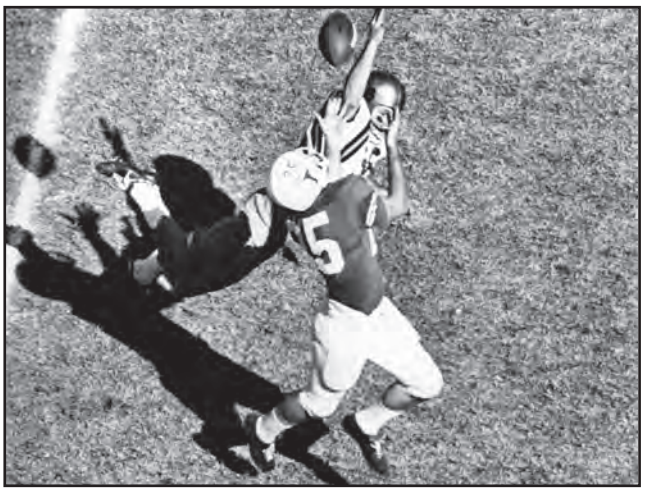


1951: Hank Lauricella, Tennessee's great single-wing tailback, placed his name among the legends of the Cotton Bowl Classic without scoring a touchdown on an electrifying 75-yard gallop to the five-yard line. Following the bruising 20-14 victory over No. 3 Texas, Lauricella celebrated a special moment with his dad and teammates in the Tennessee lockerroom.



2015/79th: DE Marcus Rush stepped up to block a Baylor field goal attempt with 1:05 to play to fuel Michigan State's amazing comeback. Trailing by three touchdowns at the start of the fourth quarter, the Spartans scored 21 unanswered points to win, 42-41. QB Connor Cook turned the blocked kick into a game-winning 10-yard TD pass with just 17 seconds on the clock to complete the stunning come-from-behind victory.

GREAT MOMENTS IN CLASSIC HISTORY



1964: Phil Harris played football like a math major...he knew how to compile big numbers. Harris caught three passes to average 52.3 yards per play and had touchdown receptions of 58 and 63 yards to help No. 1 Texas sink No. 2 Navy, 28-6.



1993: Notre Dame running back Reggie Brooks rushed for 115 yards on 22 attempts as one of the Irish ringleaders in a 28-3 defeat of unbeaten Texas A&M. Teammate Jerome Bettis delivered three touchdown plays...a 26-yard pass reception and scoring runs of one and four yards.



1986: Texas A&M's sophomore QB Kevin Murray reveled in the spotlight of the Classic's 50th anniversary game. Murray passed for a record 292 yards and marched the Aggies 72 yards for the TD that clinched a 36-16 victory over Auburn.



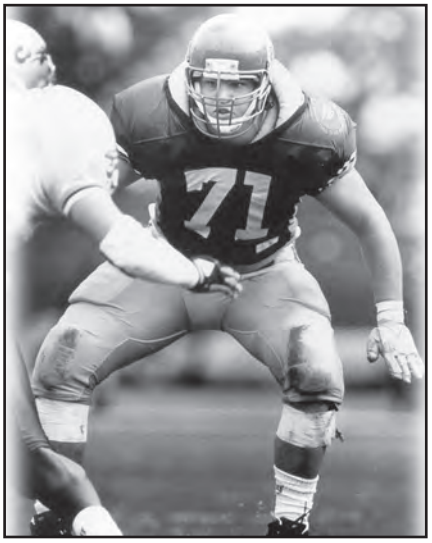
2018: Justyn Ross of Clemson was too slippery for Notre Dame defenders to keep up with in the CFP Semifinal. The freshman receiver reeled in touchdown catches of 52 and 42 yards and had five receptions for 137 yards before halftime to set a Classic record in the Tigers' 30-3 victory.



1973: Texas linebacker Randy Braband slammed the door shut on Alabama. With 1:52 to play on fourth and inches at the UT 43, Braband nailed the Crimson Tide running back for a yard loss - his 19th tackle - to solidify a 17-13 victory.



1985: Boston College linebacker Bill Romanowski became the Cotton Bowl Classic's first true freshman to earn MVP honors. He stalked Houston running backs from sideline to sideline to make 13 tackles, 11 of them unassisted, in a 45-28 victory.



1995: Southern California tackle Tony Boselli provided the muscle for one of the Classic's most dominating performances. Boselli and the Trojans logged 578 yards in total offense and dealt Texas Tech a 55-14 defeat.

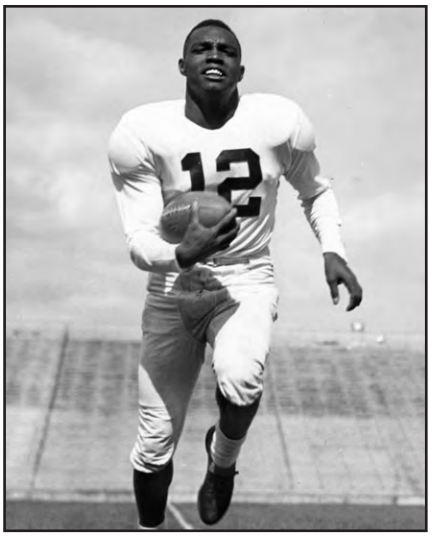
GREAT MOMENTS IN CLASSIC HISTORY



1973: Alabama couldn't find a way to slow down Texas fullback Roosevelt Leaks who was instrumental in the Longhorns second half rally to claim a 17-13 victory.



Lindsey Nelson broadcast his first Classic in 1951 and his last in 1986. In between he called the action for 26 games. He will be forever known as the "Voice of the Cotton Bowl Classic."



1948: Penn State's Wallace Triplett made history by knocking down the color barrier in Texas. His six-yard TD catch in the third quarter forced a 13-13 tie with SMU.



2017/82nd: Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett rushed for two TDs and passed for 114 yards against Southern California. His 28-yard scoring run iced the game for the Buckeyes, 24-7.



1977: Houston's Alois Blackwell ran for 149 yards and two TDs against unbeaten Maryland. Blackwell scored twice as the Cougars downed the Terps, 30-21.



1997: Eluding the grasp of BYU linebacker Shay Muirbrook was next to impossible. Kansas State learned that the hard way. Muirbrook had six sacks for minus-38 yards as the Cougars clinched their 14th victory, 19-15.

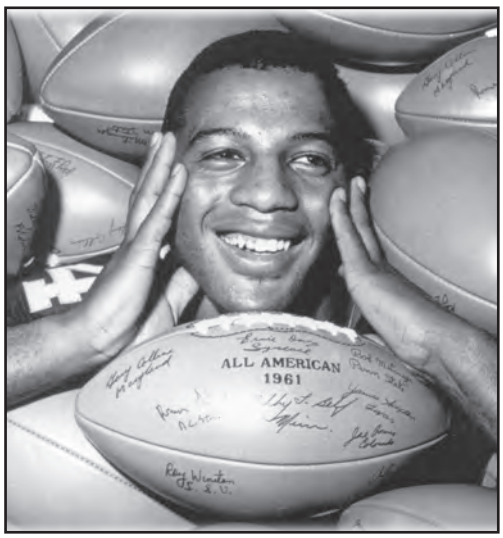


1984: Georgia quarterback John Lastinger led the Bulldogs to a 10-9 victory over undefeated Texas. He cashed in on a fumbled Texas punt return late in the fourth quarter. With 3:30 to play, Lastinger broke free, turned up field and ran 17 yards for the winning TD to dash the Horns' national championship hopes.

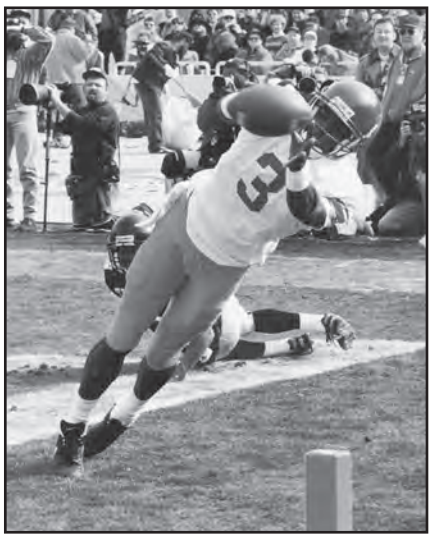
GREAT MOMENTS IN CLASSIC HISTORY



1968: Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant went straight to a "bear hug" to congratulate Texas A&M's Gene Stallings after his former pupil pulled off a 20-16 upset of the Crimson Tide.



1960: Future Heisman Trophy winner Ernie Davis gave America a glimpse of great things to come when the sophomore halfback reeled in an 87-yard touchdown pass and sparked No. 1 Syracuse to a 23-14 victory over Texas.



1995: Keyshawn Johnson was unstoppable in Southern California's 55-14 victory over Texas Tech. He snared three touchdown passes and made eight receptions for 222 yards.



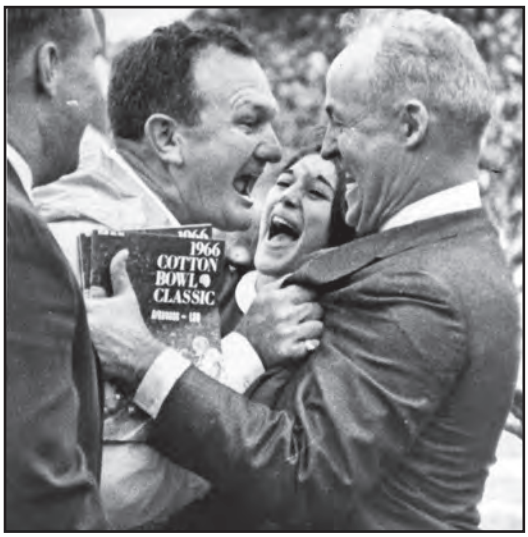
1956: Eagle Day could dissect any defense that stood in his way. In the game's waning minutes, the elusive Ole Miss quarterback scrambled 25 yards to the TCU five-yard line to set up the winning touchdown and record a memorable 14-13 victory.



2023: A six-yard pass from Michael Pratt to freshman tight end Alex Bauman was ruled an incompletion but replays showed it to be a catch and a touchdown. The score came with nine seconds on the clock as Tulane tallied 16 points in the final 4:07 to post an electrifying 46-45 upset of Southern California.

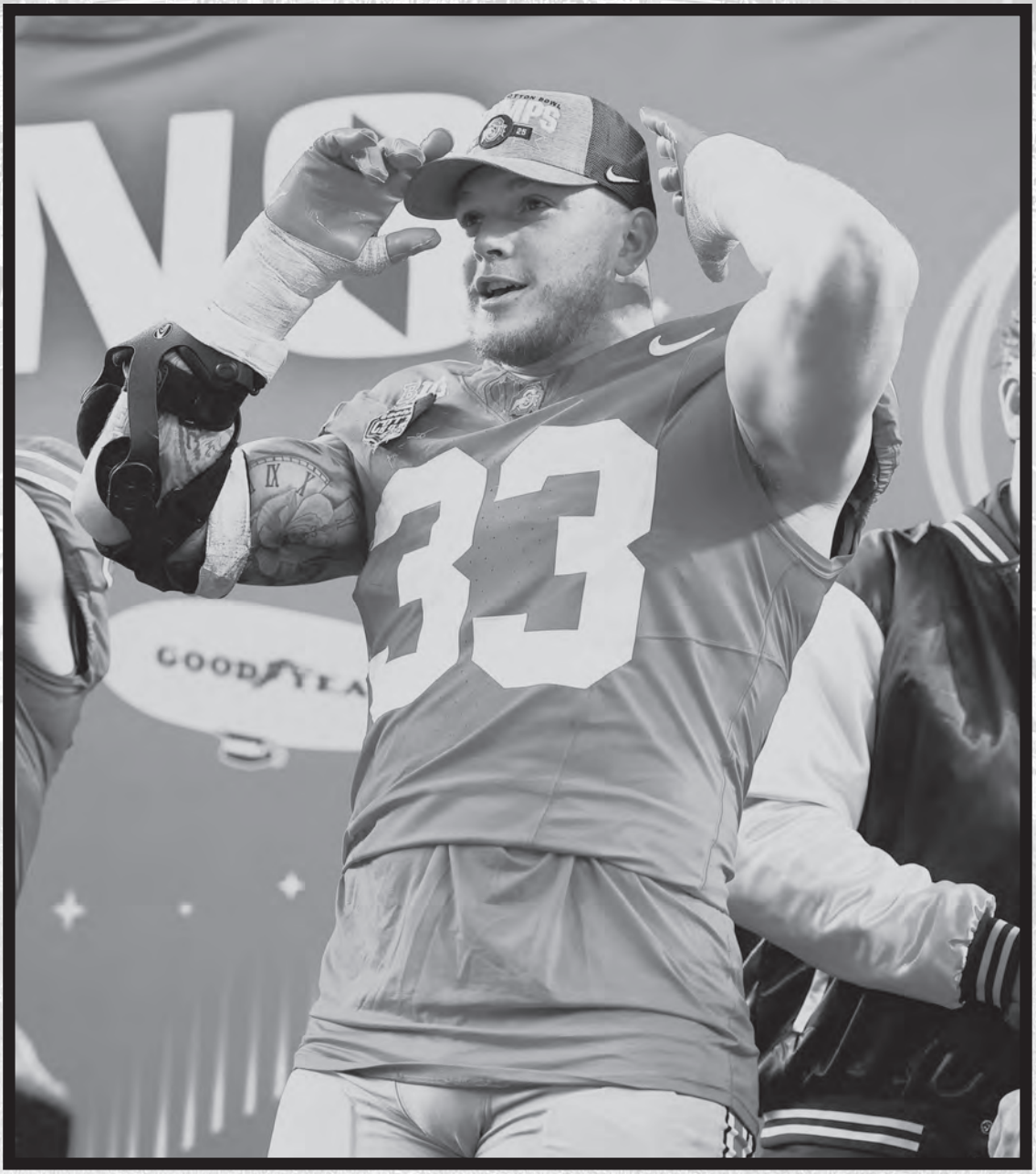


1970: Quarterback James Street led top-ranked Texas on a dramatic march to the Notre Dame 10 with time running out. Facing fourth down, Street and head coach Darrell Royal devised the perfect play, an eight-yard pass to split end Cotton Speyrer at the two-yard line to keep the drive alive. The Longhorns scored two plays later to win the national title, 21-17.



1966/30th: LSU head coach Charles McClendon (center) and athletics director Jim Corbett celebrated the Tigers' 14-7 upset of No. 2 Arkansas, snapping the Razorbacks' 22-game winning streak.

GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL RECORDS



IT HAPPENED AT THE 89TH CLASSIC

He will be known for the play now known by three Ss – Sack, Scoop and Score. Ohio State senior defensive end Jack Sawyer made a play that will live in Classic lore and the play that was the decisive one in his eighth-seeded Buckeyes earning the 28-14 triumph over fifth-seeded Texas in the 2025 College Football Playoff Semifinal in the 89th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. Sawyer exploded off his line, blew past the one Texas offensive lineman in his way to get to disrupt the throwing motion of Longhorns quarterback Quinn Ewers. The ball came out and made a fortuitous bounce right into hands. Sawyer took it from there. And he took it untouched down the Ohio State sideline 83 yards for the touchdown that sealed the victory with just over two minutes remaining in the game. For his Sack, Scoop and Score and a statistics line the included three tackles, one pass break up and two quarterback hurries, Sawyer earned the Felix R. McKnight Trophy as the game's Defensive Most Valuable Player.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS GAME

RUSHING RECORDS

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

34, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (184 yds, 2 TD)
31, Bo Jackson, Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986 (129 yds, 1 TD)
31, Skip Hicks, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (140 yds, 0 TD)
30, Ricky Williams, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (203 yds, 2 TD)
29, Earl Campbell, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1978 (116 yds, 0 TD)
29, Kenneth Darby, Alabama vs. Texas Tech, 2006 (81 yds, 0 TD)
29, Cody Schrader, Missouri vs. Ohio State, 2023/88th (128 yds, 1 TD)
28, Tony Davis, Nebraska vs. Texas, 1974 (106 yds, 1 TD)
28, Ronnie Robinson, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984 (88 yds, 0 TD)
28, Josh Scobey, Kansas State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (147 yds, 2 TD)

MOST NET YARDS

281, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (24 attempts, 4 TD)
265, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (11 attempts, 3 TD)
250, Chuck Webb, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (26 attempts, 2 TD)
229, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (17 attempts, 2 TD)
205, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (17 attempts, 4 TD)
204, Brian Robinson Jr., Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (26 attempts, 0 TD)
203, Ricky Williams, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (30 attempts, 2 TD)
202, Journey Brown, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (16 attempts, 2 TD)
196, Troy Stradford, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (20 attempts, 1 TD)
186, Rhamondre Stevenson, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (18 attempts, 1 TD)

BEST AVERAGE PER CARRY (MINIMUM 10 ATTEMPTS)

24.1, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (11-265 yds, 3 TD)
13.5, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (17-229 yds, 2 TD)
12.6, Journey Brown, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (16-202 yds, 2 TD)
12.1, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (17-205 yds, 4 TD)
11.7, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (24-281 yds, 4 TD)
10.6, Travis Henry, Tennessee vs. K-State, 2001 (17-180 yds, 1 TD)
10.3, Rhamondre Stevenson, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2021 (18-186 yds, 1 TD)
10.2, Spencer Ware, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (10-120 yds, 0 TD)
9.8, Troy Stradford, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (20-196 yds, 1 TD)
9.6, Chuck Webb, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (26-250 yds, 2 TD)

MOST YARDS ON TOUCHDOWN RUNS

208, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (3 TD-79 yds, 95 yds, 34 yds; 11-265 yds)
88, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010, (2 TD-86 yds, 2 yds; 34-184 yds)
88, Journey Brown, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019, (2 TD-32 yds, 56 yds; 16-202 yds)
81, Travis Henry, Tennessee vs. K-State, 2001 (1 TD; 17-180 yards)
79, Chuck Webb, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (2 TD-1 yd, 78 yds; 26-250 yds)
74, Kent Lawrence, Georgia vs. SMU, 1966/31st (1 TD; 16-149 yds)
74, Dante Hall, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998 (1 TD, 7-93 yds)
73, Shane Ray, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (1 TD, Fumble Return)
70, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (4 TD-22 yds, 4 yds,, 4 yds, 40 yds; 24-281 yds)
62, Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (1 TD, 14-109 yds)


1986: Bo Jackson, Auburn


2009, 2010: Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS GAME

PASSING RECORDS

MOST ATTEMPTS

58, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (36-58-2, 364 yds, 4 TD)
57, Clint Chelf, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (33-57-2, 377 yds, 2 TD)
52, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 462 yds, 5 TD)
51, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (36-51-1, 550 yds, 3 TD)
51, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (32-51-2, 454 yds, 0 TD)
48, Landry Jones, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (35-48-1, 278 yds, 1 TD)
45, Marcus Randall, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (19-45-1, 193 yds, 1 TD)
45, Sam Darnold, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (26-45-1, 356 yds, 0 TD)
42, Connor Cook, Michigan State vs Baylor, 2015/79th (24-42-2, 314 yds, 2 TD)
40, James Franklin, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (15-40-1, 174 yds, 0 TD)

MOST COMPLETIONS

37, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 462 yds, 5 TD)
36, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (36-58-2, 364 yds, 4 TD)
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32, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019, (32-51-2, 454 yds, 0 TD)
27, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018, (27-39-0, 327 yds, 3 TD)
26, Sam Darnold, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (26-45-1, 356 yds, 0 TD)
25, Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th, (25-30-0, 286 yds, 2 TD)
24, Nate Hybl, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (24-32-0, 175 yds, 0 TD)
24, Connor Cook, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (24-42-2, 314 yds, 2 TD)
24, Will Howard, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (24-33-1, 288 yds, 1 TD)

MOST NET YARDS

550, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs Michigan State, 2015/79th (36-51-1, 3 TD)
462, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs Tulane, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 5 TD)
454, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (32-51-2, 0 TD)
377, Clint Chelf, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (33-57-2, 2 TD)
364, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (36-58-2, 4 TD)
356, Sam Darnold, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (26-45-1, 0 TD)
327, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (27-39-0, 3 TD)
314, Connor Cook, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (24-42-1, 2 TD)
307, Josh Fields, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2004 (21-33-0, 1 TD)
292, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986 (16-26-1, 1 TD)
292, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (18-29-1, 3 TD)



2015/79th: Bryce Petty, Baylor


2009: Graham Harrell, Texas Tech

MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS

10, Landry Jones, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (35-48-1, 278 yds, 1 TD)
9, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (22-34-1, 287 yds, 2 TD)
9, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 462 yds, 5 TD)
8, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (11-12-0, 158 yds, 2 TD)
8, Tony Graziani, Oregon vs. Colorado, 1996 (19-37-2, 113 yds, 0 TD)
8, Clint Stoerner, Arkansas vs. Texas, 2000 (12-23-2, 194 yds, 1 TD)
8, Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th) (25-30-0, 286 yds, 2 TD)
8, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (32-51-2, 454 yds, 0 TD)
7, Don Altman, Duke vs. Arkansas, 1961 (12-15-0, 83 yds, 1 TD)
7, Troy Aikman, UCLA vs. Arkansas, 1989 (19-27-1, 172 yds, 1 TD)
7, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (36-51-1, 550 yds, 3 TD)
7, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (27-39-0, 327 yds, 3 TD)

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

5, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M vs. Ohio State, 1987 (12-31-5, 143 yds, 0 TD)
4, Joe Montana, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (13-34-4, 163 yds, 1 TD)
4, Casey Weldon, Florida State vs. Texas A&M, 1992 (14-32-4, 92 yds, 0 TD)
4, Zac Robinson, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2010 (13-31-4, 118 yds, 0 TD)
3, Buzz Buivid, Marquette vs. TCU, 1937 (9-18-3, 111 yds, 0 TD)
3, Mike Cotten, Texas vs. Ole Miss, 1962 (6-13-3, 60 yds, 1 TD)
3, Glynn Griffing, Ole Miss vs. Texas, 1962 (12-29-3, 163 yds, 1 TD)
3, Thomas Wade, Texas vs. LSU, 1963 (3-13-3, 13 yds, 0 TD)
3, Kenny Stabler, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1968 (16-26-3, 179 yds, 0 TD)
3, Bobby Scott, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1969 (11-30-3, 159 yds, 2 TD)
3, Randy McEachern, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1978 (11-24-3, 160 yds, 1 TD)
3, Peter Gardere, Texas vs. Miami, 1991 (7-16-3, 40 yds, 0 TD)
3, Casey Clausen, Tennessee vs. K-State, 2001 (7-25-3, 120 yds, 1 TD)
3, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (13-23-3, 168 yds, 0 TD)
3, Ryan Tannehill, Texas A&M vs. LSU, 2011 (22-35-3, 204 yds, 2 TD)
3, Kyle Trask, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (16-28-3, 158 yds, 0 TD)

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 10 ATTEMPTS)

.917, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (11-12-0, 158 yards, 2 TD)
.917, Bart Houston, Wisconsin vs. Western Michigan, 2017/81st (11-12-0, 159 yards, 0 TD)
.833, Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (25-30-0, 286 yards, 2 TD)
.800, Chuck Curtis, TCU vs. Syracuse, 1957 (12-15-0, 174 yards, 2 TD)
.800, Don Altman, Duke vs. Arkansas, 1961 (12-15-0, 83 yards, 1 TD)
.762, Rob Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (16-21-0, 289 yards, 3 TD)
.750, Nate Hybl, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (24-32-0, 175 yards, 0 TD)
.729, Landry Jones, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (35-48-1, 278 yds, 1 TD)
.727, Will Howard, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (24-33-1, 289 yards, 1 TD)
.714, Major Applewhite, Texas vs. Arkansas, 2000 (15-21-0, 121 yards, 0 TD)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS GAME

PASSING RECORDS

MOST YARDS PER ATTEMPT (MINIMUM 10 ATTEMPTS)

15.4, James Street, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (7-13-1, 200 yds, 2 TD)
13.8, Michael Pratt, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (8-17-0, 234 yds, 2 TD)
13.8, Rob Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (16-21-0, 289 yds, 3 TD)
13.3, Bart Houston, Wisc. vs. Western Mich., 2017/81st (11-12-0, 159 yds, 0 TD)
13.2, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (11-12-0, 158 yds, 2 TD)
11.7, Eddie Phillips, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (9-17-0, 199 yds, 0 TD)
11.6, Chuck Curtis, TCU vs. Syracuse, 1957 (12-15-0, 174 yds, 2 TD)
11.4, John Hufnagel, Penn State vs. Texas, 1972 (7-12-1, 137 yds, 1 TD)
11.3, Tom Shuman, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (10-20-0, 226 yds, 1 TD)
11.2, Duke Carlisle, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (7-19-1, 213 yds, 2 TD)
11.2, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986 (16-26-1, 292 yds, 1 TD)

MOST YARDS PER COMPLETION (MINIMUM 10 ATTEMPTS)

30.4, Duke Carlisle, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (7-19-1, 213 yds, 2 TD)
29.3, Michael Pratt, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (8-17-0, 234 yds, 2 TD)
28.6, James Street, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (7-13-1, 200 yds, 2 TD)
22.6, Tom Shuman, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (10-20-0, 226 yds, 1 TD)
22.1, Eddie Phillips, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (9-17-0, 199 yds,0 TD)
21.0, Rick McIvor, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984 (8-26-2, 168 yds, 0 TD)
19.7, Sammy Baugh, TCU vs. Marquette, 1937 (6-14-2, 118 yds, 1 TD)
19.6, Don Jacobs, Alabama vs. Baylor, 1981 (5-12-0, 98 yds, 0 TD)
19.6, John Hufnagel, Penn State vs. Texas, 1972 (7-12-1, 137 yds, 1 TD)
19.6, Joe Theismann, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1971 (9-16-1, 176 yds,1TD)

MOST YARDS ON TOUCHDOWN PASSES

157, James Street, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (2 TD-78 yds, 79 yds; 7-13-1, 200 yds)
141, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (3 TD-49 yds, 74 yds, 18 yds; 36-51-1, 550 yds)
129, Major Applewhite, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (59 yds, 52 yds,18 yds; 15-26-0, 225 yds)
121, Duke Carlisle, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (2 TD-58 yds, 63 yds; 7-19-1, 13 yds)
113, Brian Kavanagh, K-State vs. BYU, 1997 (2 TD-41 yds, 72 yds; 14-28-2, 233 yds)
113, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (3 TD-52 yds, 42 yds; 19 yds; 27-39-0, 327 yds)
93, Michael Pratt, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (2 TD-87 yds, 6 yds; 8-17-0, 234 yards)
88, Craig Erickson, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (4 TD-12 yds, 24 yds, 48 yds, 4 yds; 17-26-0, 272 yards)
88, Brad Otton, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (2 TD-86 yds, 2 yds; 8-14-0, 146 yds)
87, Ger Schwedes, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (1 TD-87 yds; 2-2-0, 97 yds)

RECEIVING RECORDS

MOST RECEPTIONS

12, Deontay Burnette, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (139 yds, 0 TD)
11, Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2004 (223 yds, 1 TD)
10, Bobby Crockett, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1966/30th (129 yds, 1 TD)
10, Eric Morris, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (89 yds, 1 TD)
9, Ed Orr, Navy vs. Texas, 1964 (112 yds, 0 TD)
9, Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (32 yds, 0 TD)
9, Jalen Saunders, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (63 yds, 0 TD)
9, Antwan Goodley, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (93 yds, 0 TD)
8, Hub Bechtol, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (138 yds, 0 TD)
8, Tee Moorman, Duke vs. Arkansas, 1961 (45 yds, 1 TD)
8, Wesley Carroll, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (135 yds, 2 TD)
8, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (222 yds, 3 TD)
8, Chris Collins, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2004 (75 yds, 0 TD)
8, Ryan Swope, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (104 yds, 1 TD)
8, Josh Stewart, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (80 yds, 1 TD)
8, KD Cannon, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (197 yds, 2 TD)
8, Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (138 yds, 2 TD)
8, Damonte Coxie, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (132 yds, 0 TD)

MOST YARDS RECEIVING

223, Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2004 (11 receptions, 1 TD)
222, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (8 receptions, 3 TD)
197, KD Cannon, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (8 receptions, 2 TD)
174, Brenden Rice, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (6 receptions, 2 TD)
161, Cotton Speyrer, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (5 receptions, 2 TD)
157, Phil Harris, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (3 receptions, 2 TD)
150, Corey Coleman, Baylor vs. Michigan State (7 receptions, 1 TD)
148, Justyn Ross, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (6 receptions, 2 TD)
145, Quincy Morgan, K-State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (7 receptions, 2 TD)
142, Roy Williams, Texas vs. LSU, 2003 (4 receptions, 1 TD)

HIGHEST AVERAGE PER CATCH (MINIMUM 3 RECEPTIONS)

52.3, Phil Harris, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (3-157 yds, 2 TD)
35.5, Roy Williams, Texas vs. LSU, 2003 (4-142 yds, 1 TD)
34.0, Jimmy Cefalo, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (3-102 yds, 1 TD)
33.0, Wane McGarity, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (4-132 yds, 2 TD)
32.2, Cotton Speyrer, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (5-161 yds, 2 TD)
31.3, C.J. Fayton, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (3-94 yds, 1 TD)
29.3, Jarius Wright, Arkansas vs. K-State, 2012 (3-88 yds, 1 TD)
29.0, Brenden Rice, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (6-174 yds, 2 TD)
28.3, Jim Bertelsen, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (3-85 yds, 0 TD)
28.2, Keith Brown, Alabama vs. Texas Tech, 2006 (5-141 yds, 1 TD)

MOST YARDS ON TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

157, Cotton Speyrer, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (2 TD-78 yds, 79 yds)
123, KD Cannon, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (2 TD-74 yds, 49 yds)
121, Phil Harris, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (2 TD-58 yds, 63 yds)
120, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (3 TD-12 yds, 22 yds, 86 yds)
111, Wane McGarity, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (2 TD-59 yds, 52 yds)
94, Justyn Ross, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (2 TD-52 yds, 42 yds)
87, Ernie Davis, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (1 TD)
87, Jha'Quan Jackson, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (1 TD-87 yds)
85, Terrence Toliver, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (3 TD-42 yds, 2 yds, 41 yds)
84, Anthony Morgan, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (1 TD)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS GAME

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS

67, Clint Chelf, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (10 Rush, 57 Pass)
64, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (6 Rush, 58 Pass)
62, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (11 Rush, 51 Pass)
58, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (7 Rush, 51 Pass)
56, Marcus Randall, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (11 Rush, 45 Pass)
56, James Franklin, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (16 Rush, 40 Pass)
56, Sam Darnold, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (11 Rush, 45 Pass)
54, Collin Klein, K-State vs. Arkansas, 2012 (24 Rush, 30 Pass)
51, Gerald Landry, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (22 Rush 29 Pass)
51, Steve Sarkisian, BYU vs. Kansas State, 1997 (15 Rush, 36 Pass)
51, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (17 Rush, 34 Pass)
51, Ian Book, Notre Dame vs. Clemson, 2018 (17 Rush, 34 Pass)

MOST TOTAL YARDS

516, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (229 Rush, 287 Pass)
514, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015 (-36 Rush, 550 Pass)
472, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (10 Rush, 462 Pass)
431, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (-23 Rush, 454 Pass)
429, Clint Chelf, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (52 Rush, 377 Pass)
407, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (43 Rush, 364 Pass)
363, Eddie Phillips, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (164 Rush, 199 Pass)
338, Sam Darnold, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (-18 Rush, 356 Pass)
333, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (6 Rush, 327 Pass)
317, Michael Pratt, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (83 Rush, 234 Pass)

HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PLAY (MINIMUM 10 ATTEMPTS)

24.1, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (11-265 yds, 3 TD)
12.2, Ger Schwedes, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (10-122 yds, 2 TD)
11.7, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (24-281 yds, 4 TD)
11.6, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (25-290 yds, 3 TD)
11.5, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (41-472 yds, 5 TD)
11.3, Rob Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (24-271 yds, 3 TD)
10.3, Chuck Curtis, TCU vs. Syracuse, 1957 (18-185 yds, 3 TD)
10.1, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (51-516 yds, 4 TD)
9.9, Michael Pratt, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (32-317 yds, 2 TD)
9.8, Troy Stradford, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (20-196 yds, 2 TD)



1974: Tony Davis, Nebraska

TANDEM OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS

39, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (30-184 Rush, 5-45 Receive, 2 TD)
35, Ricky Williams, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (30-203 Rush, 5-4 Receive, 2 TD)
34, Skip Hicks, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (31-140 Rush, 3-53 Recieve, 1 TD)
33, Bo Jackson, Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986 (31-129 Rush, 2-73 Receive, 2 TD)
32, Kenneth Darby, Alabama vs. Texas Tech, 2006 (29-81 Rush, 3-10 Receive, 0 TD)
31, Marlon Lucky, Nebraska vs. Auburn, 2007 (25-88 Rush, 6-67 Receive, 0 TD)
30, Tony Davis, Nebraska vs. Texas, 1974 (28-106 Rush, 2-8 Receive, 1 TD)
30, Ronnie Robinson, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984 (28-88 Rush, 2-17 Receive, 0 TD)
30, Sean Jackson, Florida State vs. Texas A&M, 1992 (27-119 Rush, 3-20 Receive, 0 TD)
29, Tom Donchez, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (25-116 Rush, 4-50 Receive, 1 TD)
29, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (27-162 Rush, 2-7 Receive, 3 TD)

MOST TANDEM YARDS

248, Ricky Williams, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (30-203 Rush, 5-45 Receive, 2 TD)
229, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (34-184 Rush, 5-45 Receive, 2 TD)
219, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (17-205 Rush, 1-14 Receive, 4 TD)
212, Troy Stradford, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (20-196 Rush, 4-16 Receive, 2 TD)
209, Journey Brown, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (16-202 Rush, 2-7 Receive, 2 TD)
202, Bo Jackson, Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986 (31-129 Rush, 2-73 Receive, 2 TD)
193, Skip Hicks, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (31-140 Rush, 3-53 Receive, 1 TD)
191, Travis Henry, Tennessee vs. K-State, 2001 (17-180 Rush, 1-11 Receive, 1 TD)
181, Roy Williams, Texas vs. LSU, 2003 (1-39 Rush, 4-142 Receive, 2 TD)
180, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (14-97 Rush, 6-83 Receive, 1 TD)

HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PLAY (MINIMUM 10 ATTEMPTS)

12.3, Cecil Hankins, Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU, 1945 (13-160 yds, 0 TD)
12.2, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (18-219 yds, 4 TD)
11.6, Journey Brown, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (18-209 yds, 2 TD)
11.2, Jimmy Cefalo, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (14-157 yds, 2 TD)
10.7, Gib Dawson, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1951 (10-107 yds, 1 TD)
10.6, Travis Henry, Tennessee vs. K-State, 2001 (18-191 yds, 1 TD)
10.4, Ollie Cordill, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938 (10-104 yds, 1 TD)
10.0, Steve Worster, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (11-110 yds, 1 TD)
9.9, Spencer Ware, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (12-119 yds, 0 TD)
9.2, Harry Wilson, Nebraska vs. Arkansas, 1965 (13-120 yds, 1 TD)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS GAME

SCORING RECORDS

MOST POINTS
28, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (4 TD, 4 PAT)
24, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (4 TD)
24, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (4 TD)
21, Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (3 TD, 3 PAT)
18, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (3 TD)
18, Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978 (3 TD)
18, Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1993 (3 TD)
18, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (3 TD)
18, Henry Josey, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (3 TD)
18, Terrance Toliver, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (3 TD)
18, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (3 TD)

MOST POINTS RUSHING
24, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (4 TD)
24, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (4 TD)
18, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (3 TD)
18, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (3 TD)
18, Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (3 TD)
18, Henry Josey, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (3 TD)
18, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th, (3 TD)

MOST POINTS RECEIVING
18, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (3 TD)
18, Terrance Toliver, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (3 TD)
12, L.D. Meyer, TCU vs. Marquette, 1937 (2 TD)
12, Joe Baumgardner, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (2 TD)
12, Emery Clark, Kentucky vs. TCU, 1952 (2 TD)
12, Phil Harris, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (2 TD)
12, Cotton Speyrer, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (2 TD)
12, Ricky Thompson, Baylor vs. Penn State, 1975 (2 TD)
12, Wesley Carroll, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (2 TD)
12, Wane McGarity, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (2 TD)
12, Quincy Morgan, K-State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (2 TD)
12, Gerald Harris, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (2 TD)
12, Edward Britton, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (2 TD)
12, KD Cannon, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (2 TD)
12, Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (2 TD)
12, Justyn Ross, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (2 TD)
12, Brenden Rice, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (2 TD)
12, Jaydon Blue, Texas vs. Ohio State, 2025/89th (2 TD)

MOST POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR
40, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (3 Rush, 2 Pass, 1 Rec, 4 PAT)
30, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (5 Pass)
24, Ernie Lain, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938 (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
24, Craig Erickson, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (4 Pass)
24, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (4 Rush)
24, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (4 Pass)
24, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (2 Rush, 2 Pass)
24, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
24, Spencer Rattler, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
22, Joe Montana, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (2 Rush, 1 Pass, 2 Two-Point Conversions)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR
6, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (3 Rush, 2 Pass, 1 Reception)
5, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (5 Pass)
4, Ernie Lain, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938 (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
4, Craig Erickson, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (4 Pass)
4, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (4 Rush)
4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (4 Pass)
4, Jordan Jefferson, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
4, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (2 Rush, 2 Pass)
4, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
4, Spencer Rattler, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
4, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (4 Rush)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS
4, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (3 Rush, 1 Reception)
4, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (4 Rush)
4, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (4 Rush)
3, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (3 Rush)
3, Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (3 Rush)
3, Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978 (2 Rush, 1 Reception)
3, Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1993 (2 Rush, 1 Reception)
3, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (3 Receptions)
3, Terrance Toliver, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (3 Receptions)
3, Henry Josey, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (3 Rush)
3, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (3 Rush)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING
4, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (22 yds, 4 yds, 4 yds, 40 yds)
4, Tyjae Spears, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (3 yds, 7 yds, 3 yds, 4 yds)
3, Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (1 yd, 10 yds, 2 yds)
3, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (79 yds, 95 yds, 34 yds; 11-265 yds)
3, Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (2 yds, 4 yds, 1 yd; 26-132 yds)
3, Henry Josey, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (3 yds, 25 yds, 16 yds)
3, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (2 yds, 2 yds, 1 yd)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING
3, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (12yds, 22yds, 86yds)
3, Terrance Toliver, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (42 yds, 2 yds, 41 yds)
2, 17 players tied with 2 TDs (most recent - Jaydon Blue, Texas vs. Ohio State, 2025/89th (18 yds, 26 yds)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING
5, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (9 yds, 3 yds, 4 yds, 19 yds, 4 yds; 37-52-1, 462 yds)
4, Craig Erickson, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (12 yds, 24 yds, 48 yds, 4 yds; 17-26-0, 272 yds)
4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (35 yds, 2 yds, 12 yds, 17 yds; 36-58-2, 364 yds)
3, Ernie Lain, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938 (13 yds, 37 yds, 11 yds; 8-12-1, 123 yds)
3, Doug Flutie, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (63 yds, 8 yds, 13 yds; 13-37-2, 180 yds)
3, Rob Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (19 yds, 12 yds, 22 yds; 16-21-0, 289 yds)
3, Major Applewhite, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (59 yds, 52 yds, 18 yds; 15-26-0, 225 yds)
3, Rick Clausen, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (57 yds, 12 yds, 13 yds; 18-27-0, 222 yds)
3, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (8 yds, 41 yds, 21 yds; 18-29-1, 292 yds)
3, Jordan Jefferson, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (42 yds, 2 yds, 41 yds, 10-19-1, 158 yds)
3, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (49 yds, 74 yds, 18yds; 36-51-1, 550 yds)
3, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (52 yds, 42 yds, 19 yds; 27-39-0, 327 yds)
3, Spencer Rattler, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (27 yds, 36 yds, 20 yds; 14-23-0, 247 yds)
3, Bryce Young, Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (8 yds, 44 yds, 9 yds; 17-28-1, 181 yds)

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SCORING RECORDS

MOST POINTS BY KICKER

21, Riley Patterson, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (6 FG, 3 PAT)
13, Cole Ford, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (2 FG, 7 PAT)
12, Alberto Vitiello, Penn State vs. Texas, 1972 (3 FG, 3 PAT)
12, Gabe Brkic, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (2 FG, 6 PAT)
11, Peter Kim, Alabama vs. Baylor, 1981 (3 FG, 2 PAT)
11, Josh Jasper, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (2 FG, 5 PAT)
11, Zack Hocker, Arkansas vs. K-State, 2012 (3 FG, 2 PAT)
11, Andrew Basset, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (2 FG, 5 PAT)
11, Chris Callahan, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (2 FG, 5 PAT)
10, Kenny Hatfield, Houston vs. Notre Dame, 1979 (2 FG, 4 PAT)
10, Carlos Huerta, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (2 FG, 4 PAT)

MOST FIELD GOALS

6, Riley Patterson, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (48 yds, 37 yds, 44 yds, 51 yds, 41 yds, 42 yds)
3, Alberto Vitiello, Penn State vs. Texas, 1972 (21 yds, 37 yds, 22 yds)
3, Peter Kim, Alabama vs. Baylor, 1981 (29 yds, 28 yds, 42 yds)
3, Jeff Ward, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984 (22 yds, 40 yds, 27 yds)
3, Zack Hocker, Arkansas vs. K-State, 2012 (26 yds, 22 yds, 30 yds)

MOST PATS

7, Cole Ford, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (7 attempts)
6, Kevin Snow, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (6 attempts)
6, Joshua Shene, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (6 Attempts)
6, Michael Geiger, Michigan State vs, Baylor, 2015/79th (6 attempts)
6, Gabe Brkic, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (6 attempts)
6, Denis Lynch, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023 (6 attempts)
5, 13 others (most recent - Valentino Ambrosio, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023, 5 attempts)

MOST TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS

2, Ernie Davis, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (2 pass receptions from Dave Sarette)
1, Richard Shulte, Texas vs. Syracuse, 1960 (pass reception from Bobby Lackey)
1, Cotton Speyrer, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (pass reception from James Street)
1, Bill Bradley, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (rush)
1, Danny Lester, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (pass reception from Eddie Phillips)
1, Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (pass reception from Joe Montana)
1, Kris Haines, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (pass reception from Joe Montana)
1, Rod Bernstine, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986 (rush)
1, Wally Hartley, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1988 (rush)
1, Barry Foster, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (rush)
1, Mike Lawrence, Kansas State vs. BYU, 1997 (rush)
1, Cade McNown, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (rush)
1, James Johnson, Mississippi State vs. Texas, 1999 (rush)
1, Nigel Malone, Kansas State vs. Arkansas, 2012 (return of blocked PAT)
1, Pat Freiermuth, Penn St. vs. Memphis, 2019 (pass recep. from Sean Clifford)

PUNT RECORDS

MOST PUNTS

11, Jerry Dowd, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (523 yds, 47.5 avg)
11, Banks McFadden, Clemson vs. Boston College, 1940 (469 yds, 42.6 avg)
10, Steve O'Neal, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1968 (410 yds, 41.0 avg)
10, Tim Smith, Nebraska vs. Houston, 1980 (406 yds, 40.6 avg)
10, Lonnie Stokes, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (330 yds, 33.0 avg)
10, Brad Cade, Texas Tech vs. Southern California, 1995 (380 yds, 38.0 avg)
9, Jerry Stovall, LSU vs. Texas, 1963 (376 yds, 41.8 avg)
9, Chip Andrews, Georgia vs. Texas, 1984 (371 yds, 41.2 avg)
9, David Davis, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (357 yds, 39.7 avg)
9, Shane Lechler, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998 (408 yds, 45.3 avg)
9, Jeff Ferguson, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (314 yds, 34.9 avg)
9, Jake Hartbarger, Michigan State vs. Alabama, 2015/80th (411 yds, 45.7 avg)

HIGHEST AVERAGE

63.5, Kyle Rote, SMU vs. Oregon, 1949 (2-127 yds)
52.4, Mike Sochko, Maryland vs. Houston, 1977 (5-262 yds)
50.3, Quinn Sharp, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2010 (8-402 yds)
49.5, Jacob Finn, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (2-99 yds)
49.4, Tress Way, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (5-247 yds)
49.2, Allen Meacham, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (6-295 yds)
49.0, Jeremy Crenshaw, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (2-98 yds)
48.8, Donnie Jones, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (4-195 yds)
47.5, Jerry Dowd, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (11-523 yds)
47.0, Tyler Campbell, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (5-235 yds)

PUNT RETURNS

MOST PUNT RETURNS

7, Curtis Fagan, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (20 yds)
5, Leo Daniels, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (104 yds)
5, Jitter Fields, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984 (15 yds)
5, Eric Scott, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (71 yds)
5, Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (80 yds)
4, Rex Proctor, Rice vs. North Carolina, 1950 (36 yds)
4, Emery Clark, Kentucky vs. TCU, 1952 (40 yds)
4, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (23 yds)
4, Jim Swink, TCU vs. Ole Miss, 1956 (55 yds)
4, Bo Busby, Arkansas vs. Georgia, 1976 (1 yd)
4, Dave Waymer, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (15 yds)
4, Gerald McNeil, Baylor vs. Alabama, 1981 (27 yds)
4, Terrell Buckley, Florida State vs. Texas A&M, 1992 (16 yds)
4, James Dye, BYU vs. Kansas State, 1997 (39 yds)
4, Hubert Loudermilk, Arkansas vs. Texas, 2000 (23 yds)
4, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (79 yds)
4, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (106 yds)

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDAGE

106, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (4 returns)
104, Leo Daniels, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (5 returns)
80, Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (5 returns)
79, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (4 returns)
74, Jimmy Nelson, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (1 return)
71, Eric Scott, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (5 returns)
62, Joe Adams, Arkansas vs. K-State, 2012 (3 returns)
60, Art Guepe, Marquette vs. TCU, 1937 (1 return)
60, Jackie Field, Texas vs. Georgia Tech, 1943 (1 return)
58, Dave Liegl, Nebraska vs. Houston, 1980 (3 returns)

HIGHEST AVERAGE (MINIMUM 2 RETURNS)

26.5, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (4-106 yds)
20.8, Leo Daniels, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (5-104 yds)
20.7, Joe Adams, Arkansas vs. K-State, 2012 (3-62 yds)
19.8, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (4-79 yds)
19.3, Dave Liegl, Nebraska vs. Houston, 1980 (3-58 yds)
19.0, Gary Moss, Georgia vs. Texas, 1984 (3-57 yds)
17.5, Michael Miller, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1994 (2-35 yds)
17.0, Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (5-80 yds)
15.3, Marcus Murphy, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (3-46 yds)
14.2, Eric Scott, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (5-71 yds)

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KICKOFF RETURNS

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS

7, Coryell Judie, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (197 yds)
6, Tim Brown, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1988 (129 yds)
6, Lawrence Keys III, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (146 yds)
5, Leonard Scott, Tennessee vs. K-State, 2001 (125 yds)
5, Velus Jones, Southern Califronia vs. Ohio State, 2017 (78 yds)
4, Raymond Clayborn, Texas vs. Nebraska, 1974 (72 yds)
4, Ken Roy, Maryland vs. Houston, 1977 (84 yds)
4, Gerald McNeil, Baylor vs. Alabama, 1981 (73 yds)
4, Earl Allen, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (148 yds)
4, Rod Harris, Texas A&M vs. Ohio State, 1987 (60 yds)
4, Jermaine Lewis, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (88 yds)
4, Domanick Davis, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (90 yds)
4, Felix Jones, Arkansas vs. Missouri, 2008 (88 yds)
4, Mike Wallace, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (91 yds)
4, Detron Lewis, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (103 yds)
4, Marcus Murphy, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (90 yds)
4, Raleek Brown, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023 (67 yds)

MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE

197, Coryell Judie, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (197 yds)
148, Earl Allen, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (4 returns)
146, Lawrence Keys III, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (6 returns)
129, Tim Brown, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1988 (6 returns)
125, Leonard Scott, Tennessee vs. K-State, 2001 (5 returns)
103, Detron Lewis, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (4 returns)
96, Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (3 returns)
91, Mike Wallace, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (4 returns)
90, Marcus Murphy, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (4 returns)
90, Domanick Davis, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (4 returns)

HIGHEST AVERAGE (MINIMUM 2 RETURNS)

41.0, Kevin Williams, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (2-85 yds)
37.0, Earl Allen, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (4-148 yds)
32.0, Harry Jones, Kentucky vs. TCU, 1952 (2-64 yds)
32.0, Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (3-96 yds)
32.0, Billy Mitchell, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1994 (2-64 yds)
29.7, Randy Harrison, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (3-89 yds)
29.7, R. J. Shelton, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (3-89 yds)
28.5, Jim Swink, TCU vs. Syracuse, 1957 (2-57 yds)

DEFENSIVE RECORDS

TOTAL TACKLES

23, Keith Flowers, TCU vs. Kentucky, 1952 (9T, 14A)
22, Francis Holohan, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (2T, 20A)
20, LaSalle Harper, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (8T, 12A)
20, Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998 (15T, 5A)
19, Gene Moeller, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (2T, 17A)
19, Wayne Harris, Arkansas vs. Duke, 1961 (3T, 16A)
19, Randy Braband, Texas vs. Alabama, 1973 (10T, 9A)
18, Billy Bob Stewart, SMU vs. Georgia, 1966/31st (3T, 15A)
18, Stan Mauldin, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (9T, 9A)
18, Alohi Gilman, Notre Dame vs. Clemson, 2018 (8T,10A)
17, Andy Myers, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (1T, 16A)
17, Loyd Phillips, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1966/30th
17, Wade Johnston, Texas vs. Nebraska, 1974 (6T, 11A)
17, Bob Golic, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978 (3T, 14A)
17, Jessie Cox, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1993 (11T, 6A)
17, Dorian Williams, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (9T, 8A)

SOLO TACKLES

15, Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998
11, Brad Carr, Maryland vs. Houston, 1977
11, Bill Romanowski, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985
11, Michael Kee, Ohio State vs. Texas A&M, 1987
11, Jessie Cox, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1993
11, Shay Muirbrook, BYU vs. Kansas State, 1997
11, Travis Johnson, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2004
11, Donald Booker, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2010
10, Pat Culpepper, Texas vs. LSU, 1963
10, Chuck Strickland, Alabama vs. Texas, 1973
10, Randy Braband, Texas vs. Alabama, 1973
10, Jeff Leiding, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984
10, Johnny Holland, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986
10, Quentin Coryatt, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992
10, Lance Teichelman, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1993
10, Sam Adams, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1994
10, Robert Johnson, Texas Tech vs. Southern California, 1995
10, Reed Boyd, Texas vs. LSU, 2003

ASSISTED TACKLES

20, Francis Holohan, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953
17, Gene Moeller, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953
16, Andy Myers, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953
16, Wayne Harris, Arkansas vs. Duke, 1961
15, Billy Bob Stewart, SMU vs. Georgia, 1966/31st
14, Keith Flowers, TCU vs. Kentucky, 1952
14, Bob Golic, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978
13, Doug Atkins, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953
13, Buddy Alliston, Ole Miss vs. TCU, 1956
13, Gene Dubuisson, Ole Miss vs. TCU, 1956

FUMBLES RECOVERED

2, Mac Taylor, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954
2, John Ruth, Navy vs. Rice, 1958
2, Dave Phillips, Air Force vs. TCU, 1959
2, Hal McAfee, Arkansas vs. Georgia, 1976
2, Patrick Bates, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1993
2, Lee Jackson, Texas vs. LSU, 2003

QUARTERBACK SACKS

6, Shay Muirbrook, BYU vs. Kansas State, 1997 (-32 yards)
3, Russell Maryland, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (-28 yards)
3, Antonio Shorter, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1994 (-22 yards)
3, Travis Ochs, K-State vs. BYU, 1997 (-13 yards)
3, Damon Smith, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (-19 yards)
3, Jack Sawyer, Ohio State vs. Missouri, 2023/88th (-20 yards)

TEAM QUARTERBACK SACKS

9, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (-64 yds)
9, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (-55 yds)
8, BYU vs. Kansas State, 1997 (-43 yds)
8, Arkansas vs. Texas, 2000 (-64 yds)
8, Ohio State vs. Southern California, 2017/82nd (-47 yds)
7, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (-44 yds)
7, Arkansas vs. K-State, 2012 (-28 yds)
6, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998 (-43 yds)
6, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (-26 yds)
6, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (-44 yds)
6, Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (-38 yds)
6, Ohio State vs. Missouri, 2023/88th (-36 yds)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS GAME / CAREER

DEFENSIVE RECORDS

MOST INTERCEPTIONS MADE

3, Jerry Cook, Texas vs. Ole Miss, 1962 (16 yards)
2, Sam Flowers, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938
2, Jimmy Nelson, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942
2, Bart Starr, Alabama vs. Rice, 1954 (21 yards)
2, Ken Hatfield, Arkansas vs. Nebraska, 1965 (14 yards)
2, Curley Hallman, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1968 (26 yards)
2, Tom Campbell, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (2 yards)
2, Steve Wade, Alabama vs. Texas, 1973 (42 yards)
2, Terry Melancon, Texas vs. Alabama, 1973 (23 yards)
2, Jeremiah Castille, Alabama vs. Baylor, 1981 (27 yards)
2, Domingo Bryant, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986 (36 yards)
2, Chris Spielman, Ohio State vs. Texas A&M, 1987 (34 yards)
2, Patrick Bates, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (16 yards)
2, Cris Crooms, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (31 yards)
2, John Herpin, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (49 yards)
2, Andre Sexton, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2010 (12 yds)
2, Kendrick Lewis, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (6 yds)

MOST INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE

95, Marcus Washington, Colorado vs. Oregon, 1996 (1 int, TD)
83, Brandon Jennings (64 yds) and Dat Nguyen (19 yds), Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998 (1 int, TD)
78, Jabari Greer, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (1 int, TD)
65, Marshaw Green, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (1 int)
61, Jerico Nelson, Arkansas vs. K-State, 2012 (1 int)
52, Karibi Dede, Auburn vs. Nebraska, 2007 (1 int)
49, Michael Kee, Ohio State vs. Texas A&M, 1987 (1 int, TD)
49, John Herpin, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (2 int, 1 TD)
47, Whizzer White, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (1 int, TD)
47, Rock Cartwright, Kansas State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (1 int)

PASSES BROKEN UP

4, Dickey Thompson, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1968
4, Tom Campbell, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969
4, Johnnie Johnson, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1978
4, Mario Smith, Kansas State vs. BYU, 1997
4, Kendall Sheffield, Ohio State vs. Southern California, 2017/82nd

CAREER TACKLES

TOTAL TACKLES

39, Glen Gaspard, Texas, 1972-74
35, David Hodge, Houston, 1977, 1979-80
33, Randy Braband, Texas, 1972-73
29, Stan Mauldin, Texas, 1970-72
27, Johnny Holland, Texas A&M, 1986-87
27, Jason Atkinson, Texas A&M, 1992-94
26, Loyd Phillips, Arkansas, 1965-66
26, Larry Kelm, Texas A&M, 1986-87
25, Scott Appleton, Texas, 1962-64
25, Scott Henderson, Texas, 1969-71
24, Sam Adams, Texas A&M, 1992-94

QUARTERBACK SACKS

6, Shay Muirbrook, BYU, 1997
4, Scott Appleton, Texas, 1962-1964
3, John Roper, Texas A&M, 1986-88
3, Russell Maryland, Miami, 1991
3, Antonio Shorter, Texas A&M, 1992-94
3, Travis Ochs, Kansas State, 1997
3, Damon Smith, UCLA, 1998
3, Jack Sawyer, Ohio State, 2023/88th

RUSHING RECORDS - CAREER

MOST ATTEMPTS

48, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (281 yds, 3 TD)
46, Steve Worster, Texas, 1969-70-71 (282 yards, 1 TD)
40, Danny Davis, Houston, 1977 & 1979 (127 yards, 2 TD)
39, Roger Vick , Texas A&M, 1986-87 (180 yards, 1 TD)
38, Jerome Heavens, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (172 yards, 0 TD)
35, Eddie Phillips, Texas, 1971-72 (154 yards, 0 TD)
32, Doak Walker, SMU, 1948-49 (122 yards, 2 TD)
31, Jim Swink, TCU, 1956-57 (148 yards, 3 TD)
31, Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (119 yards, 2 TD)
31, Bo Jackson, Auburn, 1986 (129 yards, 1 TD)
31, Keith Woodside, Texas A&M, 1986-87-88 (137 yards, 1 TD)
31, Lee Becton, Notre Dame, 1993-94 (164 yds, 0 TD)
31, Skip Hicks, UCLA, 1998 (140 yards, 0 TD)

MOST NET YARDS

282, Steve Worster, Texas, 1969-70-71 (46 attempts, 1 TD)
281, Tony Temple, Missouri, 2008 (24 attempts, 4 TD)
281, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (48 attempts, 3 TD)
265, Dicky Maegle, Rice, 1954 (11 attempts, 3 TD)
250, Chuck Webb, Tennessee, 1990 (26 attempts, 2 TD)
229, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M, 2013 (17 attempts, 2 TD)
205, Tyjae Spears, Tulane, 2023/87th (17 attempts, 4 TD)
204, Brian Robinson Jr., Alabama, 2021 (26 attempts, 0 TD)
203, Ricky Williams, Texas, 1999 (30 attempts, 2 TD)
202, Journey Brown, Penn State, 2019 (16 attempts, 2 TD)

PASSING RECORDS - CAREER

MOST ATTEMPTS

81, Connor Cook, Michigan State, 2015/79th & 80th (43-81-4, 524 yards, 2 TD)
59, Joe Montana, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (23-59-5, 274 yards, 2 TD)
58, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, 2009 _36-58-2, 364 yards, 4 TD)
57, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (28-57-6, 435 yards, 1 TD)
57, Clint Chelf, Oklahoma State, 2014 (33-57-2, 377 yards, 2 TD)
52, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (31-52-4, 460 yds, 3 TD)
52, Caleb Williams, Southern California, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 462 yds, 5 TD)
51, Bryce Petty, Baylor, 2015/79th (36-51-1, 550 yds, 3 TD)
51, Brady White, Memphis, 2019 (32-51-2, 454 yds, 0 TD)
49, Corey Pullig, Texas A&M, 1993-94 (24-49-1, 325 yards, 1 TD)

MOST COMPLETIONS

43, Connor Cook, Michigan State, 2015/79th & 80th (43-81-4, 524 yards, 2 TD)
37, Caleb Williams, Southern California, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 462 yards, 5 TD)
36, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, 2009 (36-58-2, 364 yards, 4 TD)
36, Bryce Petty, Baylor, 2015/79th (36-51-1, 550 yds, 3 TD)
35, Landry Jones, Oklahoma, 2013 (35-48-1, 278 yds, 1 TD)
33, Clint Chelf, Oklahoma State, 2014 (33-57-2, 377 yards, 2 TD)
32, Brady White, Memphis, 2019 (32-51-2, 454 yards, 0 TD)
31, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (31-52-4, 460 yds, 3 TD)
30, Major Applewhite, Texas, 1999-2000 (30-47-0, 346 yards, 3 TD)
28, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (28-57-6, 435 yards, 1 TD)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS CAREER

PASSING RECORDS

MOST NET YARDS

550, Bryce Petty, Baylor, 2015/79th (36-51-1, 3 TD)
524, Connor Cook, Michigan State, 2015/79th & 80th (43-81-4, 2 TD)
462, Caleb Williams, Southern California, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 5 TD)
460, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (31-52-4, 3 TD)
454, Brady White, Memphis, 2019 (32-51-2, 0 TD)
435, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (28-57-6, 1 TD)
407, Joe Theismann, Notre Dame, 1970-71 (26-43-3, 3 TD)
377, Clint Chelf, Oklahoma State, 2014, (33-57-2, 2 TD)
364, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, 2009 (36-58-2, 4 TD)
360, Chris Simms, Texas, 2000 & 2003 (24-46-1, 2 TD)

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

6, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (28-57-6, 435 yards, 1 TD)
5, Joe Montana, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (23-59-5, 274 yards, 2 TD)
4, Casey Weldon, Florida State, 1992 (14-32-4, 92 yards, 0 TD)
4, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (31-52-4, 460 yds, 3 TD)
4, Connor Cook, Michigan State, 2015/79th & 80th (43-81-4, 524 yds, 2 TD)
3, Buzz Buivid, Marquette, 1937 (9-18-3, 111 yards, 0 TD)
3, Mike Cotten, Texas, 1962 (6-13-3, 60 yards, 1 TD)
3, Glynn Griffing, Ole Miss, 1962 (12-29-3, 163 yards, 1 TD)
3, Thomas Wade, Texas, 1963-64 (4-15-3, 54 yards, 0 TD)
3, Joe Theismann, Notre Dame, 1970-71 (26-43-3, 407 yards, 3 TD)
3, Kenny Stabler, Alabama, 1968 (16-26-3, 179 yards, 0 TD)
3, Bobby Scott, Tennessee, 1969 (11-30-3, 159 yards, 2 TD)
3, Randy McEachern, Texas, 1978 (11-24-3, 160 yards, 1 TD)
3, Peter Gardere, Texas, 1991 (7-16-3, 40 yards, 0 TD)
3, Casey Clausen, Tennessee, 2001 (7-25-3, 120 yards, 1 TD)
3, Kyle Trask, Florida, 2020 (16-28-3, 158 yards, 0 TD)
3, Ryan Tannehill, Texas A&M, 2011 (22-35-3, 204 yards, 2 TD)

RECEIVING RECORDS

MOST RECEPTIONS

12, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (128 yards, 0 TD)
12, Deontay Burnette, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (139 yards, 0 TD)
11, Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma State, 2004 (223 yards, 1 TD)
11, Emeka Egbuka, Ohio State, 2024 (63 yards, 0 TD) 2025 (51 yards, 0 TD)
10, Bobby Crockett, Arkansas, 1966 (129 yards, 1 TD)
10, Rod Bernstine, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (167 yards, 0 TD)
10, Eric Morris, Texas Tech, 2009 (89 yards, 1 TD)
9, Ed Orr, Navy, 1964 (112 yards, 0 TD)
9, Cotton Speyrer, Texas, 1969-70 (231 yards, 2 TD)
9, Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma, 2002 (32 yards, 0 TD)
9, Jalen Saunders, Oklahoma, 2013 (63 yards, 0 TD)
9, Antwan Goodley, Baylor, 2015/79th (93 yards, 0 TD)
9, Aaron Burbridge, Michigan State, 2015/79th & 80th (96 yards, 0 TD)

MOST YARDS

231, Cotton Speyrer, Texas, 1969-70 (9 receptions, 2 TD)
223, Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma State, 2004 (11 receptions, 1 TD)
222, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California, 1995 (8 receptions, 3 TD)
197, KD Cannon, Baylor, 2015/79th (8 receptions, 2 TD)
174, Brenden Rice, Southern California, 2023/87th (6 receptions, 2 TD)
167, Rod Bernstine, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (10 receptions, 0 TD)
157, Phil Harris, Texas, 1964 (3 receptions, 2 TD)
155, Thom Gatewood, Notre Dame, 1970-71 (8 receptions, 2 TD)
150, Corey Coleman, Baylor, 2015/79th (7 receptions, 1 TD)
148, Justyn Ross, Clemson, 2018 (6 receptions, 2 TD)

SCORING RECORDS

MOST POINTS

28, Bobby Layne, Texas, 1946 (4 TD, 4 PAT)
24, Tony Temple, Missouri, 2008 (4 TD)
24, Tyjae Spears, Tulane, 2023/87th (4 TD)
21, Jim Brown, Syracuse, 1957 (3 TD, 3 PAT)
18, Dicky Maegle, Rice, 1954 (3 TD)
18, Jim Swink, TCU, 1956-57 (3 TD)
18, Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (3 TD)
18, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California, 1995 (3 TD)
18, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (3 TD)
18, Terrence Toliver, LSU, 2011 (3 TD)
18, Henry Josey, Missouri, 2014 (3 TD)
18, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State, 2015/79th (3 TD)

MOST POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR

40, Bobby Layne, Texas, 1946 (3 Rush, 2 Pass, 1 Reception, 4 PAT)
30, Joe Theismann, Notre Dame, 1970-71 (2 Rush, 3 Pass)
30, Caleb Williams, Southern California, 2023/87th (5 Pass)
28, Joe Montana, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (2 Rush, 2 Pass, 2 Two-Point Conversions)
24, 11 players tied with 24 points (most recent - Tyjae Spears, Tulane, 2023/87th (4 Rush)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

4, Bobby Layne, Texas, 1946 (3 Rush, 1 Reception)
4, Tony Temple, Missouri, 2008 (4 rush)
4, Tyjae Spears, Tulane, 2023/87th (4 rush)
3, Dicky Maegle, Rice, 1954 (3 Rush)
3, Jim Swink, TCU, 1956-57 (3 Rush)
3, Jim Brown, Syracuse, 1957 (3 Rush)
3, Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (2 Rush, 1 Reception)
3, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California, 1995 (3 Receptions)
3, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (3 Rush)
3, Terrence Toliver, LSU, 2011 (3 Receptions)
3, Henry Josey, Missouri, 2014 (3 Rush)
3, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State, 2015/79th (3 Rush)

MOST TOUCHOWNS RUSHING

4, Tony Temple, Missouri, 2008
4, Tyjae Spears, Tulane, 2023/87th
3, Bobby Layne, Texas, 1946
3, Dicky Maegle, Rice, 1954
3, Jim Swink, TCU, 1956-57
3, Jim Brown, Syracuse, 1957
3, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10
3, Henry Josey, Missouri, 2014
3, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State, 2015/79th

MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING

5, Caleb Williams, Southern California, 2023/87th
4, Craig Erickson, Miami, 1991
4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, 2009
3, Ernie Lain, Rice, 1938
3, Joe Theismann, Notre Dame, 1970-71
3, Doug Flutie, Boston College, 1985
3, Rob Johnson, Southern California, 1995
3, Major Applewhite, Texas, 1999
3, Rick Clausen, Tennessee, 2005
3, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss, 2009-10
3, Jordan Jefferson, LSU, 2011
3, Bryce Petty, Baylor, 2015/79th
3, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, 2018
3, Spencer Rattler, Oklahoma, 2020
3, Bryce Young, Alabama, 2021

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS CAREER

SCORING RECORDS

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING

3, Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California, 1995 (12 yds, 22 yds, 86 yds)
3, Terrence Toliver, LSU, 2011 (42 yds, 2 yds, 41 yds)
2, 18 players tied with 2 TDs (most recent - Jaydon Blue, Texas, 2025/89th (18 yds, 26 yds)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR

6, Bobby Layne, Texas, 1946 (3 Rush, 2 Pass, 1 Reception)
5, Joe Theismann, Notre Dame, 1970-71 (2 Rush, 3 Pass)
5, Caleb Williams, Southern California, 2023/87th (5 Pass)
4, Ernie Lain, Rice, 1938 (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
4, Danny Davis, Houston, 1977 & 1979 (2 Rush, 2 Pass)
4, Joe Montana, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (2 Rush, 2 Pass)
4, Craig Erickson, Miami, 1991 (4 Pass)
4, Tony Temple, Missouri, 2008 (4 Rush)
4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech, 2009 (4 Pass)
4, Jordan Jefferson, LSU, 2011 (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
4, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M, 2012 (2 Rush, 2 Pass)
4, Bryce Petty, Baylor, 2015/79th, (1 Rush, 3 Pass)
4, Spencer Rattler, Oklahoma, 2020, (1 Rush, 3 Pass)

MOST FIELD GOALS

6, Riley Patterson, Memphis, 2019 (6 attempts)
4, Peter Kim, Alabama, 1981-82 (4 attempts)
4, Scott Slater, Texas A&M, 1986-87-88 (7 attempts)
3, Alberto Vitiello, Penn State, 1972 (3 attempts)
3, Kenny Hatfield, Houston, 1979-80 (4 attempts)
3, Jeff Ward, Texas, 1984 (5 attempts)
3, Scott Slater, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (4 attempts)
3, Zack Hocker, Arkansas, 2012 (3 attempts)

MOST PAT

9, Joshua Shene, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (9 attempts)
7, Cole Ford, Southern California, 1995 (7 attempts)
6, Kenny Hatfield, Houston, 1979-80 (6 attempts)
6, Kevin Snow, Boston College, 1985 (6 attempts)
6, Michael Geiger, Michigan State, 2015/79th (6 attempts)
6, Kevin Snow, Boston College, 1985 (6 attempts)
6, Gabe Brkic, Oklahoma, 2020 (6 attempts)
5, 14 others (most recent - Valentino Ambrosio, Tulane, 2023/87th (5 attempts)



2019: Micah Parsons, Penn State

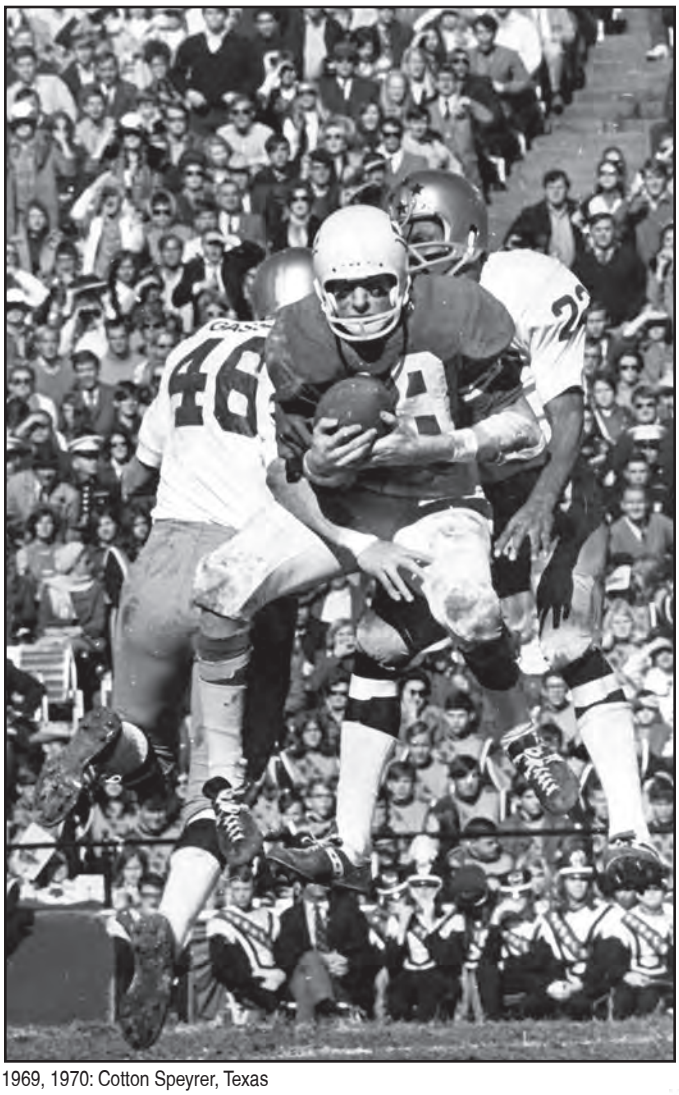
TANDEM OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS

59, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10 (48-281 Rush, 11-128 Receive 3 TD)
44, Jim Bertelsen, Texas, 1970-71-72 (40-144 Rush, 4-106 Receive, 2 TD)
42, Jerome Heavens, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (38-172 Rush, 4-60 Receive, 0 TD)
41, Roger Vick, Texas A&M, 1986-87 (39-180 Rush, 2-17 Receive, 1 TD)
39, Keith Woodside, Texas A&M, 1986-87-88 (31-137 Rush, 8-124 Receive, 2 TD)
35, Jim Swink, TCU, 1956-57 (31-148 Rush, 4-60 Receive, 3 TD)
35, Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (31-139 Rush, 4-32 Receive, 1 TD)
35, Ricky Williams, Texas, 1999 (30-203 Rush, 5-45 Receive, 2 TD)
34, Skip Hicks, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (31-140 Rush, 3-5 Receive, 1 TD)
33, Bo Jackson, Auburn, 1986 (31-129 Rush, 2-73 Receive, 2 TD)

MOST TANDEM YARDS

409, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss, 2009-10, (48-281 Rush, 11-128 Receive, 3 TD)
265, Steve Worster, Texas, 1969-70 (30-240 Rush, 1-25 Receive, 1 TD)
261, Keith Woodside, Texas A&M, 1986-87-88 (31-137 Rush, 8-124 Receive, 2 TD)
250, Jim Bertelsen, Texas, 1970-71-72 (40-144 Rush, 4-106 Receive, 2 TD)
248, Ricky Williams, Texas, 1999 (30-203 Rush, 5-45 Receive, 2 TD)
246, Cotton Speyrer, Texas, 1969-70 (2-15 Rush, 9-231 Receive, 2 TD)
232, Jerome Heavens, Notre Dame, 1978-79 (38-172 Rush, 4-60 Receive, 0 TD)
219, Tyjae Spears, Tulane, 2023/87th (17-205 Rush, 1-14 Receive, 4 TD)
212, Troy Stradford, Boston College, 1985 (20-196 Rush, 4-16 Receive, 2 TD)
209, Journey Brown, Penn State, 2019 (16-202 Rush, 2-7 Receive, 2 TD)



1969, 1970: Cotton Speyrer, Texas

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

YARDS	PLAYER	CLASSIC TEAMS (YEAR)	RUSHES	AVERAGE	TOUCHDOWNS
281	Tony Temple	Missouri vs. Arkansas (2008)	24	11.7	4
265	Dicky Maegle	Rice vs. Alabama (1954)	11	24.1	3
250	Chuck Webb	Tennessee vs. Arkansas (1990)	26	9.6	2
229	Johnny Manziel	Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma (2013)	17	13.5	2
205	Tyjae Spears	Tulane vs. Southern California (2023/87th)	17	12.1	4
204	Brian Robinson Jr.	Alabama vs. Cincinnati (2021)	26	7.8	0
203	Ricky Williams	Texas vs. Mississippi State (1999)	30	6.8	2
202	Journey Brown	Penn State vs. Memphis (2019)	16	12.6	2
196	Troy Stradford	Boston College vs. Houston (1985)	20	9.8	1
186	Rhamondre Stevenson	Oklahoma vs. Florida (2020)	18	10.3	1
184	Dexter McCluster	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2010)	34	5.4	2
180	Travis Henry	Tennessee vs. Kansas State (2001)	17	10.6	1
164	Eddie Phillips	Texas vs. Notre Dame (1971)	23	7.1	0
162	Jeremy Langford	Michigan State vs. Baylor (2015/79th)	27	6.0	3
155	Steve Worster	Texas vs. Notre Dame (1970)	20	7.8	0
149	Kent Lawrence	Georgia vs. SMU (1966/31st)	16	9.3	1
149	Alois Blackwell	Houston vs. Maryland (1977)	22	6.8	2
147	Josh Scobey	Kansas State vs. Tennessee (2001)	28	5.3	2
146	Lydell Mitchell	Penn State vs. Texas (1972)	27	5.4	1
140	Skip Hicks	UCLA vs. Texas A&M (1998)	31	4.5	0
138	Lee Becton	Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1994)	26	5.3	0
134	James Rouse	Arkansas vs. Tennessee (1990)	22	6.1	1
133	Tremaine Turner	Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State (2004)	20	6.7	1
132	Jim Brown	Syracuse vs. TCU (1957)	26	5.1	3
131	Hank Lauricella	Tennessee vs. Texas (1951)	16	8.2	0
129	Bo Jackson	Auburn vs. Texas A&M (1986)	31	4.2	1
128	Cody Schrader	Missouri vs. Ohio State (2023/88th)	29	4.4	1
125	Robert Hopkins	Missouri vs. Texas (1946)	16	7.8	1
124	Eric Dickerson	SMU vs. Pittsburgh (1983)	27	4.6	0
121	Leonard Brown	Missouri vs. Texas (1946)	18	6.7	0
120	Jim Spavital	Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU (1945)	18	6.7	1
120	Roosevelt Leaks	Texas vs. Alabama (1973)	15	8.0	0



2008: Missouri's Tony Temple rushed for 281 yards and scored four touchdowns to break records that had been in place for 54 and 62 years. Both marks fell on Temple's final carry - a 40-yard dash up the middle - to beat Arkansas, 38-7.



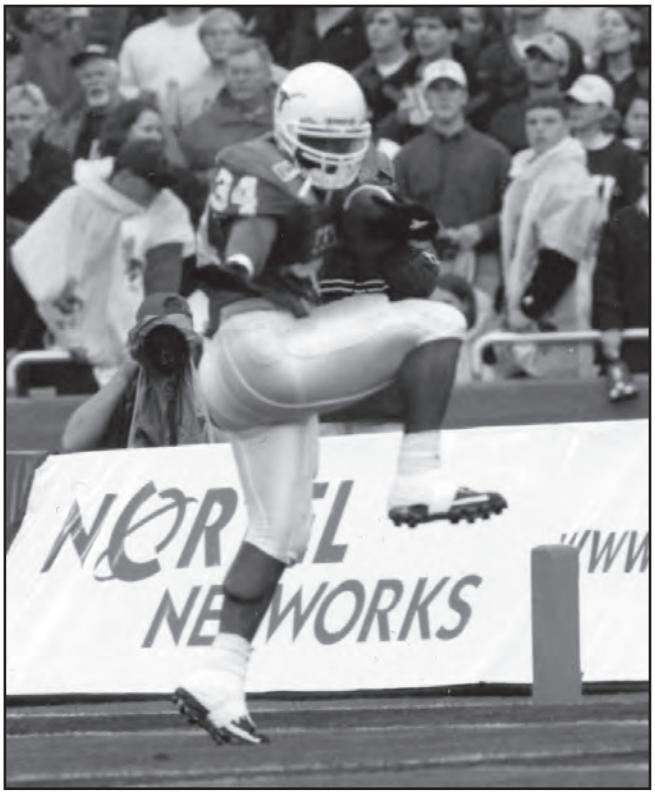
1954: Dicky Maegle ran over Alabama for 265 yards to set a bowl rushing record that would endure for more than a half-century. The All-America halfback averaged 24.1 yards on 11 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead Rice to a 28-6 victory.

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

YARDS	PLAYER	CLASSIC TEAMS (YEAR)	RUSHES	AVERAGE	TOUCHDOWNS
120	Shawn Wills	UCLA vs. Arkansas (1989)	18	6.7	0
119	Ike Forte	Arkansas vs. Georgia (1976)	24	5.0	2
119	Sean Jackson	Florida State vs. Texas A&M (1992)	27	4.4	0
117	Alan Lowry	Texas vs. Alabama (1973)	16	7.3	2
116	Tom Donchez	Penn State vs. Baylor (1975)	25	4.6	1
116	Earl Campbell	Texas vs. Notre Dame (1978)	29	4.0	0
115	Charlie Timmons	Clemson vs. Boston College (1940)	27	4.3	1
115	Bobby Jack Floyd	TCU vs. Kentucky (1952)	14	8.2	1
115	Reggie Brooks	Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M (1993)	22	5.2	0
113	Roger Vick	Texas A&M vs. Ohio State (1987)	24	4.7	1
112	James Johnson	Mississippi State vs. Texas (1999)	22	5.1	0
110	Marcus Major	Oklahoma vs. Florida (2020)	9	12.2	1
109	Travis Etienne	Clemson vs. Notre Dame (2018)	14	7.8	1
108	Richard Ochoa	Texas vs. Tennessee (1953)	26	4.2	0
108	Jack Spikes	TCU vs. Air Force (1959)	17	6.4	0
107	Bill Hayes	North Carolina vs. Rice (1950)	19	5.6	0
107	Jim Swink	TCU vs. Ole Miss (1956)	19	5.6	2
106	Tony Davis	Nebraska vs. Texas (1974)	28	3.8	1
105	Byron Townsend	Texas vs. Tennessee (1951)	23	4.6	1
105	Darren McFadden	Arkansas vs. Missouri (2008)	21	5.0	1
105	Steven Ridley	LSU vs. Texas A&M (2011)	24	4.4	1
104	Dyral Thomas	Houston vs. Maryland (1977)	14	7.4	1
103	Barry Foster	Arkansas vs. Tennessee (1990)	22	4.7	2
102	Gerald Riggs Jr.	Tennessee vs. Texas A&M (2005)	18	5.7	1
102	Spencer Ware	LSU vs. Texas A&M (2011)	10	10.2	0
101	Jerome Heavens	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978)	22	4.6	0
101	Butch Hadnot	Texas vs. Miami (1991)	17	5.9	0
101	Brandon Bolden	Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech (2009)	11	9.2	1
100	Vagas Ferguson	Notre Dame vs. Texas (1978)	21	4.8	2
100	Herchell Troutman	Colorado vs. Oregon (1996)	13	7.7	1
100	Cyrus Gray	Texas A&M vs. LSU (2011)	20	5.0	0



2013: Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel is the only quarterback in Cotton Bowl Classic history to surpass the 200-yard mark in rushing. His 229 yards against Oklahoma rank fourth among all-time rushers and helped Texas A&M dominate the Sooners, 41-13.



1999: Ricky Williams rushed for 203 yards and scored twice in a 38-11 Texas victory over Mississippi State. Williams broke the game open in the second half with a 37-yard touchdown romp and then struck the classic Heisman pose as he crossed the goal line.

RECORDS HALFTIME / LONGEST PLAYS

HALFTIME RECORDS

MOST NET YARDS RUSHING

197, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (7 attempts)
159, Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (13 attempts)
140, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (17 attempts)
134, Brian Robinson Jr., Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (17 attempts)
116, Jeremy Langford, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (16 attempts)
113, Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (7 attempts, 2 TD)
109, Eddie Phillips, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (11 attempts)
107, James Rouse, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (16 attempts)
105, James Johnson, Mississippi State vs. Texas, 1989 (14 attempts)
103, Alois Blackwell, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977 (13 attempts)

MOST NET YARDS PASSING

264, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (19-26-0)
253, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (20-29-1)
251, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (18-31-0)
245, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (18-27-0)
235, Rob Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (14-19-0)
222, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (13-23-1)
202, Chris Simms, Texas vs. LSU, 2003 (9-15-0)
193, Jonathan Beasley, Kansas State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (11-21-1)
192, Rick Clausen, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (15-22-0)
184, Kevin Murray, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986 (11-21-1)

MOST PASS COMPLETIONS

23, Landry Jones, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (23-30-1, 175 yds)
20, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (20-29-1, 253,yds)
19, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (19-26-0, 264 yds)
18, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (18-27-0, 245 yds)
18, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (18-31-0, 251 yds)
16, Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (16-20-0, 177 yds)
15, Rick Clausen, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (15-22-0, 192 yds)
14, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (15-28-1, 148 yds)
14, Rob Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (14-19-0, 235 yds)
14, Kyle Trask, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (14-24-3, 144 yds)
14, Will Howard, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (14-19-0, 200 yds)

MOST PASS RECEPTIONS

7, Gerard Phelan, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (94 yards)
7, Wesley Carroll, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (115 yards)
6, Tim Brown, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1988 (105 yards)
6, Kenny Stills, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (52 yards)
6, Jalen Saunders, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (39 yards)
6, ArDarius Stewart, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (32 yards)
6, Amari Rodgers, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (26 yards)
6, Damonte Coxie, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (109 yards)

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

137, Justyn Ross, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (5 receptions)
128, Quincy Morgan, Kansas State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (5 receptions)
126, Roy Williams, Texas vs. LSU, 2003 (2 receptions)
123, Wane McGarity, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (3 receptions)
121, Phil Harris, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (2 receptions)
115, Wesley Carroll, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (7 receptions)
109, Damonte Coxie, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (6 receptions)
101, Thom Gatewood, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1970 (5 receptions)
100, Edward Hervey, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (3 receptions)
97, Corey Coleman, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (3 receptions)

TOTAL OFFENSE - NET YARDS

277, Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (13R, 264P, 3 TD)
263, Caleb Williams, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (10R, 253P, 2 TD)
249, Bryce Petty, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (4R, 245P, 2 TD)
249, Brady White, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (-2R, 251P, 0 TD)
238, Jonathan Beasley, K-State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (45R, 193P, 3 TD)
229, Jevan Snead, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (7R, 222P, 3 TD)
226, Marcus Randall, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (86R, 140P, 1 TD)
217, Rob Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (-18R, 235P, 2 TD)
207, Doug Flutie, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (41R, 166P, 3 TD)
201, Chris Simms, Texas vs. LSU, 2003 (-1R, 202P, 1 TD)

LONGEST PLAYS

LONGEST RUSH

***95**, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (TD)
86, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (TD)
81, Travis Henry, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (TD)
79, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (TD)
78, Chuck Webb, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (TD)
76, Marcus Randall, LSU vs. Texas, 2003
75, Hank Lauricella, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1951
74, Kent Lawrence, Georgia vs. SMU, 1966/31st (TD)
74, Dante Hall, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998
73, Seth McGowan, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020

LONGEST RUSHING TOUCHDOWN

***95**, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954
86, Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (TD)
81, Travis Henry, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001
79, Dicky Maegle, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954
78, Chuck Webb, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990
74, Kent Lawrence, Georgia vs. SMU, 1966/31st
74, Dante Hall, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998
62, Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018
56, Journey Brown, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019
52, Jim Spavital, Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU, 1945

LONGEST PASS

87, Ger Schwedes to Ernie Davis, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (TD)
87, Michael Pratt to Jha'Quan Jackson, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (TD)
86, Brad Otton to Keyshawn Johnson, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (TD)
84, Andy Kelly to Anthony Morgan, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (TD)
79, James Street to Cotton Speyrer, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (TD)
78, James Street to Cotton Speyrer, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (TD)
76, Brodie Croyle to Keith Brown, Alabama vs. Texas Tech, 2006 (TD)
75, Chris Simms to Roy Williams, Texas vs. LSU, 2003
75, Will Howard to TreVeyon Henderson, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (TD)
74, Bryce Petty to KD Cannon, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (TD)
74, Caleb Williams to Brenden Rice, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th

* Bench-tackle play, Maegle tackled on Alabama 40-yard-line by Tommy Lewis, awarded touchdown.

RECORDS LONGEST PLAYS

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76, Brodie Croyle to Keith Brown, Alabama vs. Texas Tech, 2006
75, Will Howard to TreVeyon Henderson, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th
74, Bryce Petty to KD Cannon, Baylor vs, Michigan State, 2015/79th
73, Pat Washington to Bo Jackson, Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986
72, Brian Kavanagh to Kevin Lockett, Kansas State vs. BYU, 1997

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

51, Riley Patterson, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019
50, Gregg Gantt, Alabama vs. Texas, 1973
50, Carlos Huerta, Miami vs. Texas, 1991
50, Josh Jasper, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011
49, Kendall Trainor, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989
48, Riley Patterson, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019
47, Dave Reeve, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978
47, Kris Stockton, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999
47, Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th
46, Andrew Baggett, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014
46, Chris Callahan, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th

LONGEST PUNT

84, Kyle Rote, SMU vs. Oregon, 1949 (quick kick)
79, Doak Walker, SMU vs. Oregon, 1949 (quick kick)
77, Mike Sochko, Maryland vs. Houston, 1977
76, Cade McNown, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998 (quick kick)
74, Bill Bradley, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969
74, Jim Yoder, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1971
73, Jerry Dowd, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939
73, James Saxton, Texas vs. Ole Miss, 1962 (quick kick)
72, Ernie Koy, Texas vs. LSU, 1963
71, Allen Meacham, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989

LONGEST PUNT RETURN

72, Jimmy Nelson, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (TD)
63, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010
60, Art Guepe, Marquette vs. TCU, 1937 (TD)
60, Jackie Field, Texas vs. Georgia Tech, 1943 (TD)
57, Cryus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (TD)
54, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009
51, Joe Adams, Arkansas vs. Kansas State, 2012 (TD)
49, Lance Alworth, Arkansas vs. Duke, 1961 (TD)
44, Leo Daniels, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942
43, Jim Swink, TCU vs. Ole Miss, 1956



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LONGEST PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

72, Jimmy Nelson, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942
60, Art Guepe, Marquette vs. TCU, 1937
60, Jackie Field, Texas vs. Georgia Tech, 1943
57, Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th
51, Joe Adams, Arkansas vs. Kansas State, 2012
49, Lance Alworth, Arkansas vs. Duke, 1961

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN

98, Earl Allen, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (TD)
69, Coryell Judie, Texas A&M vs. LSU, 2011
63, Ricky Whittle, Oregon vs. Colorado, 1996
61, Joey Jones, Alabama vs. Texas, 1982
56, Randy Harrison, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979
52, Ken Roy, Maryland vs. Houston, 1977
50, Joe Jackson, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (TD)
46, Jim Brown, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957
46, Felix Jones, Arkansas vs. Missouri, 2008
45, Kevin Williams, Miami vs. Texas, 1991

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

98, Earl Allen, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985
50, Joe Jackson, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

95, Marcus Washington, Colorado vs. Oregon, 1996 (TD)
83, Brandon Jennings (64 yds) and Dat Nguyen (19 yds), Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998 (TD)
78, Jabari Greer, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (TD)
65, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (TD)
61, Jerico Nelson, Arkansas vs. Kansas State, 2012
52, Karibi Dede, Auburn vs. Nebraska, 2007
49, Michael Kee, Ohio State vs. Texas A&M, 1987 (TD)
47, Byron Whizzer White, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (TD)
47, Rock Cartwright, Kansas State vs. Tennessee, 2001
45, Darcel McBath, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (TD)
45, Tre Norwood, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (TD)

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

95, Marcus Washington, Colorado vs. Oregon, 1996
83, Brandon Jennings (64 yds) and Dat Nguyen (19 yds), Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998
78, Jabari Greer, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001
65, Marshay Green, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009
49, Michael Kee, Ohio State vs. Texas A&M, 1987
47, Byron Whizzer White, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938
45, Darcel McBath, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009
45, Tre Norwood, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020
34, Darrin Smith, Miami vs. Texas, 1991
26, John Herpin, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995
26, William Moore, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008

LONGEST MISCELLANEOUS RETURN

83, Jack Sawyer, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (TD, return of live fumble)
73, Shane Ray, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (TD, return of live fumble)
68, Nigel Malone, K-State vs. Arkansas, 2012 (return of blocked PAT)
65, Steve Manstedt, Nebraska vs. Texas, 1974 (return of live fumble)
46, Lee Jackson, Texas vs. LSU, 2003 (TD, return of live fumble)
41, Bob Thorton, Nebraska vs. Texas, 1974 (return of short field goal attempt)
34, Patrick Trahan, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (TD, return of live fumble)
33, Steve Cichy, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (TD, return of blocked punt)

RECORDS TEAM

RUSHING RECORDS

MOST ATTEMPTS
78, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1953 (269 yds)
72, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (361 yds)
69, Texas vs. Alabama, 1973 (317 yds)
67, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1970 (331 yds)
67, Alabama vs. Baylor, 1981 (241 yds)
65, Arkansas vs. Georgia, 1976 (235 yds)
64, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977 (320 yds)
64, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1993 (290 yds)
63, Georgia Tech vs. Arkansas, 1955 (285 yds)
63, Houston vs. Notre Dame, 1979 (229 yds)

FEWEST ATTEMPTS
14, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (105 yds)
18, Texas A&M vs. Tennessee, 2005 (77 yds)
22, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (21 yds)
22, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (-20 yds)
24, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (178 yds)
24, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (81 yds)
24, Texas Tech vs. Alabama, 2006 (103 yds)
25, Texas vs. Arkansas, 2000 (-27 yds)
26, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (67 yds)
26, Texas Tech vs. Southern California, 1995 (55 yds)
26, Michigan State vs. Alabama, 2015/80th (29 yds)

MOST YARDS
435, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (40 att)
408, Missouri vs. Texas, 1946
396, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (53 att)
379, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (54 att)
361, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (72 att)
353, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (50 att)
331, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1970 (67 att)
326, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (31 att)
323, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (43 att)
320, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977 (64 att)

FEWEST YARDS
-27, Texas vs. Arkansas, 2000 (25 att)
-20, Baylor vs. Michigan Staet, 2015/79th (22 att)
-14, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (29 att)
-14, Navy vs. Texas, 1964 (29 att)
21, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (22 att)
29, Michigan State vs. Alabama, 2015/80th (26 att)
37, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (42 att)
40, SMU vs. Georgia, 1967 (43 att)
41, Kansas State vs. BYU, 1997 (32 att)
45, Arkansas vs. Nebraska, 1965 (34 att)

HIGHEST AVERAGE
10.9, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (40-435 yds)
10.5, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (31-326 yds)
9.0, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (34-305 yds)
8.4, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (38-320 yds)
7.5, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008 (43-323 yds)
7.5, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (14-105 yds)
7.5, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (53-396 yds)
7.1, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (50-353 yds)
7.0, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (54-379 yds)
6.4, Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (47-301 yds)

LOWEST AVERAGE
-1.1, Texas vs. Arkansas, 2000 (25-(-27 yds)
-0.5, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (29-(-14 yds)
-0.5, Navy vs. Texas, 1964 (29-(-14 yds)
0.8, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (42-37 yds)
0.9, SMU vs. Georgia, 1967 (43-40 yds)
0.9, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (22-(-20 yds)
1.0, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (22-21 yds)
1.1, Michigan State vs. Alabama, 2015/80th (26-29 yds)
1.3, Arkansas vs. Nebraska, 1965 (34-45 yds)
1.3, Kansas State vs. BYU, 1997 (32-41 yds)

PASSING RECORDS

MOST ATTEMPTS
58, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (36-58-2, 364 yds)
57, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (33-57-2, 377 yds)
53, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (33-53-2, 479 yds)
52, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (37-52-1, 603 yds)
52, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 462 yds)
49, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (35-49-1, 278 yds)
46, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (19-46-1, 193 yds)
45, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (26-45-1, 356 yds)
45, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (25-45-3, 271 yds)
44, Oregon vs. Colorado, 1996 (21-44-2, 162 yds)
44, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State , 2014 (17-44-1, 206 yds)

FEWEST ATTEMPTS
4, Clemson vs. Boston College, 1940 (2-4-1, 35 yds)
4, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (0-4-1, 0 yds)
5, TCU vs. Ole Miss, 1956 (2-5-2, 20 yds)
6, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (3-6-0, 46 yds)
7, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (1-7-0, 16 yds)
7, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (3-7-1, 63 yds)
8, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1951 (3-8-2, 45 yds)
8, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1953 (2-8-1, 32 yds)
8, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977 (5-8-0, 108 yds)
9, three others (most recent - SMU vs. Pittsburgh, 1983)

MOST COMPLETIONS
37, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (37-52-1, 603 yds)
37, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (37-52-1, 462 yds)
36, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (36-58-2, 364 yds)
35, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (35-49-1, 278 yds)
33, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (33-57-2, 377 yds)
33, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (33-53-2, 479 yds)
27, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (27-41-0, 327 yds)
26, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (26-45-1, 356 yds)
25, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (25-31-0, 286 yds)
25, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (25-45-3, 271 yds)



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PASSING RECORDS

FEWEST COMPLETIONS
0, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (0-4-1, 0 yds)
1, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (1-9-2, 9 yds)
1, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (1-7-0, 16 yds)
2, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (2-15-2, 22 yds)
2, Clemson vs. Boston College, 1940 (2-4-1, 35 yds)
2, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1953 (2-8-1, 32 yds)
2, TCU vs. Ole Miss, 1956 (2-5-2, 20 yds)
2, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (2-13-1, 13 yds)
3, seven others (most recent - TCU vs. Air Force, 1959)

MOST YARDS
603, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (37-52-1)
479, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2020 (33-53-2)
462, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (37-52-1)
435, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (24-35-0)
377, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (33-57-2)
364, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (36-58-2)
356, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd (26-45-1)
327, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (27-41-0)
307, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2004 (21-33-0)
307, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (23-35-1)

FEWEST YARDS
0, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (0-4-1)
9, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (1-9-2)
13, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (2-13-1)
16, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (1-7-0)
16, LSU vs. Arkansas, 1947 (5-17-0)
20, TCU vs. Ole Miss, 1956 (2-5-2)
21, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (4-14-1)
22, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (2-15-2)
23, Texas vs. Georgia Tech, 1943 (5-9-1)
31, TCU vs. Oklahoma A&M, 1945 (3-10-1)
31, Georgia Tech vs. Arkansas, 1955 (4-15-0)

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 ATTEMPTS)
.929, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (13-14-0, 234 yds)
.929, Wisconsin vs. Western Michigan, 2017/81st (13-14-0, 178 yds)
.813, TCU vs. Syracuse, 1957 (13-16-0, 202 yds)
.806, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (25-31-0, 286 yds)
.765, Duke vs. Arkansas, 1961 (13-17-1, 93 yds)
.750, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (9-12-1, 191 yds)
.750, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (24-32-0, 175 yds)
.727, LSU vs. Arkansas, 1966/30th (8-11-0, 100 yds)
.727, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (24-33-1, 289 yds)
.714, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (35-49-1, 278 yds)

LOWEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
.000, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (0-4-1, 0 yds)
.111, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (1-9-2, 9 yds)
.133, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (2-15-2, 22 yds)
.143, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (1-7-0, 16 yds)
.154, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (2-13-1, 13 yds)
.174, Boston College vs. Clemson, 1940 (4-23-1, 73 yds)
.188, Randolph Field vs. Texas, 1944 (3-16-3, 51 yds)
.217, Fordham vs. Texas A&M, 1941 (5-23-3, 62 yds)
.235, Missouri vs. Texas, 1946 (4-17-1, 106 yds)
.250, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1953 (2-8-1, 32 yds)
.250, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (6-24-2, 57 yds)

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED
7, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942
5, Texas Tech vs. St. Mary's, 1939
5, Ole Miss vs. Texas, 1962
5, Texas A&M vs. Ohio State, 1987
4, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979
4, Florida State vs. Texas A&M, 1992
4, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010
4, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2010

MOST YARDS PER ATTEMPT (MIN. 10 ATTEMPTS)
16.7, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (13-14-0, 234 yds)
16.7, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (8-14-1, 234 yds)
15.9, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (9-12-1, 191 yds)
13.0, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (8-18-0, 234 yds)
12.7, Wisconsin vs. Western Michigan, 2017/81st (13-14-0, 178 yds)
12.6, TCU vs. Syracuse, 1957 (13-16-0, 202 yds)
12.4, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (24-35-0, 435 yds)
11.7, Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU, 1945 (9-17-1, 199 yds)
11.6, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (37-52-1,603 yds)
11.3, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (10-20-0, 226 yds)

FEWEST YARDS PER ATTEMPT
0.0, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (0-4-1)
0.9, LSU vs. Arkansas, 1947 (5-17-0, 16 yds)
1.0, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (1-9-2, 9 yds)
1.0, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (2-13-1, 13 yds)
1.5, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (2-15-2, 22 yds)
1.5, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (4-14-1, 21 yds)
2.1, Georgia Tech vs. Arkansas, 1955 (4-15-0, 31 yds)
2.3, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (1-7-0, 16 yds)
2.4, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (6-24-2, 57 yds)
2.6, Texas vs. Georgia Tech, 1943 (5-9-1, 23 yds)

MOST YARDS PER COMPLETION
29.3, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (8-21-1, 234 yds)
29.3, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (8-14-1, 234 yds)
29.2, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (8-18-0, 234 yds)
26.5, Missouri vs. Texas, 1946 (4-17-1, 106 yds)
24.8, Texas vs. Syracuse, 1960 (4-15-1, 99 yds)
22.6, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (10-20-2, 91 yds)
22.1, Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU, 1945 (9-17-1, 199 yds)
22.0, Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986 (7-17-2, 154 yds)
21.6, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977 (5-8-0, 108 yds)
21.3, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1971 (10-19-1, 213 yds)

FEWEST YARDS PER COMPLETION
3.2, LSU vs. Arkansas, 1947 (5-17-0, 16 yds)
4.6, Texas vs. Georgia Tech, 1943 (5-9-1, 23 yds)
5.3, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (4-14-1, 21 yds)
6.5, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (2-13-1, 13 yds)
6.6, Florida State vs. Texas A&M, 1992 (14-32-4, 92 yds)
6.7, Ohio State vs. Southern California, 2017/82nd (11-17-0, 114 yds)
6.9, Texas vs. Miami, 1991 (8-18-3, 55 yds)
7.2, Duke vs. Arkansas, 1961 (13-17-1, 93 yds)
7.6, Air Force vs. TCU, 1959 (12-32-2, 91 yds)
7.7, Oregon vs. Colorado, 1996 (21-44-2, 162 yds)

RECORDS TEAM

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS

96. Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (39R, 57P)
95, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (49R, 46P)
94, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (72R, 22P)
91, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (47R, 44P)
88. Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015 (46R, 42P)
87, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (50R, 37P)
86, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1953 (78R, 8P)
86, Kansas State vs. Tennessee, 2001 (59R, 27P)
86, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2020 (33R, 53P)
85, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978 (53R, 32P)
85, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (54R, 31P)

FEWEST PLAYS

35, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (29R, 6 P)
36, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (22R, 14P)
37, TCU vs. Oklahoma A&M, 1945 (27R, 10P)
48, Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech, 1955 (38R, 10P)
49, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (24R, 25P)
50, Texas vs. LSU, 1963 (28R, 22P)
51, Alabama vs. Rice, 1954 (35R, 16P)
51, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1993 (33R, 18P)
52, Wesconsin vs. Western Michigan, 2017 (38R, 14P)
53, Marquette vs. TCU, 1937 (32R, 21P)
53, Arkansas vs. Nebraska, 1965 (34R, 19P)

MOST YARDS

684, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2021 (435R, 249P)
633, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (326R, 307P)
594, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (132P, 462R)
583, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015 (603P, -20R)
578, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (143R, 435P)
568, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (361R, 207P)
552, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015 (238R, 314P)
548, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (171R, 377P)
542, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2020 (63R, 479P)
539, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (305R, 234P)

FEWEST YARDS

32, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (-14R, 46P)
42, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (21R, 21P)
50, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (37R, 13P)
54, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (54R, 0P)
75, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (59R, 16P)
95, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (87R, 8P)
105, TCU vs. Oklahoma, 1945 (74R, 31P)
110, Texas vs. Randolph Field, 1944 (73R, 37P)
150, Randolph Field vs. Texas, 1944 (99R, 51P)
153, Texas A&M vs. Fordham, 1941 (52R, 101P)

HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PLAY

10.5, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2021 (684 yds-65 pl)
10.4, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (539 yds-52 pl)
9.6, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (633 yds-66 pl)
7.9, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015 (583 yds-74 pl)
7.7, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 1990 (470 yds-61 pl)
7.2, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2020 (529 yds-73 pl)
7.2, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (578 yds-80 pl)
7.1, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (594 yds-84 pl)
7.0, Wisconsin vs. Western Michigan, 2015 (362 yds, 52 pl)
7.0, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (515 yds, 74 pl)

LOWEST AVERAGE PER PLAY

0.9, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (50 yds-55 pl)
0.9, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (32 yds-35 pl)
1.2, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (42 yds-36 pl)
2.5, Baylor vs. Alabama, 1981 (158 yds-62 pl)
2.7, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (180 yds-66 pl)
2.8, TCU vs. Oklahoma A&M, 1945 (105 yds-37 pl)
2.8, Nebraska vs. Arkansas, 1965 (168 yds-60 pl)
2.9, Texas vs. Arkansas, 2000 (185 yds-64pl)
3.0, Georgia vs. Arkansas, 1976 (193 yds-65 pl)
3.0, Texas vs. Miami, 1991 (205 yds-69 pl)



1938: Byron "Whizzer" White, Colorado



1990: Chuck Webb, Tennessee

RECORDS TEAM

SCORING RECORDS

MOST TOUCHDOWNS
7, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (1R, 5P, 1 Int)
7, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (5R, 1P, 1 Int)
7, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (3R, 3P, 1 Int)
6, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (3R, 3P)
6, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (3R, 3P)
6, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (1R, 4P, 1 Int)
6, Colorado vs. Oregon, 1996 (3R, 2P, 1 Int)
6, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (4R, 2P)
6, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (4R, 2P)
6, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (4R, 2P)
6, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (1R, 5P)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING
5, Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU, 1945
5, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019
4, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954
4, Arkansas vs. Georgia, 1976
4, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978
4, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986
4, Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008
4, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013
4, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th
4, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th

MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING
5, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995
5, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th
4, Miami vs. Texas, 1991
4, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009
4, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th
3, 10 teams tied with 3 TDs (most recent - Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021)

MOST POINTS, WINNING TEAM
55, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (55-14)
55, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (55-20)
53, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (53-39)
47, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (47-34)
46, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (46-3)
46, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (46-45)
45, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (45-28)
42, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (42-41)
41, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (41-20)
41, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (41-24)
41, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (41-13)
41, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (41-31)

MOST POINTS LOSING TEAM
45, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (46-45)
41, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (42-41)
39, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (53-39)
34, Houston vs. Notre Dame, 1979 (35-34)
34, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (47-34)
31, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (41-31)
28, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (45-28)
28, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2004 (31-28)
27, Missouri vs. Texas, 1946 (40-27)
27, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (28-27)
27, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (31-27)

MOST FIELD GOALS
6, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (48, 37, 44, 51, 41, 42)
3, Penn State vs. Texas, 1972 (21,37, 22)
3, Alabama vs. Baylor, 1981 (29, 28, 42)
3, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984 (22, 40, 27)
3, Arkansas vs. Kansas State, 2012 (26, 22, 30)

FEWEST POINTS, WINNING TEAM
6, Clemson vs. Boston College, 1940 (6-3)
7, Duke vs. Arkansas, 1961 (7-6)
7, SMU vs. Pittsburgh, 1983 (7-3)
10, Arkansas vs. Nebraska, 1965 (10-7)
10, Georgia vs. Texas, 1984 (10-9)
10, Florida State vs. Texas A&M, 1992 (10-2)
10, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (10-3)
12, Texas vs. Ole Miss, 1962 (12-7)
13, Texas A&M vs. Fordham, 1941 (13-12)
13, LSU vs. Texas, 1963 (13-0)
13, Alabama vs. Texas Tech, 2006 (13-10)

FEWEST POINTS, LOSING TEAM
0, TCU vs. Oklahoma A&M, 1945 (34-0)
0, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (16-0)
0, Texas vs. LSU, 1963 (13-0)
0, Michigan State vs. Alabama, 2015/80th (38-0)
2, Baylor vs. Alabama, 1981 (30-2)
2, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (10-2)
3, Boston College vs. Clemson, 1940 (6-3)
3, Texas vs. Nebraska, 1974 (19-3)
3, Pittsburgh vs. SMU, 1983 (7-3)
3, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (17-3)
3, Texas vs. Miami, 1991 (46-3)
3, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1993 (28-3)
3, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (10-3)
3, Notre Dame vs. Clemson, 2018 (30-3)
3, Ohio State vs. Missouri, 2023/88th (14-3)

LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL
43, Miami 46, Texas 3, 1991
41, Southern California 55, Texas Tech 14, 1995
38, Alabama 38, Michigan State 0, 2015/80th
35, Oklahoma 55, Florida 20, 2020
34, Oklahoma A&M 34, TCU 0, 1945
32, Colorado 38, Oregon 6, 1996
31, Tennessee 38, Texas A&M 7, 2005
31, Missouri 38, Arkansas 7, 2008
28, Notre Dame 38, Texas 10, 1978
28, Alabama 30, Baylor 2, 1981
28, Texas A&M vs. 41, Oklahoma 13, 2013

SMALLEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL
1, Texas A&M 13, Fordham 12, 1941
1, Ole Miss 14, TCU 13, 1956
1, TCU 28, Syracuse 27, 1957
1, Duke 7, Arkansas 6, 1961
1, Notre Dame 35, Houston 34, 1979
1, Georgia 10, Texas 9, 1984
1, Michigan State 42, Baylor 41, 2015/79th
1, Tulane 46, Southern California 45, 2023/87th
2, Texas 14, Alabama 12, 1982
3, Clemson 6, Boston College 3, 1940
3, Arkansas 10, Nebraska 7, 1965
3, Houston 17, Nebraska 14, 1980
3, Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21, 1994
3, Ole Miss 31, Oklahoma State 28, 2004

RECORDS TEAM

SCORING RECORDS

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST HALF

35, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019
34, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995
31, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985
31, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020
28, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969
28, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005
28, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th
28, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011
27, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977
24, 5 teams tied with 24 points (most recent - Ohio State vs. Southern California, 2017/82nd)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND HALF

38, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975
32, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th
28, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th
28, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th
27, Penn State vs. Texas, 1972
27, Miami vs. Texas, 1991
27, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013
25, Colorado vs. Oregon, 1996
24, six others (most recent - Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST QUARTER

28, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995
21, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977
17, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985
17, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020
14, nine others (most recent - Wisconsin vs. Western Michigan, 2017/81st)



1992: Quentin Coryatt, Texas A&M

MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND QUARTER

28, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019
21, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938
21, Notre Dame vs. Texas, 1978
21, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011
21, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th
20, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018
17, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009
17, Ohio State vs. Southern California, 2017/82nd
16, Arkansas vs. Kansas State, 2012
15, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969
15, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1988

MOST POINTS SCORED IN THIRD QUARTER

24, Texas vs. Mississppi State, 1999
21, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th
20, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013
19, Colorado vs. Oregon, 1996
17, Penn State vs. Texas, 1972
17, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th
16, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th
14, thirteen others (most recent - Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FOURTH QUARTER

24, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975
24, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014
23, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979
21, Arkansas vs. Georgia, 1976
21, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th
17, Arkansas vs. Texas, 2000
17, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014
16, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th
15, Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 1986
14, 12 others (most recent - Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN ONE HALF

38, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (in 2nd)
35, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (in 1st)
34, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (in 1st)
32, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (in 2nd)
31, Boston College vs. Houston, 1985 (in 1st)
31, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (in 1st)
28, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969 (in 1st)
28, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (in 1st)
28, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (in 1st)
28, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (in 2nd)
28, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th (in 2nd)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN ANY QUARTER

28, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (in 1st)
28, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019 (in 2nd)
24, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (in 4th)
24, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (in 3rd)
24, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (in 4th)
23, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (in 4th)
21, 8 teams tied with 21 ponts (most recent - Southern Californiia vs. Tulane, 2023/87th - in 2nd)

RECORDS TEAM

TEAM FIRST DOWNS

MOST FIRST DOWNS
32, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (17R, 10P, 5PN)
31, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (21R, 10P, 0PN)
29, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014 (16R, 9P, 4PN)
29, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (11R, 15P, 3PN)
29, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (6R, 22P, 1PN)
28, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1993 (20R, 6P, 2PN)
28, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (14R, 14P, 0PN)
28, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (12R, 15P, 1PN)
27, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (14R, 11P, 2PN)
27, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (8R, 17P, 2PN)
27, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019 (8R, 19P, 0PN)
27, Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (16R, 10P, 1PN)

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS
1, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (0R, 1P, 0PN
1, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (1R, 0P, 0PN
3, Texas vs. Randolph Field, 1944
4, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (2R, 1P, 1PN
5, TCU vs. Oklahoma A&M, 1945 (4R, 1P, 0PN
6, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938 (5R, 1P, 0PN
6, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953 (4R, 2P, 0PN
6, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002 (4R, 0P, 2PN
7, Texas Tech vs. St. Mary's, 1939
7, Randolph Field vs. Texas, 1944

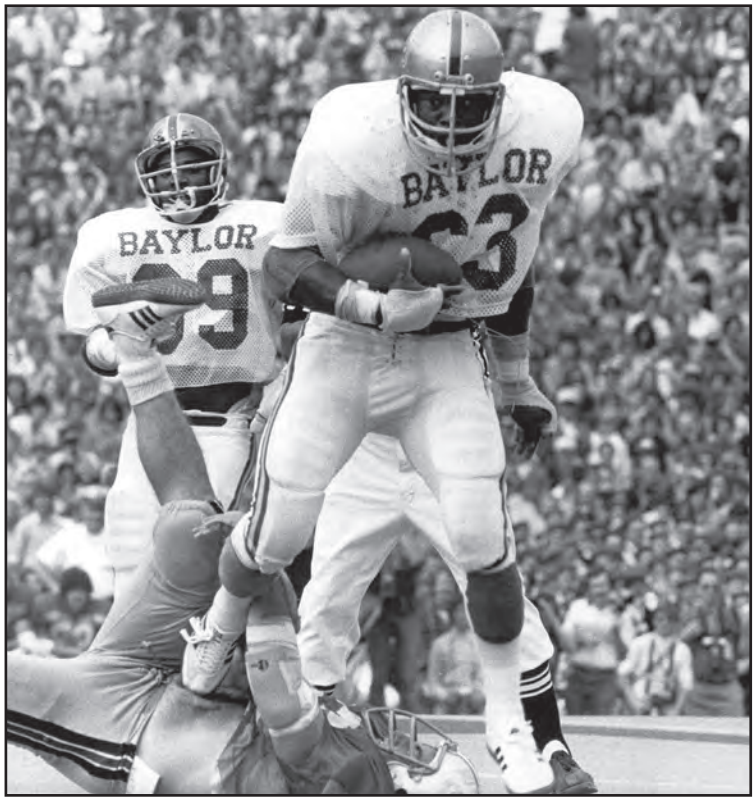
MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING
21, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990
20, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1993
19, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1970
18, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1953
18, Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019
17, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938
17, Georgia Tech vs. Arkansas, 1955
17, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1988
17, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005
16, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1969
16, Arkansas vs. Georgia, 1976
16, SMU vs. Pitt, 1983
16, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014
16, Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING
0, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942
0, Navy vs. Texas, 1964
1, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947
2, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989
2, Michigan State vs. Alabama, 2015/80th
3, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942
3, Arkansas vs. Nebraska, 1965
3, Texas Tech vs. Southern California, 1995
3, Texas vs. Arkansas, 2000
3, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002
3, Texas A&M vs. Tennessee, 2005

MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY
6, Texas vs. Miami, 1991
5, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005
4, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942
4, Baylor vs. Penn State, 1975
4, Georgia vs. Texas, 1984
4, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992
4, Missouri vs. Oklahoma State, 2014
3, nine others (most recent - Texas vs. Ohio State, 2025/89th)

MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING
22, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th
19, Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019
18, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009
17, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013
17, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th
16, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014
16, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 2017/82nd
15, BYU vs. Kansas State, 1997
15, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2004
15, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th
15, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018
15, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PASSING
0, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947
0, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 2002
1, Colorado vs. Rice, 1938
1, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942
1, TCU vs. Oklahoma A&M, 1945
1, TCU vs. Ole Miss, 1956
1, TCU vs. Air Force, 1959
1, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989
1, Texas vs. Miami, 1991
2, Texas A&M vs. Fordham, 1941
2, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1951
2, Kentucky vs.TCU, 1952
2, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1953
2, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1953
2, Georgia Tech vs. Arkansas, 1955
2, Nebraska vs. Arkansas, 1965
2, Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 1993
2, Texas A&M vs. UCLA, 1998
2, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2010



1981: Mike Singletary, Baylor

RECORDS TEAM

PUNTING

MOST PUNTS
16, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (36.3 avg)
11, Texas Tech vs. St. Mary's, 1939 (34.3 avg)
11, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (47.5 avg)
11, Clemson vs. Boston College, 1940 (42.6 avg)
11, Arkansas vs. LSU, 1947 (36.0 avg)
10, eight others (most recent - Texas Tech vs. Southern California, 1995)

HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE
68.7, SMU vs. Oregon, 1949 (3-206 yds)
50.3, Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2010 (8-402 yds)
49.4, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (5-247 yds)
49.3, Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (4-197 yds)
49.2, Arkansas vs. UCLA, 1989 (6-295 yds)
48.8, LSU vs. Texas, 2003 (4-195 yds)
48.3, Ohio State vs. Missouri, 2023/88th (8-386 yds)
47.5, St. Mary's vs. Texas Tech, 1939 (11-523 yds)
47.0, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (5-235 yds)
46.8, Texas vs. LSU, 1963 (8-374 yds)
46.8, Arkansas vs, Kansas State, 2012 (4-187 yds)

FEWEST PUNTS
0, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th
1, LSU vs. Texas A&M, 2011 (58.0 avg)
1, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (48.0 avg)
2, Texas vs. Missouri, 1946 (41.5 avg)
2, Missouri vs. Texas, 1946 (37.0 avg)
2, Syracuse vs. TCU, 1957 (46.5 avg)
2, Texas vs. Alabama, 1973 (44.0 avg)
2, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (36.5 avg)
2, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (37.5 avg)
2, Texas A&M vs. LSU, 2011 (28.0 avg)
2, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (42.0 avg)
2, Alabama vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (44.0 avg)

LOWEST PUNTING AVERAGE
25.5, Houston vs. Notre Dame, 1979 (10-255 yds)
26.3, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (8-210 yds)
26.3, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (7-184 yds)
26.3, Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU, 1945 (6-158 yds)
28.0, Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech, 1955 (4-112 yds)
28.0, Texas A&M vs. LSU, 2011 (2-56 yds)
28.5, Georgia vs. SMU, 1966/31st (4-114 yds)
28.5, Colorado vs. Oregon, 1996 (4-114 yds)
28.8, TCU vs. Ole Miss, 1956 (5-144 yds)
29.3, Texas vs. Tennessee, 1951 (7-205 yds)
29.3, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (8-234 yds)



1965, 1966/30th: Lloyd Phillips, Arkansas

PUNT AND KICKOFF RETURNS

MOST PUNT RETURNS
7, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (20-2.9 avg)
6, Air Force vs. TCU, 1959 (35-5.8 avg)
6, Texas vs. Georgia, 1984 (15-2.5 avg)
6, UCLA vs Texas A&M, 1998 (66-11.0 avg)
6, Arkansas vs. Texas, 2000 (33-5.5 avg)
5, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (104-20.8 avg)
5, Texas vs. LSU, 1963 (48-9.6 avg)
5, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1968 (10-2.0 avg)
5, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (48-9.6 avg)
5, Georgia vs. Texas, 1984 (70-14.0 avg)
5, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2016 (80-16.0 avg)

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS
106, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (4 returns-26.5 avg)
104, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (5 returns-20.8 avg)
80, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2016 (5 returns-16.0 avg)
79, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (4 returns-19.8 avg)
74, Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 1942 (1 return)
70, Marquette vs. TCU, 1937 (2 returns-35.0 avg)
70, Georgia vs. Texas, 1984 (5 returns-14.0 avg)
66, UCLA vs Texas A&M, 1998 (6 returns-11.0 avg)
65, Mississippi State vs. Texas, 1999 (4 returns-16.3 avg)
63, Arkansas vs. Duke, 1961 (3 returns-21.0 avg)

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE
35.0, Marquette vs. TCU, 1937 (2-70 yds)
26.5, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (4-106 yds)
24.0, Nebraksa vs. Texas, 1974 (2-48 yds)
24.0, Pitt vs. SMU, 1983 (2-48 yds)
21.0, Arkansas vs. Duke, 1961 (3-63 yds)
20.7, Arkansas vs. Kansas State, 2012 (3-62 yds)
20.8, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (5-104 yds)
19.8, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (4-79 yds)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS
8, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1988 (151-18.9 avg)
8, Texas A&M vs. LSU, 2011 (196-24.5 avg)
7, Texas vs. Penn State, 1972 (149-21.3 avg)
7, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (158-22.6 avg)
7, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (187-26.7 avg)
7, Texas vs. Miami, 1991 (124-17.7 avg)
7, Arkansas vs. Missouri, 2008 (168-24.0 avg)
6, Baylor vs. Penn State, 1975 (77-12.8 avg)
6, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1978 (81-13.5 avg)
6, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (136-22.7 avg)
6, Baylor vs. Alabama, 1981 (107-17.8 avg)
6, Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 1990 (113-18.8 avg)
6, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (146-24.3 avg)

MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS
196, Texas A&M vs. LSU, 2011 (8-24.5 avg)
187, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985 (7-26.7 avg)
168, Arkansas vs. Missouri, 2008 (7-24.0 avg)
158, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009 (7-22.6 avg)
151, Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M, 1988 (8-18.9 avg)
149, Texas vs. Penn State, 1972 (7-21.3 avg)
146, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (6-24.3 avg)
136, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (6-22.7 avg)
129, Mississippi State vs. Texas, 1999 (5-25.8 avg)
125, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (5-25.0 avg)

HIGHEST KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE
41.0, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (2-82 yds)
39.0, Alabama vs. Texas, 1982 (2-78 yds)
32.0, Kentucky vs. TCU, 1952 (2-64 yds)
31.7, Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975 (3-95 yds)
29.0, Auburn vs. Nebraska, 2007 (2-58 yds)

RECORDS TEAM

FUMBLES / PENALTIES

MOST FUMBLES
9, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (Lost 5)
8, TCU vs. Air Force, 1959 (Lost 3)
7, Houston vs. Nebraska, 1980 (Lost 3)
7, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (Lost 6)
6, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (Lost 5)
6, Texas vs. Nebraska, 1974 (Lost 3)
6, Arkansas vs. Georgia, 1976 (Lost 1)
6, Houston vs. Notre Dame, 1979 (Lost 3)

MOST FUMBLES LOST
6, Texas A&M vs. Florida State, 1992 (7 Fumbles)
5, Texas A&M vs. Alabama, 1942 (6 Fumbles)
5, Rice vs. Navy, 1958 (5 Fumbles)
5, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (9 Fumbles)
4, Alabama vs. Rice, 1954 (4 Fumbles)
4, Baylor vs. Alabama, 1981 (5 Fumbles)
4, Texas A&M vs. Tennessee, 2005 (4 Fumbles)
4, Arkansas vs. Missouri, 2008 (5 Fumbles)

MOST PENALTIES
16, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (202 yds)
12, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (133 yds)
11, Ohio State vs. Texas A&M, 1987 (70 yds)
11, Florida State vs. Texas A&M, 1992 (77 yds)
11, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (105 yds)
10, Texas Tech vs. Alabama, 2006 (65 yds)
10, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2010 (82 yds)
10, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (100 yds)
9, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938 (65 yds)
9, Navy vs. Rice, 1958 (65 yds)
9, Mississippi State vs. Texas, 1999 (89 yds)
9, Oklahoma vs. Arkansas, 2002 (76 yds)
9, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (100 yds)
9, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025/89th (75 yds)

FEWEST PENALTIES
0, Texas vs. Randolph Field, 1944
0, Texas vs. Alabama, 1973
1, 11 others (most recent - Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986)

MOST YARDS PENALIZED
202, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 (16 pn)
133, Southern California vs. Texas Tech, 1995 (12 pn)
105, Baylor vs. Michigan State, 2015/79th (11pn)
100, Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (9 pn)
100, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 2014 (10 pn)
90, Boston College vs. Clemson, 1940 (8 pn)
90, Nebraska vs. Houston, 1980 (7 pn)
89, Rice vs. Alabama, 1954 (8 pn)
89, Alabama vs. Baylor, 1981 (5 pn)
89, Mississippi State vs. Texas, 1999 (9 pn)

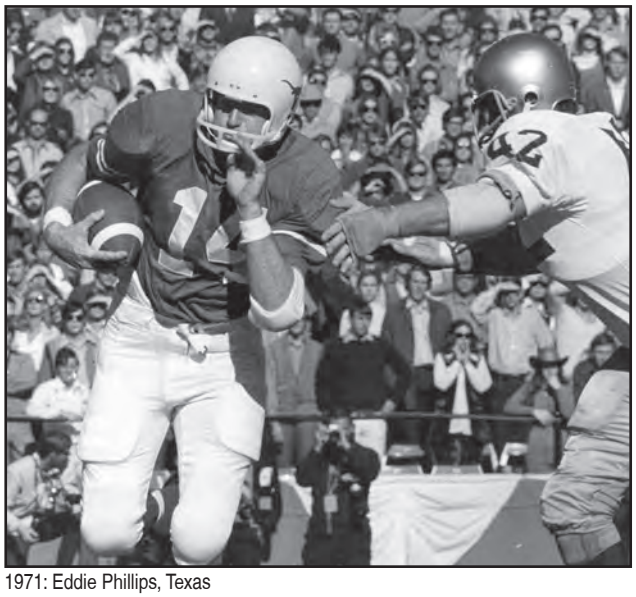
FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED
0, Texas vs. Randolph Field, 1944 (0 pn)
0, Texas vs. Alabama, 1973 (0 pn)
5, nine others (most recent - Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986)

SCORING DRIVES

LONGEST SCORING DRIVES
97, Tennessee vs. Texas, 1969 (1:00 in 4th quarter, 5 plays)
97, Houston vs. Maryland, 1977 (0:55 in 2nd quarter, 7 plays)
97, Texas vs. Mississippi State, 1999 (2:17 in 1st quarter, 7 plays)
97, Arkansas vs. Texas, 2000 (5:44 in 3rd quarter, 9 plays)
97, Ole Miss vs. Oklahoma State, 2004 (12:32 in 4th quarter, 13 plays)
97, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (10:30 in 4th quarter, 8 plays)
96, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (14:26 in 2nd quarter, 5 plays)
96, Tennessee vs. Kansas State, 2001 (2:44 in 4th quarter, 3 plays)
95, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (12:33 in 2nd quarter, 12 plays)
95, Missouri vs. Ohio State, 2023/88th (14:55 in 4th quarter, 8 plays)

MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVES
19, UCLA vs. Arkansas, 1989 (93 yards, 5:35 in 2nd quarter)
18, Duke vs. Arkansas, 1961 (73 yards, 2:45 in 4th quarter)
18, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1970 (77 yards, 10:05 in 4th quarter)
18, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1971 (84 yards, 1:52 in 2nd quarter)
18, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (87 yards, 11:41 in 1st quarter)
17, Texas vs. Notre Dame, 1970 (76 yards, 1:08 in 4th quarter)
17, Southern California vs. Tulane, 2023/87th (75 yards, 9:02 in 1st quarter)
16, nine others (most recent – Florida vs. Oklahoma, 2020 (88 yards, 8:08 in 2nd quarter)

QUICKEST SCORING DRIVES (SINCE 1949)
13:55, 1st quarter, Georgia vs. SMU, 1966/31st (76 yards in 2 plays, 74-yard TD run)
13:52, 1st quarter, Auburn vs. Texas A&M, 1986 (21 yards in 3 plays, 5-yard TD run)
13:37, 1st quarter, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (87 yards in 2 plays, 87-yard TD pass)
13:10, 1st quarter, Syracuse vs. Texas, 1960 (87 yards in 2 plays, 87-yard TD pass)
13:01, 1st quarter, Texas A&M vs. LSU, 2011 (31 yards in 5 plays, 6-yard TD pass)
12:59, 1st quarter, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 (79 yards in 5 plays, 27-yard TD pass)
12:33, 1st quarter, Tenn. vs. Texas A&M, 2005 (80 yards in 6 plays, 57-yard TD pass)
12:27, 1st quarter, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (75 yards in 6 plays, 2-yard TD run)
12:25, 1st quarter, Ohio State vs. Southern California, 2017/82nd (19 yards in 5 plays, 1-yard TD run)
12:21, 1st quarter, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, 2013 (75 yards in 8 plays, 23-yard TD pass)
12:02, 1st quarter, Texas vs. Navy, 1964 (78 yards in 6 plays, 58-yard TD pass)


1971: Eddie Phillips, Texas

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

TOTAL POINTS
3,431 in 89 Classics

TOTAL SCORING BY QUARTER
1st Quarter: 758 pts (22.1%)
2nd Quarter: 1003 pts (29.2%)
3rd Quarter: 765 pts (22.3%)
4th Quarter: 905 pts (26.4%)

SHUTOUT GAMES
1945, Oklahoma A&M 34, TCU 0
1953, Texas 16, Tennessee 0
1963, LSU 13, Texas 0
2015/80th, Alabama 38, Michigan State 0

TIE GAMES
1944, Texas 7, Randolph Field 7
1947, Arkansas 0, LSU 0
1948, SMU 13, Penn State 13
1959, TCU 0, Air Force 0

ONE-POINT GAMES
1941, Texas A&M 13, Fordham 12
1956, Ole Miss 14, TCU 13
1957, TCU 28, Syracuse 27
1961, Duke 7, Arkansas 6
1979, Notre Dame 35, Houston 34
1984, Georgia 10, Texas 9
2015/79th, Michigan State 42, Baylor 41
2023/87th, Tulane 46, Southern California 45

TEAMS TRAILING BY 10 POINTS CAME BACK TO WIN 14 TIMES IN 89 YEARS-15.7%
1938, 1956, 1970, 1973, 1976, 1979, 1982, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2015/79th, 2023/87th

TEAMS TRAILING BY 7 POINTS CAME BACK TO WIN 25 TIMES IN 89 YEARS-28.1%
1938, 1942, 1951, 1956, 1966/30th, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015/79th, 2023/87th

TEAMS SCORING FOLLOWING OPENING KICKOFF 23 TIMES IN 89 YEARS-25.8%
1945, 1949, 1960, 1964, 1966/31st, 1970, 1976, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2015/79th, 2017/81st, 2020, 2021, 2023/87th

TEAMS SCORING ON FIRST POSSESSION (INCLUDING FOLLOWING OPENING KICKOFF) 39 TIMES IN 89 YEARS-43.8%
1937, 1938, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1955, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966/31st, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1996, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2015/79th, 2017/81st, 2017/82nd, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023/87th

Note: Overtime for college football was instituted for the first time beginning with the 1995 postseason.

*The 1947 and 1959 Classics ended in a scoreless tie.

*TEAMS SCORING FIRST WON 51 TIMES IN 89 YEARS-57.3%
1937, 1939, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966/31st, 1969, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015/79th, 2015/80th, 2017/81st, 2017/82nd, 2018, 2020, 2021,2025/89th

*TEAMS LEADING AT HALFTIME WON 58 TIMES IN 89 YEARS-65.2%
1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966/30th, 1966/31st, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015/80th, 2017/81st, 2017/82nd, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2025/89th

TIES AT HALFTIME
1942, Texas A&M 7, Alabama 7 (Final: Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21)
1944, Randolph Field 7, Texas 7 (Final: Randolph Field 7, Texas 7)
1947, Arkansas 0, LSU 0 (Final: Arkansas 0, LSU 0)
1957, TCU 14, Syracuse 14 (Final: TCU 28, Syracuse 27)
1959, TCU 0, Air Force 0 (Final: TCU 0, Air Force 0)
1961, Arkansas 0, Duke 0 (Final: Duke 7, Arkansas 6)
1974, Nebraska 3, Texas 3 (Final: Nebraska 19, Texas 3)
1976, Georgia 10, Arkansas 10 (Final: Arkansas 31, Georgia 10)
1980, Nebraska 7, Houston 7 (Final: Houston 17, Nebraska 14)
1983, SMU 0, Pittsburgh 0 (Final: SMU 7, Pittsburgh 3)
1984, Texas 3, Georgia 3 (Final: Georgia 10, Texas 9)
2000, Arkansas 3, Texas 3 (Final: Arkansas 27, Texas 6)
2007, Auburn 14, Nebraska 14 (Final: Auburn 17, Nebraska 14)

*TEAMS LEADING AFTER THREE QUARTERS WON 65 TIMES IN 89 YEARS-73.0%
1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966/30th, 1966/31st, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015/80th, 2017/81st, 2017/82nd, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME TO WIN
22, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979 (trailed 34-12 in 4th, won 35-34)
20, Michigan State vs. Baylor, 2015/79th (trailed 41-21 in 4th, won 42-41)
16, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, 1998, trailed (16-0 in 2nd, won 29-23)
15, Tulane vs. Southern California, 2023/87th (trailed 45-30 in 4th, won 46-45)
14, Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech, 2009 (trailed 14-0 in 1st, to win 47-34)
14, Rice vs. Colorado, 1938 (trailed 14-0 in 2nd, won 28-14)
13, Ole Miss vs. TCU, 1956 (trailed 13-0 in 2nd, won 14-13)

GAME DAY WEATHER 73 CLASSICS
Ideal: 43 in 73 Classics — 58.9%
Cold: 22 in 73 Classics — 30.1%
Rain: 6 in 73 Classics — 8.2%
Snow: 2 in 73 Classics — 2.8%

GAMES WON
HOST TEAM: 43 of 89 Classics — 48.3%
VISITING TEAM: 42 of 89 Classics — 47.2%
TIE GAMES: 4 of 61 Classics — 6.6%

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME?

A PUNT WAS RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN:
Cyrus Jones, 57 yards, Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2015/80th

A BLOCKED PUNT WAS RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN:
Steve Cichy, 33 yards, Notre Dame vs. Houston, 1979

A KICKOFF WAS RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN:
Earl Allen, 98 yards, Houston vs. Boston College, 1985

AN INTERCEPTION WAS RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN:
Tre Norwood, 45 yards, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020

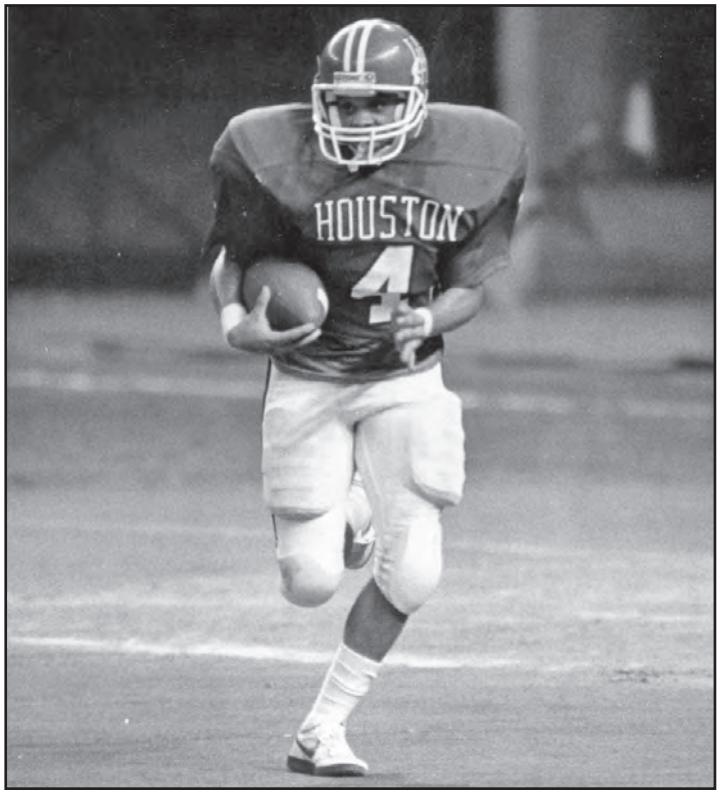
A FUMBLE WAS RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN:
Jack Sawyer, 83 yards, Ohio State vs. Texas, 2025

A BLOCKED PAT WAS RETURNED FOR TWO POINTS:
Nigel Malone, 68 yards, Kansas State vs. Arkansas, 2012

A SAFETY WAS SCORED:
Patrick Jenkins of Tulane tackled Austin Jones of Southern California, 2023/87th

A TOUCHDOWN WAS SCORED ON A HAIL MARY PASS:
Brian Kavanagh to Andre Anderson, 41 yards, Kansas State vs. BYU, 1997

A SHUTOUT WAS SCORED:
Alabama 38, Michigan State 0, 2015/80th



1985: Earl Allen, Houston


2015/80th: Cyrus Jones, Alabama

COMPOSITE RECORDS TEAM

RUSHING

MOST ATTEMPTS

112, Arkansas (65) vs. Georgia (47), 1976
111, Texas (69) vs. Alabama (42), 1973
110, Texas (67) vs. Notre Dame (43), 1970
110, Arkansas (72) vs. Tennessee (38), 1990
109, TCU (56) vs. Syracuse (53), 1957
108, Texas (55) vs. Notre Dame (53), 1971
108, Penn State (56) vs. Texas (52), 1972
107, Texas (78) vs. Tennessee (29), 1953
104, Houston (64) vs. Maryland (40), 1977
103, Notre Dame (53) vs. Texas (50), 1978
103, Houston (63) vs. Notre Dame (40), 1979

FEWEST ATTEMPTS

59, Ole Miss (45) vs. Texas Tech (14), 2009
61, Arkansas (36) vs. Texas (25), 2000
61, Alabama (35) vs. Michigan State (26), 2015/80th
65, Oklahoma (34) vs. Texas A&M (23), 2013
66, TCU (34) vs. Marquette (32), 1937
66, Tulane (34) vs. Southern California (32), 2023/87th
68, BYU (36) vs. Kansas State (32), 1997
68, Alabama (44) vs. Texas Tech (24), 2006
68, Michigan State (46) vs. Baylor (22), 2015/79th
69, Wisconsin (38) vs. Western Michigan (31), 2017/81st

MOST YARDS

685, Oklahoma (435) vs. Florida (250), 2020
681, Arkansas (361) vs. Tennessee (320), 1990
610, Missouri (408) vs. Texas (202), 1946
567, Rice (379) vs. Alabama (188), 1954
520, Texas (331) vs. Notre Dame (189), 1970
520, Boston College (353) vs. Houston (167), 1985
487, Missouri (323) vs. Arkansas (164), 2008
475, Kansas State (297) vs. Tennessee (178), 2001
468, Oregon (242) vs. SMU (226), 1949
465, Tulane (327) vs. Southern California (138), 2023/87th

FEWEST YARDS

93, Oklahoma (56) vs. Arkansas (37), 2002
100, BYU (59) vs. Kansas State (41), 1997
145, Nebaska (100) vs. Arkansas (45), 1965
164, Arkansas (191) vs. Texas (-27), 2000
170, Fordham (118) vs. Texas A&M (52), 1941
171, Nebraska (104) vs. Auburn (67), 2007
172, Randolph Field (99) vs. Texas (73), 1944
174, Texas A&M (115) vs. Alabama (59), 1942
183, Alabama (154) vs. Michigan State (29), 2015/80th
198, Southern California (143) vs. Texas Tech (55), 1995

PASSING

MOST ATTEMPTS

101, Oklahoma State (57) vs, Missouri (44), 2014
94, Baylor (52) vs. Michigan State (42), 2015/79th
84, Oklahoma (49) vs. Texas A&M (35), 2013
82, Texas Tech (58) vs. Ole Miss (29), 2009
75, Clemson (41) vs. Notre Dame (34), 2018
74, LSU (46) vs. Texas (28), 2003
73, Memphis (53) vs. Penn State (20), 2019
72, Texas Tech (37) vs. Southern California (35), 1995
72, Texas (39) vs. Ohio State (33), 2025/89th
71, Oregon (44) vs. Colorado (27), 1996
71, Michigan State (39) vs. Alabama (31), 2015/80th

FEWEST ATTEMPTS

14, Texas (8) vs. Tennessee (6), 1953
21, LSU (17) vs. Arkansas (4), 1947
22, Texas (14) vs. Tennessee (8), 1951
23, TCU (16) vs. Syracuse (7), 1957
25, Georgia Tech (15) vs. Arkansas (10), 1955
26, Randolph Field (16) vs. Texas (10), 1944
26, Alabama (16) vs. Rice (10), 1954
26, Ole Miss (21) vs. TCU (5), 1956
27, Boston College (23) vs. Clemson (4), 1940
27, Oklahoma A&M (17) vs. TCU (10), 1945
27, Texas (15) vs. Syracuse (12), 1960
27, Texas (14) vs. Penn State (13), 1972

MOST COMPLETIONS

61, Baylor (37) vs. Michigan State (24), 2015/79th
58, Oklahoma (35) vs. Texas A&M (23), 2013
54, Texas Tech (36) vs. Ole Miss (18), 2009
50, Oklahoma State (33) vs. Missouri (17), 2014
47, Ohio State (24) vs. Texas (23), 2025/89th
45, Southern California (37) vs. Tulane (8), 2023/87th
44, Alabama (25) vs. Michigan State (19), 2015/80th
44, Clemson (44) vs. Notre Dame (17), 2018
44, Memphis (33) vs. Penn State (11), 2019
43, Ole Miss (22) vs. Oklahoma State (21), 2004

FEWEST COMPLETIONS

5, LSU (5) vs. Arkansas (0), 1947
5, Tennessee (3) vs. Texas (2), 1953
6, Boston College (4) vs. Clemson (2), 1940
6, Texas (3) vs. Randolph Field (3), 1944
8, Texas (5) vs. Tennessee (3), 1951
11, Texas A&M (6) vs. Fordham (5), 1941
11, Alabama (7) vs. Rice (4), 1954
11, Arkansas (7) vs. Georgia Tech (4), 1955
12, Rice (11) vs. Colorado (1), 1938
12, Oklahoma A&M (9) vs. TCU (3), 1945
12, Ole Miss (10) vs. TCU (2), 1956
12, Penn State (7) vs. Texas (5), 1972

MOST YARDS

917, Baylor (603) vs. Michigan State (314), 2015/79th
696, Southern California (462) vs. Tulane (234), 2023/87th
656, Texas Tech (364) vs. Ole Miss (292), 2009
640, Southern California (435) vs. Texas Tech (205), 1995
612, Memphis (479) vs. Penn State (133), 2019
585, Texas A&M (307) vs. Oklahoma (278), 2013
583, Oklahoma State (377) vs. Missouri (206), 2014
572, Ohio State (289) vs. Texas (283), 2025/89th
566, Oklahoma State (307) vs. Ole Miss (259), 2004
524, BYU (291) vs. Kansas State (233), 1997

FEWEST YARDS

16, LSU (16) vs. Arkansas (0), 1947
78, Tennessee (46) vs. Texas (32), 1953
88, Randolph Field (51) vs. Texas (37), 1944
104, Boston College (73) vs. Clemson (31), 1940
117, Arkansas (86) vs. Georgia Tech (31), 1955
126, Alabama (67) vs Rice (59), 1954
128, Air Force (91) vs. TCU (37), 1959
142, Texas (97) vs. Tennessee (45), 1951
149, Florida State (92) vs. Texas A&M (57), 1992
157, Ole Miss (137) vs. TCU (20), 1956

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

8, Ole Miss (5) vs. Texas (3), 1962
8, Texas A&M (5) vs. Ohio State (3), 1987
8, Oklahoma State (4) vs. Ole Miss (4), 2010
7, Texas Tech (5) vs. St. Mary's (2), 1939
7, Texas A&M (7) vs. Alabama (0), 1942
6, TCU (3) vs. Marquette (3), 1937
6, Florida State (4) vs. Texas A&M (2), 1992
4, 12 others (most recent - Texas A&M (3) vs. LSU (1), 2011

COMPOSITE RECORDS TEAM

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS
187, Oklahoma State (96) vs. Missouri (91), 2014
162, Michigan State (88) vs. Baylor (74), 2015/79th
159, Notre Dame (85) vs. Texas (74), 1978
159, Memphis (86) vs. Penn State (73), 2019
158, Boston College (87) vs. Houston (71), 1985
155, Arkansas (94) vs. Tennessee (61), 1990
155, LSU (95) vs. Texas (60), 2003
155, Arkansas (83) vs. Missouri (72), 2008
154, Texas (82) vs. Notre Dame (72), 1971
153, Notre Dame (77) vs. Houston (76), 1979

MOST YARDS
1,205, Oklahoma (684) vs. Florida (521), 2020
1,135, Baylor (583) vs. Michigan State (552), 2015/79th
1,133, Southern California (594) vs. Tulane (539), 2023/87th
1,071, Memphis (542) vs. Penn State (529), 2019
1,038, Arkansas (568) vs. Tennessee (470), 1990
1,034, Texas A&M (633) vs. Oklahoma (401), 2013
1,010, Oklahoma State (548), Missouri (462), 2014
984, Ole Miss (515), vs. Texas Tech (469), 2009
950, Texas (436) vs. Missouri (514), 1946
866, Ole Miss (449) vs. Oklahoma State (417), 2004

FEWEST PLAYS
107, TCU (54) vs. Marquette (53), 1937
111, Western Michigan (59) vs. Wisconsin (52), 2017/81st
113, Nebraska (60) vs. Arkansas (53), 1965
114, Oklahoma A&M (77) vs. TCU (37), 1945
115, Rice (64) vs. Alabama (51), 1954
116, TCU (59) vs. Ole Miss (57), 1956
118, Duke (60) vs. Arkansas (58), 1961
118, UCLA (82) vs. Arkansas (36), 1989
120, Texas (57) vs. Tennessee (63), 1951
121, Texas (86) vs. Tennessee (35), 1953
121, Oklahoma (66) vs. Arkansas (55), 2002
121, Nebraska (65) vs. Auburn (56), 2007

FEWEST YARDS
260, Randoplh Field (150) vs. Texas (110), 1944
281, Oklahoma (231) vs. Arkansas (50), 2002
325, LSU (271) vs. Arkansas (54), 1947
333, Fordham (180) vs. Texas A&M (153), 1941
333, Texas (301) vs. Tennessee (32), 1953
344, Arkansas (176) vs. Nebraska (168), 1965
384, Texas A&M (309) vs. Alabama (75), 1942
394, Clemson (210) vs. Boston College (184), 1940
408, Arkansas (219) vs. Duke (189), 1961
408, Nebraska (230) vs. Auburn (178), 2007



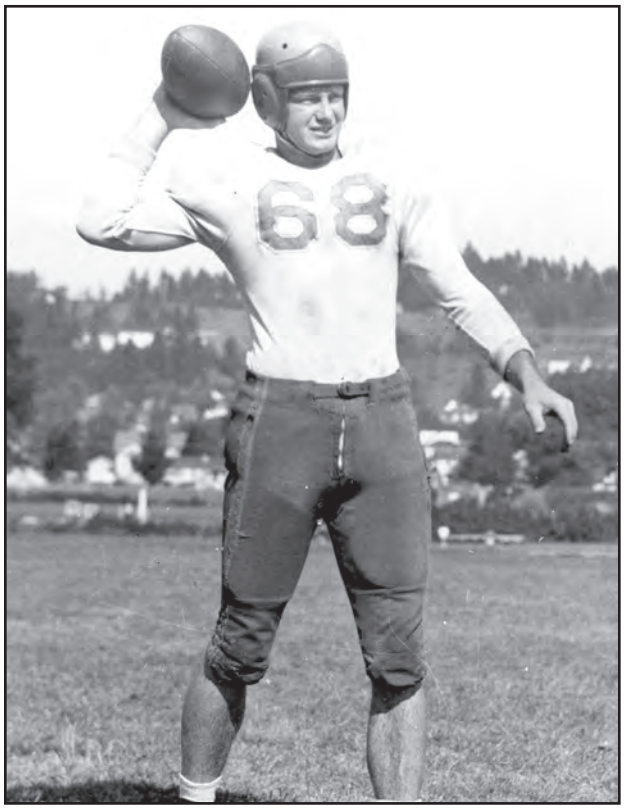
2003: Cory Redding, Texas

SCORING

MOST POINTS
92, Penn State (53) vs. Memphis (39), 2019
91, Tulane (46) vs. Southern California (45), 2023/87th
83, Michigan State (42) vs. Baylor (41), 2015/79th
81, Ole Miss (47) vs. Texas Tech (34), 2009
75, Oklahoma (55) vs. Florida (20), 2020
73, Boston College (45) vs. Houston (28), 1985
72, Missouri (41), Oklahoma State (31), 2014
69, Notre Dame (35) vs. Houston (34), 1979
69, Southern California (55) vs. Texas Tech (14), 1995
67, Texas (40) vs. Missouri (27), 1946

FEWEST POINTS
0, Arkansas (0) vs. LSU (0), 1947
0, TCU (0) vs. Air Force (0), 1959
9, Clemson (6) vs. Boston College (3), 1940
10, SMU (7) vs. Pitt (3), 1983
12, Florida State (10) vs. Texas A&M (2), 1992
13, Duke (7) vs. Arkansas (6), 1961
13, LSU (13) vs. Texas (0), 1963
13, Oklahoma (10) vs. Arkansas (3), 2002
14, Texas (7) vs. Randolph Field (7), 1944
16, Texas (16) vs. Tennessee (0), 1953

MOST TOUCHDOWNS
12, Tulane (6) vs. Southern California (6), 2023/87th
11, Ole Miss (6) vs. Texas Tech (5), 2009
11, Michigan State (6) vs. Baylor (5), 2015/79th
10, Texas (6) vs. Missouri (4), 1946
10, Boston College (6) vs. Houston (4), 1985
10, Penn State (7) vs. Memphis (3), 2019
9, Notre Dame (5) vs. Houston (4), 1979
9, Southern California (7) vs. Texas Tech (2), 1995
9, Missouri (5) vs. Oklahoma State (4), 2014
9, Oklahoma (7) vs. Florida (2), 2020



1949: Norm Van Brocklin, Oregon

COMPOSITE RECORDS TEAM

SCORING

FEWEST TOUCHDOWNS
0, Arkansas (0) vs. LSU (0), 1947
0, TCU (0) vs. Air Force (0), 1959
1, Clemson (1) vs. Boston College (0), 1940
1, LSU (1) vs. Texas (0), 1963
1, SMU (1) vs. Pitt (0), 1983
1, Georgia (1) vs. Texas (0), 1984
1, Florida State (1) vs. Texas A&M (0), 1992
1, Oklahoma (1) vs. Arkansas (0), 2002
2, Texas (1) vs. Randolph Field (1), 1944
2, Texas (2) vs. Tennessee (0), 1953
2, Duke (1) vs. Arkansas (1), 1961
2, Arkansas (1) vs. Nebraska (1), 1965
2, Nebraska (2) vs. Texas (0), 1974
2, UCLA (2) vs. Arkansas (0), 1989
2, Alabama (1) vs. Texas Tech (1), 2006
2, Missouri (2) vs. Ohio State (0), 2023/88th

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING
8, Penn State (5) vs. Memphis (3), 2019
6, Texas (3) vs. Missouri (3), 1946
6, Houston (3) vs. Notre Dame (3), 1979
5, Oklahoma A&M (5) vs. TCU (0), 1945
5, Rice (4) vs. Alabama (1), 1954
5, Syracuse (3) vs. TCU (2), 1957
5, Houston (3) vs. Maryland (2), 1977
5, Texas A&M (4) vs. Auburn (1), 1986
5, Arkansas (3) vs. Tennessee (2), 1990
5, Notre Dame (3) vs. Texas A&M (2), 1994
5, Oklahoma State (3) vs. Ole Miss (2), 2004
5, Missouri (4) vs. Arkansas (1), 2008
5, Missouri (3) vs. Oklahoma State (2), 2014
5, Michigan State (4) vs. Baylor (1), 2015/79th
5, Tulane (4) vs. Southern California (1), 2023/87th

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSING
7, Texas Tech (4) vs. Ole Miss (3), 2009
7, Southern California (5) vs. Tulane (2), 2023/87th
6, Southern California (5) vs. Texas Tech (1), 1995
6, LSU (3) vs. Texas A&M (3), 2011
6, Baylor (4) vs. Michigan State (2), 2015/79th
4, Rice (3) vs. Colorado (1), 1938
4, Texas (3) vs. Missouri (1), 1946
4, Texas (2) vs. Tennessee (2), 1969
4, Boston College (3) vs. Houston (1), 1985
4, Miami (4) vs. Texas (0), 1991
4, BYU (2) vs. Kansas State (2), 1997
4, Texas (3) vs. Mississippi State (1), 1999
4, Tennessee (3) vs. Texas A&M (1), 2005
4, Oklahoma (3) vs. Florida (1), 2020

MOST FIELD GOALS
7, Memphis (6) vs. Penn State (1), 2019
5, Penn State (3) vs. Texas (2), 1972
4, Texas (3) vs. Georgia (1), 1984
4, Arkansas (2) vs. Texas (2), 2000
4, Oklahoma (2) vs. Florida (2), 2020
4, Alabama (2) vs. Cincinnati (2), 2021
3, Alabama (2) vs. Texas (1), 1973
3, Nebraksa (2) vs. Texas (1), 1974
3, Alabama (3) vs. Baylor (0), 1981
3, Texas A&M (2) vs. Notre Dame (1), 1988
3, Miami (2) vs. Texas (1), 1991
3, LSU (2) vs. Texas A&M (1), 2011
3, Arkansas (3) vs. Kansas State (0), 2012
3, Missouri (2) vs. Oklahoma State (1), 2014

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST HALF
58, Penn State (35) vs. Memphis (23), 2019
45, Ole Miss (24) vs. Texas Tech (21), 2009
45, Boston College (31) vs. Houston (14), 1985
45, LSU (28) vs. Texas A&M (17), 2011
44, Oklahoma (31) vs. Florida (13), 2020
42, Southern California (28) vs. Tulane (14), 2023/87th
38, Texas (21) vs. LSU (17), 2003
38, Baylor (24) vs. Michigan State (14), 2015/79th
35, Rice (21) vs. Colorado (14), 1938
35, Texas (21) vs. Missouri (14), 1946
35, Notre Dame (24) vs. Texas (11), 1971
35, Kansas State (21) vs. Tennessee (14), 2001

MOST POINTS SCORED SECOND HALF
51, Penn State (38) vs. Baylor (13), 1975
49, Tulane (32) vs. Southern California (17), 2023/87th
48, Missouri (24) vs. Oklahoma State (24), 2014
45, Michigan State (28) vs. Baylor (17), 2015/79th
37, Notre Dame (23) vs. Houston (14),1979
36, Ole Miss (23) vs. Texas Tech (13), 2009
36, Alabama (22) vs. Texas A&M (14), 1942
35, Arkansas (21) vs. Tennessee (14), 1990
35, Southern California (21) vs. Texas Tech (14), 1995
34, Penn State (18) vs. Memphis (16), 2019

FEWEST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST HALF
0, Arkansas (0) vs. LSU (0), 1947
0, TCU (0) vs. Air Force (0), 1959
0, Duke (0) vs. Arkansas (0),1961
0, SMU (0) vs. Pitt (0), 1983
3, LSU (3) vs. Texas (0), 1963
3, Ohio State (3) vs. Missouri (0), 2023/88th
6, Fordham (6) vs. Texas A&M (0), 1941
6, Arkansas (6) vs. Georgia Tech (0), 1955
6, Texas (3) vs. Nebraska (3), 1974
6, Texas (3) vs. Georgia (3), 1984
6, Texas (3) vs. Arkansas (3), 2000

FEWEST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND HALF
0, TCU vs. Marquette (0), 1937
0, Clemson (0) vs. Boston College (0), 1940
0, Texas (0) vs. Randolph Field (0), 1944
0, Arkansas (0) vs. LSU (0), 1947
0, TCU (0) vs. Air Force (0), 1959
0, LSU (0) vs. Arkansas (0), 1966/30th
0, Notre Dame (0) vs. Texas (0), 1971
0, Southern California (0) vs. Ohio State (0), 2017/82nd
3, Florida State (3) vs. Texas A&M (0), 1992
3, Auburn (3) vs. Nebraska (0), 2007
6, Penn State (6) vs. SMU (0), 1948
6, UCLA (3) vs. Arkansas (3), 1989
6, Oklahoma (3) vs. Arkansas (3), 2002
7, seven others (most recent - Clemson (7) vs. Notre Dame (0), 2018)

COMPOSITE RECORDS TEAM

SCORING

MOST POINTS SCORED IN ONE HALF

58, Penn State (35) vs. Memphis (23) in 1st, 2019
51, Penn State (38) vs. Baylor (13) in 2nd, 1975
49, Tulane (32) vs. Southern California (17) in 2nd, 2023/87th
48, Missouri (24) vs. Oklahoma State (24) in 2nd, 2014
45, Ole Miss (24) vs. Texas Tech (21), in 1st, 2009
45, Boston College (31) vs. Houston (14) in 1st, 1985
45, LSU (28) vs. Texas A&M (17) in 1st, 2011
45, Michigan State (28) vs. Baylor (17) in 2nd, 2015/79th
44, Oklahoma (31) vs. Florida (13) in 1st, 2020
38, Texas (21) vs. LSU (17) in 1st, 2003
38, Baylor (24) vs. Michigan State (14) in 1st, 2015/79th

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST QUARTER

28, Southern California (28) vs. Texas Tech (0), 1995
28, Baylor (14) vs. Michigan State (14), 2015/79th
24, Boston College (17) vs. Houston (7), 1985
21, Texas (14) vs. Missouri (7), 1946
21, Houston (21) vs. Maryland (0), 1977
21, Texas Tech (21) vs. Ole Miss (7), 2009
20, Memphis (13) vs. Penn State (7), 2019
20, Oklahoma (17) vs. Florida (3), 2020
19, Notre Dame (12) vs. Houston (7), 1979
19, Texas A&M (12) vs. Auburn (7), 1986

MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND QUARTER

38, Penn State (28) vs. Memphis (10), 2019
35, Southern California (21) vs. Tulane (14), 2023/87th
28, Notre Dame (21) vs. Texas (7), 1978
28, Kansas State (14) vs. Tennessee (14), 2001
28, LSU (21) vs. Texas A&M (7), 2011
25, Arkansas (16) vs. Kansas State (9), 2012
24, Ole Miss (17) vs. Texas Tech (7), 2009
24, Ohio State (17) vs. Southern California (7), 2017/82nd
24, Oklahoma (14) vs. Florida (10), 2020
21, Rice (21) vs. Colorado (0), 1938
21, Syracuse (14) vs. TCU (7), 1957
21, Boston College (14) vs. Houston (7), 1985
21, Texas (14) vs. LSU (7), 2003

MOST POINTS SCORED IN THIRD QUARTER

24, Texas (24) vs. Mississippi State (0), 1999
24, Baylor (17) vs. Michigan State (7), 2015/79th
23, Memphis (13) vs. Penn State (10), 2019
23, Tulane (16) vs. Southern California (7), 2023/87th
21, Penn State (14) vs. Baylor (7), 1975
21, Tennessee (14) vs. Arkansas (7), 1990
21, Notre Dame (14) vs. Texas A&M (7), 1994
21, Southern California (14) vs. Texas Tech (7), 1995
21, UCLA (14) vs. Texas A&M (7), 1998
21, Missouri (14) vs. Arkansas (7), 2008
21, Alabama (21) vs. Michigan State (0), 2015/80th

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FOURTH QUARTER

41, Missouri (24) vs. Oklahoma State (17), 2014
30, Penn State (24) vs. Baylor (6), 1975
26, Texas (13) vs. Missouri (13), 1946
26, Tulane (16) vs. Southern Calfornia (10), 2023/87th
23, Texas A&M (14) vs. Alabama (9), 1942
23, Notre Dame (23) vs. Houston (0), 1979
22, Texas Tech (13) vs. Ole Miss (9), 2009

HIGHEST SCORING QUARTERS

41, Missouri (24) vs. Oklahoma State (17) in 4th, 2014
38, Penn State (28) vs. Memphis (10) in 2nd, 2019
35, Southern California (21) vs. Tulane (14) in 2nd, 2023/87th
30, Penn State (24) vs. Baylor (6) in 4th, 1975
28, Notre Dame (21) vs. Texas (7) in 2nd, 1978
28, Southern California (28) vs. Texas Tech (0) in 1st, 1995
28, Kansas State (14) vs. Tennessee (14) in 2nd, 2001
28, LSU (21) vs. Texas A&M (7) in 2nd, 2011
28, Michigan State (14) vs. Baylor (14) in 1st, 2015/79th
26, Texas (13) vs. Missouri (13) in 4th, 1946
26, Tulane (16) vs. Southern California (10) in 4th, 2023/87th

FIRST DOWNS

MOST FIRST DOWNS

55, Texas A&M (28) vs. Oklahoma (27), 2013
55, Missouri (29) vs. Oklahoma State (26) 2014
54, Michigan State (29) vs. Baylor (25), 2015/79th
53, Florida (28) vs. Oklahoma (25), 2020
52, Memphis (27) vs. Penn State (25), 2019
50, Texas (25) vs. Notre Dame (25), 1970
50, Ole Miss (26) vs. Texas Tech (24), 2009
49, Tennessee (32) vs. Texas A&M (17), 2005
47, Arkansas (31) vs. Tennessee (16), 1990
47, LSU (24) vs. Texas A&M (23), 2011

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS

10, Randolph Field (7) vs. Texas (3), 1944
14, Texas A&M (13) vs. Alabama (1), 1942
16, LSU (15) vs. Arkansas (1), 1947
17, Oklahoma (11) vs. Arkansas (6), 2002
18, St. Mary's (11) vs. Texas (7), 1939
20, Clemson (11) vs. Boston College (9), 1940
21, Fordham (13) vs. Texas A&M (8), 1941
22, Air Force (13) vs. TCU (9), 1959
22, Syracuse (12) vs. Texas (10), 1960
22, Arkansas (11) vs. Nebraska (11), 1965

MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING

32, Texas (19) vs. Notre Dame (13), 1970
32, Arkansas (21) vs. Tennessee (11), 1990
28, Notre Dame (20) vs. Texas A&M (8), 1993
27, Oklahoma (15) vs. Florida (12), 2020
26, Oregon (14) vs. SMU (12), 1949
26, Missouri (16) vs. Oklahoma State (10) , 2014
26, Penn State (18) vs. Memphis (8) , 2019
25, Texas (16) vs. Tennessee (9), 1969
25, Penn State (13) vs. Texas (12), 1972
25, Arkansas (16) vs. Georgia (9), 1976

COMPOSITE RECORDS TEAM

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING

3, Texas A&M (3) vs. Alabama (0), 1942
7, Arkansas (4) vs. Oklahoma (3), 2002
9, Texas (9) vs. Navy (0), 1964
9, Alabama (7) vs. Michigan State (2), 2015/80th
10, Southern California (7) vs. Texas Tech (3), 1995
11, Nebraska (8) vs. Arkansas (3), 1965
11, Texas A&M (6) vs. Alabama (5), 1968
11, BYU (7) vs. Kansas State (4), 1997
11, Nebraska (6) vs. Auburn (5), 2007
11, Ohio State (6) vs. Southern California (5), 2017/82nd

MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING

32, Baylor (17) vs. Michigan State (15), 2015/79th
32, Texas Tech (18) vs. Ole Miss (14), 2009
31, Oklahoma (17) vs. Texas A&M (4), 2013
29, Ole Miss (15) vs. Oklahoma State (14), 2004
28, Southern California (22) vs. Tulane (6), 2023/87th
26, Memphis (19) vs. Penn State (7), 2019
25, Oklahoma State (16) vs. Missouri (9), 2014
24, BYU (15) vs. Kansas State (9), 1997
24, Florida (15) vs. Oklahoma (9), 2020
23, Southern California (14) vs. Texas Tech (9), 1995
23, Alabama (12) vs. Michigan State (11), 2015/80th
23, Clemson (15) vs. Notre Dame (8), 2018

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PASSING

4, Rice (3) vs. Colorado (1), 1938
4, Texas (2) vs. Tennessee (2), 1953
5, Arkansas (3) vs. Georgia Tech (2), 1955
6, Texas (4) vs. Tennessee (2), 1951
6, TCU (4) vs. Kentucky (2), 1952
6, Arkansas (3) vs. Duke (3), 1961
7, Texas A&M (6) vs. Alabama (1),1942
7, Ole Miss (6) vs. TCU (1), 1956
7, Air Force (6) vs. TCU (1), 1959
7, Arkansas (4) vs. Georgia (3), 1976
7, Oklahoma (7) vs. Arkansas (0), 2002

MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY

8, Texas (6) vs. Miami (2), 1991
8, Tennessee (5) vs. Texas A&M (3), 2005
5, Baylor (4) vs. Penn State (1), 1975
5, SMU (3) vs. Pitt (2), 1983
5, Georgia (4) vs. Texas (1), 1984
5, Texas A&M (4) vs. Florida State (1), 1992
5, Michigan State (3) vs. Baylor (2), 2015/79th
5, Michigan State (3) vs. Alabama (2), 2015/80th
4, eight others (most recent - Texas (3) vs. Ohio State (1), 2025/89th

PUNTING

MOST PUNTS

23, Alabama (16-581) vs. Texas A&M (7-255), 1942
22, Texas Tech (11-377) vs. St. Mary's (11-523), 1939
21, Clemson (11-469) vs. Boston College (10-393), 1940
21, Randolph Field (11-469) vs. Texas (10-393), 1944
21, Missouri (11-469) vs. Texas (10-393), 1946
21, Penn State (11-469) vs. SMU (10-393), 1948
20, Arkansas (11-396) vs. LSU (9-274), 1947
18, Texas A&M (10-329) vs. Fordham (8-243), 1941
18, TCU (10-329) vs. Oklahoma A&M (8-243), 1945
18, Houston (10-330) vs. Boston College (8-239), 1985

HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE (Min: 10 Punts)

49.0, Oklahoma State (8-402) vs. Ole Miss (5-235) (13-637 total), 2010
46.0, Michigan State (9-411) vs. Alabama (6-279) (15-690 total), 2015/80th
44.5, Texas A&M (9-408) vs. UCLA (8-349) (17-757 total), 1998
44.5, Missouri (8-386) vs. Ohio State (8-326) (16-712 total), 2023/88th
44.4, Texas A&M (5-225) vs. Auburn (5-219) (10-444 total), 1986
44.1, LSU (9-376) vs. Texas (8-374) (17-750 total), 1963
44.0, Arkansas (4-187) vs. Kansas State (8-341) (12-528 total), 2012
43.6, Georgia (9-371) vs. Texas (7-327) (16-698 total), 1984
42.9, Texas (6-263) vs. Ohio State (6-252) (12-515 total), 2025/89th
41.6, Auburn (6-258) vs. Nebraska (6-241) (12-499 total), 2007

FUMBLES

MOST FUMBLES

13, TCU (8) vs. Air Force (5), 1959
10, Texas (5) vs. Tennessee (5), 1953
10, Rice (5) vs. Navy (5), 1958
10, Texas (9) vs. Notre Dame (1), 1971
10, Alabama (5) vs. Baylor (5), 1981
10, Texas A&M (7) vs. Florida State (3), 1992
9, Texas (6) vs. Nebraska (3), 1974
9, Arkansas (6) vs. Georgia (3), 1976
9, Houston (6) vs. Notre Dame (3), 1979
8, Texas A&M (6) vs. Alabama (2), 1942
8, Alabama (5) vs. Texas A&M (3), 1968
8, Tennessee (5) vs. Texas (3), 1969
8, Houston (7) vs. Nebraska (1), 1980

FEWEST FUMBLES

0, Texas (0) vs. Mississippi State (0), 1999
0, Arkansas (0) vs. Texas (0), 2000
0, Texas A&M (0) vs. Oklahoma (0), 2013
1, Oregon (1) vs. SMU (0), 1949
1, Georgia Tech (1) vs. Arkansas (0), 1955
1, Alabama (1) vs. Texas (0), 1973
1, Alabama (1) vs. Texas (0), 1982
1, Texas Tech (1) vs. Alabama (0), 2006
1, Alabama (1) vs. Cincinnati (0), 2021
2, 14 times (most recently Memphis (2) vs. Penn State (0), 2019

MOST FUMBLES LOST

8, Rice (5) vs. Navy (3), 1958
7, Texas A&M (6) vs. Florida State (1), 1992
6, Texas A&M (5) vs. Alabama (1), 1942
6, Texas (3) vs. Tennessee (3), 1953
6, TCU (3) vs. Air Force (3), 1959
6, Texas (5) vs. Notre Dame (1), 1971
6, Houston (3) vs. Notre Dame (3), 1979
6, Arkansas (4) vs. Missouri (2), 2008
5, Arkansas (3) vs. LSU (2), 1947
5, Syracuse (3) vs. TCU (2), 1957
5, Baylor (4) vs. Alabama (1), 1981
5, Notre Dame (3) vs. Texas A&M (2), 1993

COMPOSITE RECORDS TEAM

FEWEST FUMBLES LOST
0, TCU (0) vs Marquette (0), 1937
0, Arkansas (0) vs. Georgia Tech (0), 1955
0, Texas (0) vs. Alabama (0), 1973
0, Texas A&M (0) vs. Ohio State (0), 1987
0, BYU (0) vs. Kansas State (0), 1997
0, Texas A&M (0) vs. UCLA (0), 1998
0, Arkansas (0) vs. Texas (0), 2000
0, Ole Miss (0) vs. Oklahoma State (0), 2004
0, Alabama (0) vs. Texas Tech (0), 2006
0, Texas A&M (0) vs. Oklahoma (0), 2013
0, Baylor (0) vs. Michigan State (0), 2015/79th
0, Alabama (0) vs. Michigan State (0), 2015/80th
0, Western Michigan (0) vs. Wisconsin (0), 2017/81st
0, Memphis (0) vs. Penn State (0), 2019
0, Alabama (0) vs. Cincinnati (0), 2021
1, eight (most recent - Texas (1) vs. Ohio State (0), 2025/89th

TURNOVERS

MOST TURNOVERS
13, Texas A&M (12) vs. Alabama (1), 1942
13, Texas A&M (8) vs. Florida State (5), 1992
12, Oklahoma State (7) vs. Ole Miss (5), 2010
11, Texas Tech (8) vs. St. Mary's (3), 1939
10, Rice (6) vs. Navy (4), 1958
10, Ole Miss (6) vs. Texas (4), 1962
10, Notre Dame (7) vs. Houston (3), 1979
8, eight others (most recent - Arkansas (5) vs. Missouri (3), 2008)

FEWEST TURNOVERS
0, Arkansas (0) vs. Texas (0), 2000
0, Alabama (0) vs. Texas Tech (0), 2006
1, Arkansas (1) vs. Georgia Tech (0), 1955
1, Ole Miss (1) vs. Oklahoma State (0), 2004
1, Western Michigan (1) vs. Wisconsin (0), 2017/81st
1, Alabama (1) vs. Cincinnati (0), 2021
1, Ohio State (1) vs. Missouri (0), 2023/88th

PENALTIES

MOST PENALITIES
24, Miami (16) vs. Texas (8), 1991
18, Baylor (11) vs. Michigan State (7), 2015/79th
17, Florida State (11) vs. Texas A&M (6), 1992
16, Boston College (8) vs. Clemson (8), 1940
16, Navy (9) vs. Rice (7), 1958
16, Tennessee (9) vs. Texas A&M (7), 2005
16, Ole Miss (10) vs. Oklahoma State (6), 2010
15, Penn State (8) vs. Baylor (7), 1975
15, BYU (8) vs. Kansas State (7), 1997
15, Oklahoma (9) vs. Arkansas (6), 2002
15, Ohio State (8) vs. Missouri (7), 2023

MOST YARDS PENALIZED
270, Miami (202) vs. Texas (68), 1991
180, Baylor (105) vs. Michigan State (75), 2015/79th
170, Boston College (90) vs. Clemson (80), 1940
165, Tennessee (100) vs. Texas A&M (65), 2005
160, TCU (80) vs. Ole Miss (80), 1956
154, Rice (89) vs. Alabama (65), 1954
153, Southern California (133) vs. Texas Tech (20), 1995
148, Alabama (89) vs. Baylor (59), 1981
144, Mississippi State (89) vs. Texas (55), 1999
144, Ole Miss (82) vs. Oklahoma State (62), 2010

FEWEST PENALTIES
3, Notre Dame (2) vs. Texas (1), 1970
3, Penn State (2) vs. Texas (1), 1972
4, Randolph Field (4) vs. Texas (0), 1944
4, Penn State (3) vs. SMU (1), 1948
4, Alabama (4) vs. Texas (0), 1973
5, Texas A&M (3) vs. Fordham (2), 1941
5, TCU (4) vs. Syracuse (1), 1957
5, Texas (4) vs. LSU (1), 1963
5, Notre Dame (4) vs. Texas (1), 1978
5, Texas (4) vs. Alabama (1), 1982

FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED
15, Notre Dame (10) vs. Texas (5), 1970
20, Randolph Field (20) vs. Texas (0), 1944
20, Penn State (15) vs. SMU (5), 1948
22, Texas (17) vs. Alabama (5), 1982
30, Alabama (30) vs. Texas (0), 1973
35, Oregon (30) vs. SMU (5), 1949
35, Penn State (30) vs. Texas (5), 1972
40, Texas (20) vs. Georgia Tech (20), 1943
42, Notre Dame (37) vs. Texas (5), 1978
45, TCU (40) vs. Syracuse (5), 1957


1968: Kenny Stabler, Alabama


1983: Lance McIlhenny, SMU

THE CLASSICS YEAR-BY-YEAR

Date	Team (Coach)	Score	*-Records (SWC)	AP Pre-Bowl Ranking	** AP Post-Bowl Ranking	Attendance
January 1, 1937	TCU (Dutch Meyer)	16	8-2-2 (4-1-1)	16th		17,000
	Marquette (Frank Murray)	6	7-1-0	20th		
January 1, 1938	Rice (Jimmy Kitts)	28	5-3-2 (4-1-1)	18th		32,118
	Colorado (Bunny Oakes)	14	8-0-0	17th		
January 2, 1939	St. Mary's (Slip Madigan)	20	5-2-0	NR		40,000
	Texas Tech (Pete Cawthon)	13	10-0-0	11th		
January 1, 1940	Clemson (Jess Neely)	6	8-1-0	12th		15,000
	Boston College (Frank Leahy)	3	9-1-0	11th		
January 1, 1941	Texas A&M (Homer Norton)	13	8-1-0 (5-1-0)	6th		45,507
	Fordham (Jim Crowley)	12	7-1-0	12th		
January 1, 1942	Alabama (Frank Thomas)	29	8-2-0	20th		33,000
	Texas A&M (Homer Norton)	21	9-1-0 (5-1-0)	9th		
January 1, 1943	Texas (D.X. Bible)	14	8-2-0 (5-1-0)	11th		36,620
	Georgia Tech (Bill Alexander)	7	9-1-0	5th		
January 1, 1944	Texas (D.X. Bible)	7	7-1-0 (5-0-0)	14th		32,000
	Randolph Field (Frank Tritico)	7	9-1-0	NR		
January 1, 1945	Oklahoma A&M (Jim Lookabaugh)	34	7-1-0	NR		37,500
	TCU (Dutch Meyer)	0	7-2-1 (3-1-1)	NR		
January 1, 1946	Texas (D.X. Bible)	40	9-1-0 (5-1-0)	10th		45,500
	Missouri (Chauncey Simpson)	27	6-3-0	NR		
January 1, 1947	Arkansas (John Barnhill)	0	6-3-1 (5-1-0)	16th		38,000
	LSU (Bernie Moore)	0	9-1-0	8th		
January 1, 1948	SMU (Matty Bell)	13	9-0-1 (5-0-1)	3rd		47,000
	Penn State (Bob Higgins)	13	9-0-0	4th		
January 1, 1949	SMU (Matty Bell)	21	8-1-1 (5-0-1)	10th		70,000
	Oregon (Jim Aiken)	13	9-1-0	9th		
January 2, 1950	Rice (Jess Neely)	27	9-1-0 (6-0-0)	5th		75,000
	North Carolina (Carl Snavely)	13	7-3-0	16th		
January 1, 1951	Tennessee (General Robert R. Neyland)	20	10-1-0	4th		75,500
	Texas (Blair Cherry)	14	9-1-0 (6-0-0)	3rd		
January 1, 1952	Kentucky (Paul "Bear" Bryant)	20	7-4-0	17th		75,500
	TCU (Dutch Meyer)	7	6-4-0 (5-1-0)	11th		
January 1, 1953	Texas (Ed Price)	16	8-2-0 (6-0-0)	10th		75,500
	Tennessee (General Robert R. Neyland)	0	8-1-1	9th		
January 1, 1954	Rice (Jess Neely)	28	8-2-0 (5-1-0)	6th		75,000
	Alabama (Harold Drew)	6	6-2-3	13th		
January 1, 1955	Georgia Tech (Bobby Dodd)	14	7-3-0	NR		75,500
	Arkansas (Bowden Wyatt)	6	8-2-0 (5-1-0)	10th		
January 2, 1956	Ole Miss (Johnny Vaught)	14	9-1-0	10th		75,500
	TCU (Abe Martin)	13	9-1-0 (5-1-0)	6th		
January 1, 1957	TCU (Abe Martin)	28	7-3-0 (5-1-0)	14th		61,500
	Syracuse (Ben Schwartzwalder)	27	7-1-0	8th		
January 1, 1958	Navy (Eddy Erdelatz)	20	8-1-1	5th		75,500
	Rice (Jess Neely)	7	7-3-0 (5-1-0)	8th		

* Regular- season records (SWC record in parentheses)
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@ Associated Press ranked only top ten teams that season
NR Not Ranked

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January 1, 1959	TCU (Abe Martin)	0	8-2-0 (5-1-0)	10th		74,500
	Air Force (Ben Martin)	0	9-0-1	6th		
January 1, 1960	Syracuse (Ben Schwartzwalder)	23	10-0-0	1st		75,500
	Texas (Darrell Royal)	14	9-1-0 (5-1-0)	4th		
January 2, 1961	Duke (Bill Murray)	7	7-3-0	10th		70,500
	Arkansas (Frank Broyles)	6	8-2-0 (6-1-0)	7th		
January 1, 1962	Texas (Darrell Royal)	12	9-1-0 (6-1-0)	3rd		75,000
	Ole Miss (Johnny Vaught)	7	9-1-0	5th		
January 1, 1963	LSU (Charles McClendon)	13	8-1-1	7th		75,500
	Texas (Darrell Royal)	0	9-0-1 (6-0-1)	4th		
January 1, 1964	Texas (Darrell Royal)	28	10-0-0 (7-0-0)	1st		75,300
	Navy (Wayne Hardin)	6	9-1-0	2nd		
January 1, 1965	Arkansas (Frank Broyles)	10	10-0-0 (7-0-0)	2nd		75,000
	Nebraska (Bob Devaney)	7	9-1-0	6th		
January 1, 1966	LSU (Charles McClendon)	14	7-3-0	NR@	8th	76,200
	Arkansas (Frank Broyles)	7	10-0-0 (7-0-0)	2nd	3rd	
December 31, 1966	Georgia (Vince Dooley)	24	9-1-0	4th		73,000
	SMU (Hayden Fry)	9	8-2-0 (6-1-0)	10th		
January 1, 1968	Texas A&M (Gene Stallings)	20	6-4-0 (6-1-0)	NR@		73,800
	Alabama (Paul “Bear” Bryant)	16	8-1-1	8th		
January 1, 1969	Texas (Darrell Royal)	36	8-1-1 (6-1-0)	5th	3rd	70,000
	Tennessee (Doug Dickey)	13	8-1-1	8th	13th	
January 1, 1970	Texas (Darrell Royal)	21	10-0-0 (7-0-0)	1st	1st	72,000
	Notre Dame (Ara Parseghian)	17	8-1-1	9th	5th	
January 1, 1971	Notre Dame (Ara Paseghian)	24	9-1-0	6th	2nd	72,000
	Texas (Darrell Royal)	11	10-0-0 (7-0-0)	1st	3rd	
January 1, 1972	Penn State (Joe Paterno)	30	10-1-0	10th	5th	70,000
	Texas (Darrell Royal)	6	8-2-0 (6-1-0)	12th	18th	
January 1, 1973	Texas (Darrell Royal)	17	9-1-0 (7-0-0)	7th	3rd	70,000
	Alabama (Paul “Bear” Bryant)	13	10-1-0	4th	7th	
January 1, 1974	Nebraska (Tom Osborne)	19	8-2-1	12th	7th	68,500
	Texas (Darrell Royal)	3	8-2-0 (7-0-0)	8th	14th	
January 1, 1975	Penn State (Joe Paterno)	41	9-2-0	7th	7th	68,500
	Baylor (Grant Teaff)	20	8-3-0 (6-1-0)	12th	14th	
January 1, 1976	Arkansas (Frank Broyles)	31	9-2-0 (6-1-0)	18th	7th	77,500
	Georgia (Vince Dooley)	10	9-2-0	12th	19th	
January 1, 1977	Houston (Bill Yeoman)	30	9-2-0 (7-1-0)	6th	4th	58,500
	Maryland (Jerry Claiborne)	21	11-0-0	4th	8th	
January 2, 1978	Notre Dame (Dan Devine)	38	10-1-0	5th	1st	76,701
	Texas (Fred Akers)	10	11-0-0 (8-0-0)	1st	4th	
January 1, 1979	Notre Dame (Dan Devine)	35	8-3-0	10th	7th	72,000
	Houston (Bill Yeoman)	34	9-2-0 (7-1-0)	9th	10th	
January 1, 1980	Houston (Bill Yeoman)	17	10-1-0 (7-1-0)	8th	5th	72,000
	Nebraska (Tom Osborne)	14	10-1-0	7th	9th	

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January 1, 1981	Alabama (Paul "Bear" Bryant)	30	9-2-0	9th	6th	74,281
	Baylor (Grant Teaff)	2	10-1-0 (8-0-0)	6th	14th	
January 1, 1982	Texas (Fred Akers)	14	9-1-1 (6-1-1)	6th	2nd	73,243
	Alabama (Paul "Bear" Bryant)	12	9-1-1	3rd	7th	
January 1, 1983	SMU (Bobby Collins)	7	10-0-1 (7-0-1)	4th	2nd	72,000
	Pittsburgh (Foge Fazio)	3	9-2-0	6th	10th	
January 2, 1984	Georgia (Vince Dooley)	10	9-1-1	7th	4th	67,891
	Texas (Fred Akers)	9	11-0-0 (8-0-0)	2nd	5th	
January 1, 1985	Boston College (Jack Bicknell)	45	9-2-0	8th	5th	67,381
	Houston (Bill Yeoman)	28	7-4-0 (6-2-0)	NR	NR	
January 1, 1986	Texas A&M (Jackie Sherill)	36	9-2-0 (7-1-0)	11th	6th	73,137
	Auburn (Pat Dye)	16	8-3-0 1	6th	NR	
January 1, 1987	Ohio State (Earle Bruce)	28	9-3-0	11th	7th	74,188
	Texas A&M (Jackie Sherrill)	12	9-2-0 (7-1-0)	8th	13th	
January 1, 1988	Texas A&M (Jackie Sherrill)	35	9-2-0 (6-1-0)	13th	10th	73,006
	Notre Dame (Lou Holtz)	10	8-3-0	12th	17th	
January 2, 1989	UCLA (Terry Donahue)	17	9-2-0	9th	6th	74,304
	Arkansas (Ken Hatfield)	3	10-1-0 (7-0-0)	8th	12th	
January 1, 1990	Tennessee (Johnny Majors)	31	10-1-0	8th	5th	74,358
	Arkansas (Ken Hatfield)	27	10-1-0 (7-1-0)	10th	13th	
January 1, 1991	Miami (Dennis Erickson)	46	9-2-0	4th	3rd	73,521
	Texas (David McWilliams)	3	10-1-0 (8-0-0)	3rd	12th	
January 1, 1992	Florida State (Bobby Bowden)	10	10-2-0	5th	4th	73,728
	Texas A&M (R.C. Slocum)	2	10-1-0 (8-0-0)	9th	12th	
January 1, 1993	Notre Dame (Lou Holtz)	28	9-1-1	5th	4th	71,615
	Texas A&M (R.C. Slocum)	3	12-0-0 (7-0-0)	4th	7th	
January 1, 1994	Notre Dame (Lou Holtz)	24	10-1-0	4th	2nd	69,855
	Texas A&M (R.C. Slocum)	21	10-1-0 (7-0-0)	7th	9th	
January 2, 1995	Southern California (John Robinson)	55	7-3-1	21st	13th	70,218
	Texas Tech (Spike Dykes)	14	6-5-0 (4-3-0)	NR	NR	
January 1, 1996	Colorado (Rick Neuheisel)	38	9-2-0	7th	5th	58,214
	Oregon (Mike Bellotti)	6	9-2-0	12th	18th	
January 1, 1997	Brigham Young (LaVell Edwards)	19	13-1	5th	5th	71,928
	Kansas State (Bill Snyder)	15	9-2	14th	17th	
January 1, 1998	UCLA (Bob Toledo)	29	9-2	5th	5th	59,215
	Texas A&M (R.C. Slocum)	23	9-3	20th	20th	
January 1, 1999	Texas (Mack Brown)	38	8-3	20th	15th	72,611
	Mississippi State (Jackie Sherrill)	11	8-4	25th	NR	
January 1, 2000	Arkansas (Houston Nutt)	27	7-4	24th	17th	72,723
	Texas (Mack Brown)	6	9-4	14th	21st	
January 1, 2001	Kansas State (Bill Snyder)	35	10-3	11th	9th	63,465
	Tennessee (Phillip Fulmer)	21	8-3	21st	NR	
January 1, 2002	Oklahoma (Bob Stoops)	10	10-2	10th	6th	72,955
	Arkansas (Houston Nutt)	3	7-4	NR	NR	
January 1, 2003	Texas (Mack Brown)	35	10-2	9th	6th	70,817
	LSU (Nick Saban)	20	8-4	NR	NR	

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January 2, 2004	Ole Miss (David Cutcliffe)	31	9-3	16th	13th	73,928
	Oklahoma State (Les Miles)	28	9-3	21st	NR	
January 1, 2005	Tennessee (Phillip Fulmer)	38	9-3	15th	13th	75,704
	Texas A&M (Dennis Franchione)	7	7-4	22nd	NR	
January 2, 2006	Alabama (Mike Shula)	13	9-2	13th	8th	74,222
	Texas Tech (Mike Leach)	10	9-2	18th	20th	
January 1, 2007	Auburn (Tommy Tuberville)	17	10-2	10th	9th	66,777
	Nebraska (Bill Callahan)	14	9-4	22th	NR	
January 1, 2008	Missouri (Gary Pinkel)	38	11-2	7th	4th	73,114
	Arkansas (Reggie Herring)	7	8-4	25th	NR	
January 2, 2009	Ole Miss (Houston Nutt)	47	8-4	20th	14th	88,175
	Texas Tech (Mike Leach)	34	11-1	8th	12th	
January 2, 2010*	Ole Miss (Houston Nutt)	21	8-4	NR	20th	77,928
	Oklahoma State (Mike Gundy)	7	9-3	21st	NR	
January 7, 2011	LSU (Les Miles)	41	10-2	11th	8th	83,514
	Texas A&M (Mike Sherman)	24	9-3	18th	19th	
January 6, 2012	Arkansas (Bobby Petrino)	29	10-2	7th	5th	80,956
	Kansas State (Bill Snyder)	16	10-2	11th	15th	
January 4, 2013	Texas A&M (Kevin Sumlin)	41	10-2	10th	5th	87,025
	Oklahoma (Bob Stoops)	13	10-2	12th	15th	
January 3, 2014	Missouri (Gary Pinkel)	41	11-2	8th	5th	72,690
	Oklahoma State (Mike Gundy)	31	10-2	13th	17th	
January 1, 2015	Michigan State (Mark Dantonio)	42	10-2	7th	5th	71,464
	Baylor (Art Briles)	41	11-1	4th	7th	
December 31, 2015	Alabama (Nick Saban)	38	12-1	2nd	1st	82,812
	Michigan State (Mark Dantonio)	0	12-1	3rd	6th	
January 2, 2017	Wisconsin (Paul Chryst)	24	10-3	8th	9th	59,615
	Western Michigan (P.J. Fleck)	16	13-0	15th	15th	
December 29, 2017	Ohio State (Urban Meyer)	24	11-2	5th	5th	67,510
	Southern California (Clay Helton)	7	11-2	8th	12th	
December 29, 2018	Clemson (Dabo Swinney)	30	13-0	2nd	1st	72,183
	Notre Dame (Brian Kelly)	3	12-0	3rd	5th	
December 28, 2019	Penn State (James Franklin)	53	10-2	13th	9th	54,828
	Memphis (Ryan Silverfield)	39	12-1	15th	17th	
December 30, 2020	Oklahoma (Lincoln Riley)	55	8-2	8th	6th	17,323#
	Florida (Dan Mullen)	20	8-3	10th	13th	
December 31, 2021	Alabama (Nick Saban)	27	12-1	1st	2nd	76,313
	Cincinnati (Luke Fickell)	6	13-0	4th	4th	
January 2, 2023	Tulane (Willie Fritz)	46	11-2	14th	9nd	55,329
	Southern California (Lincoln Riley)	45	11-2	8th	12th	
December 29, 2023	Missouri (Eliah Drinkwitz)	14	10-2	9th	8th	70,114
	Ohio State (Ryan Day)	3	11-1	7th	10th	
January 10, 2025	Ohio State (Ryan Day)	28	12-2	6th	1st	74,527
	Texas (Steve Sarkisian)	14	13-2	4th	4th	

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1937	TCU	16	2	*	2	*	1-2	*	1	*	*
	Marquette	6	1	*	*	1-punt	0-1	*	*	*	*
1938	Rice	28	4	1	3	*	4-4	*	*	*	*
	Colorado	14	2	*	1	1-int	2-2	*	*	*	*
1939	St. Mary's	20	3	2	*	1-int	2-3	*	*	*	*
	Texas Tech	13	2	*	2	*	1-2	*	*	*	*
1940	Clemson	6	1	1	*	*	0-1	*	*	*	*
	Boston College	3	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
1941	Texas A&M	13	2	1	1	*	1-2	*	*	*	*
	Fordham	12	2	2	*	*	0-2	2	*	*	*
1942	Alabama	29	4	*	2	1-punt, 1-int	2-4	1	1	*	*
	Texas A&M	21	3	1	2	*	3-3	*	*	*	*
1943	Texas	14	2	*	1	1-punt	2-2	*	*	*	*
	Georgia Tech	7	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
1944	Texas	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
	Randolph Field	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
1945	Oklahoma A&M	34	5	5	*	*	4-5	*	*	*	*
	TCU	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1946	Texas	40	6	3	3	*	4-5	1	*	pass fail	*
	Missouri	27	4	3	1	*	3-4	1	*	*	*
1947	Arkansas	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	LSU	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1948	SMU	13	2	1	1	*	1-2	*	*	*	*
	Penn State	13	2	*	2	*	1-2	*	*	*	*
1949	SMU	21	3	3	*	*	3-3	*	*	*	*
	Oregon	13	2	1	1	*	1-2	*	*	*	*
1950	Rice	27	4	2	2	*	3-4	*	*	*	*
	North Carolina	13	2	1	1	*	1-2	*	*	*	*
1951	Tennessee	20	3	2	1	*	2-3	*	*	*	*
	Texas	14	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
1952	Kentucky	20	3	1	2	*	2-3	*	*	*	*
	TCU	7	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
1953	Texas	16	2	2	*	*	2-2	*	*	*	1
	Tennessee	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1954	Rice	28	4	4	*	*	4-4	*	*	*	*
	Alabama	6	1	1	*	*	0-1	1	*	*	*
1955	Georgia Tech	14	2	2	*	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
	Arkansas	6	1	1	*	*	0-1	*	*	*	*
1956	Ole Miss	14	2	2	*	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
	TCU	13	2	2	*	*	1-2	*	*	*	*
1957	TCU	28	4	2	2	*	4-4	*	*	*	*
	Syracuse	27	4	3	1	*	3-4	1	*	*	*
1958	Navy	20	3	3	*	*	2-3	*	*	*	*
	Rice	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
1959	TCU	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Air Force	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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1960	Syracuse	23	3	2	1	*	1-1	*	*	2-pass good	*
	Texas	14	2	1	1	*	*	*	*	1-pass good, rush fail	*
1961	Duke	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
	Arkansas	6	1	*	*	1-punt	0-1	1	*	*	*
1962	Texas	12	2	1	1	*	0-1	1	*	rush fail	*
	Ole Miss	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
1963	LSU	13	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	2	*	*
	Texas	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1964	Texas	28	4	2	2	*	4-4	*	*	*	*
	Navy	6	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	pass fail	*
1965	Arkansas	10	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
	Nebraska	7	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
1966	LSU	14	2	2	*	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
(30th)	Arkansas	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
1966	Georgia	24	3	2	1	*	3-3	*	1	*	*
(31st)	SMU	9	1	1	*	*	0-1	*	1	*	*
1968	Texas A&M	20	3	1	2	*	2-3	*	*	*	*
	Alabama	16	2	2	*	*	1-1	*	1	rush fail	*
1969	Texas	36	5	3	2	*	2-3	*	*	1-pass good, 1-rush good	*
	Tennessee	13	2	*	2	*	1-1	*	*	pass fail	*
1970	Texas	21	3	3	*	*	3-3	*	*	*	*
	Notre Dame	17	2	*	2	*	2-2	*	1	*	*
1971	Notre Dame	24	3	2	1	*	3-3	*	1	*	*
	Texas	11	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	1-pass good	*
1972	Penn State	30	3	2	1	*	3-3	*	3	*	*
	Texas	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*	*
1973	Texas	17	2	2	*	*	2-2	*	1	*	*
	Alabama	13	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	2	*	*
1974	Nebraska	19	2	2	*	*	1-2	1	2	*	*
	Texas	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
1975	Penn State	41	5	3	1	1-kickoff	5-5	*	2	*	*
	Baylor	20	3	1	2	*	2-2	*	*	pass fail	*
1976	Arkansas	31	4	4	*	*	4-4	*	1	*	*
	Georgia	10	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
1977	Houston	30	4	3	1	*	3-4	*	1	*	*
	Maryland	21	3	2	1	*	3-3	*	*	*	*
1978	Notre Dame	38	5	4	1	*	5-5	*	1	*	*
	Texas	10	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
1979	Notre Dame	35	5	3	1	1-blocked punt	1-2	*	*	2-pass good, pass fail	*
	Houston	34	4	3	1	*	4-4	*	2	*	*
1980	Houston	17	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	1	*	*
	Nebraska	14	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
1981	Alabama	30	3	3	*	*	3-3	*	3	*	*
	Baylor	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1

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1982	Texas	14	2	2	*	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
	Alabama	12	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	1	*	1
1983	SMU	7	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
	Pittsburgh	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
1984	Georgia	10	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
	Texas	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*	*
1985	Boston College	45	6	3	3	*	6-6	*	1	*	*
	Houston	28	4	1	1	1-kickoff, 1-int	4-4	*	*	*	*
1986	Texas A&M	36	5	4	1	*	1-2	*	1	1-rush good, 2-pass fail	*
	Auburn	16	2	1	1	*	1-1	*	1	rush fail	*
1987	Ohio State	28	4	2	*	2-int	4-4	*	*	*	*
	Texas A&M	12	1	1	*	*	*	*	2	pass fail	*
1988	Texas A&M	35	4	3	1	*	3-3	*	2	1-rush good	*
	Notre Dame	10	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
1989	UCLA	17	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	1	*	*
	Arkansas	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
1990	Tennessee	31	4	2	2	*	4-4	*	1	*	*
	Arkansas	27	4	3	1	*	1-1	*	*	1-rush good, rush fail, pass fail	*
1991	Miami	46	6	1	4	1-int	4-5	1	2	pass fail	*
	Texas	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
1992	Florida State	10	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
	Texas A&M	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
1993	Notre Dame	28	4	2	2	*	4-4	*	*	*	*
	Texas A&M	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
1994	Notre Dame	24	3	3	*	*	3-3	*	1	*	*
	Texas A&M	21	3	2	1	*	3-3	*	*	*	*
1995	Southern California	55	7	1	5	1-int	7-7	*	2	*	*
	Texas Tech	14	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
1996	Colorado	38	6	3	2	1-int	2-5	1	*	rush fail	*
	Oregon	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*	*
1997	BYU	19	2	*	2	*	2-2	*	1	*	1
	Kansas State	15	2	*	2	*	1-1	*	*	1-rush good	*
1998	UCLA	29	4	2	2	*	3-3	*	*	1-rush good	*
	Texas A&M	23	3	2	*	1-int	3-3	*	*	*	1
1999	Texas	38	5	2	3	*	5-5	*	1	*	*
	Mississippi State	11	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	1-rush good	*
2000	Arkansas	27	3	2	1	*	3-3	*	2	*	*
	Texas	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*	*
2001	Kansas State	35	5	3	2	*	5-5	*	*	*	*
	Tennessee	21	3	1	1	1-int	3-3	*	*	*	*
2002	Oklahoma	10	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
	Arkansas	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
2003	Texas	35	5	2	2	1-fumble	5-5	*	*	*	*
	LSU	20	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	2	*	*
2004	Ole Miss	31	4	2	2	*	4-4	*	1	*	*
	Oklahoma State	28	4	3	1	*	4-4	*	*	*	*

THE CLASSICS SCORING SUMMARY

Year	Teams	Score	TD Total	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Returns	PAT	PAT Had Blocked	FG	Two-Point Conversions	Safeties
2005	Tennessee	38	5	2	3	*	5-5	*	1	*	*
	Texas A&M	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
2006	Alabama	13	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	2	*	*
	Texas Tech	10	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	1	*	*
2007	Auburn	17	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	1	*	*
	Nebraska	14	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
2008	Missouri	38	5	4	*	1-int	5-5	*	1	*	*
	Arkansas	7	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
2009	Ole Miss	47	6	2	3	1-int	6-6	*	1	*	1
	Texas Tech	34	5	*	4	1-punt	4-5	*	*	Pass Fail	*
2010	Ole Miss	21	3	2	*	1-fumble	3-3	*	*	*	*
	Oklahoma State	7	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
2011	LSU	41	5	2	3	*	5-5	*	2	*	*
	Texas A&M	24	3	*	3	*	3-3	*	1	*	*
2012	Arkansas	29	3	*	2	1-punt	2-3	1	3	*	*
	Kansas State	16	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	*	1 PAT Return	*
2013	Texas A&M	41	6	4	2	*	5-6	*	*	*	*
	Oklahoma	13	1	*	1	*	1-1	*	2	*	*
2014	Missouri	41	5	3	1	1-fumble	5-5	*	2	*	*
	Oklahoma State	31	4	2	2	*	4-4	*	1	*	*
2015	Michigan State	42	6	4	2	*	6-6	*	2	*	*
(79th)	Baylor	41	5	1	4	*	5-5	*	*	*	*
2015	Alabama	38	5	2	2	1-punt	5-5	*	1	*	*
(80th)	Michigan State	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2017	Wisconsin	24	3	2	1	*	3-3	*	1	*	*
(81st)	Western Michigan	16	2	1	1	*	1-2	*	1	*	*
2017	Ohio State	24	3	2	*	1-int	3-3	*	1	*	*
(82nd)	Southern California	7	1	1	*	*	1-1	*	*	*	*
2018	Clemson	30	4	1	3	*	3-4	1	1	*	*
	Notre Dame	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
2019	Penn State	53	7	5	1	1-int	6-6	*	1	1 Pass Good	*
	Memphis	39	3	3	*	*	3-3	*	6	*	*
2020	Oklahoma	55	7	3	3	1-int	7-7	*	2	*	*
	Florida	20	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	2	*	*
2021	Alabama	27	3	*	3	*	3-3	*	2	*	*
	Cincinnati	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*	*
2023	Tulane	46	6	4	2	*	5-5	*	1	Pass Fail	1
(87th)	Southern California	45	6	1	5	*	6-6	*	1	*	*
2023	Missouri	14	2	1	1	*	2-2	*	*	*	*
(88th)	Ohio State	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
2025	Ohio State	28	4	2	1	1	2-2	*	*	*	*
(89th)	Texas	14	2	*	2	*	4-2	*	*	*	*
TOTALS	**53 Institutions**	**3,431**	**443**	**236**	**177**	**30** (7 punt) (16 interception) (2 kickoff) (4 fumble) (1 blocked punt)	**368-408**	**15**	**119**	**16-34** (Pass 8-20 att) (Rush 7-13 att) (PAT Return 1)	**8**

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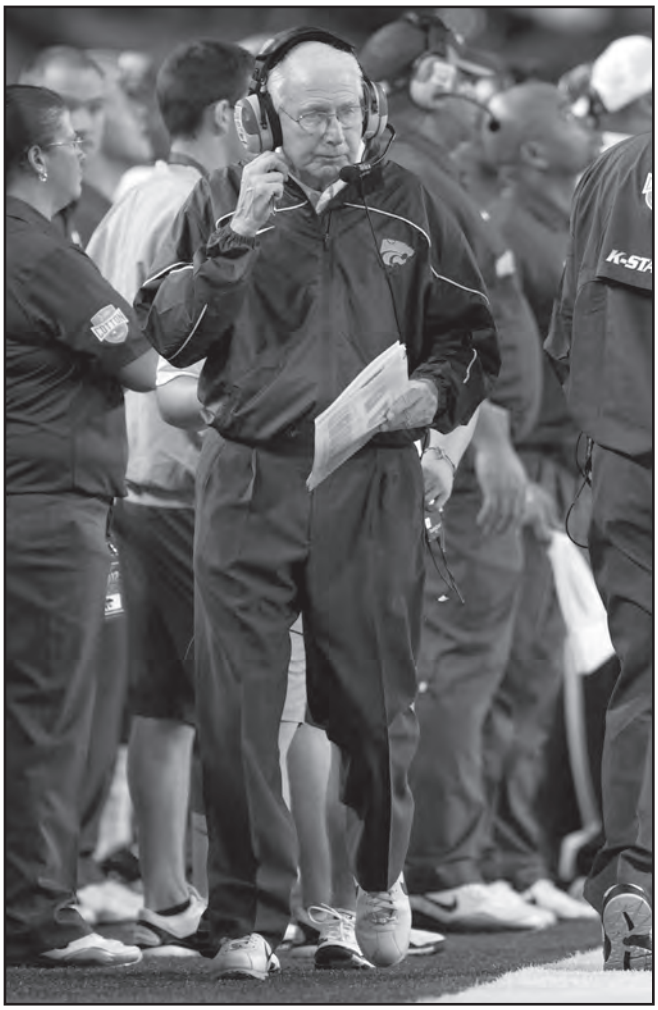
Games	Coach	Years	Record	School
1	Jim Aiken	1949	0-1	Oregon
1	Bill Alexander	1943	0-1	Georgia Tech
3	Fred Akers	1978, 1982, 1984	1-2	Texas
1	John Barnhill	1947	0-0-1	Arkansas
2	Matty Bell	1948, 1949	1-0-1	SMU
1	Mike Bellotti	1996	0-1	Oregon
3	D. X. Bible	1943, 1944, 1946	2-0-1	Texas
1	Jack Bicknell	1985	1-0	Boston College
1	Bobby Bowden	1992	1-0	Florida State
1	Art Briles	2015	0-1	Baylor
3	Mack Brown	1999, 2000, 2003	2-1	Texas
4	Frank Broyles	1961, 1965, 1966/30th, 1976	2-2	Arkansas
1	Earle Bruce	1987	1-0	Ohio State
5	Paul “Bear” Bryant	1952, 1968, 1973, 1981, 1982	2-3	Kentucky (1-0) Alabama (1-3)
1	Bill Callahan	2007	0-1	Nebraska
1	Pete Cawthon	1939	0-1	Texas Tech,
1	Blair Cherry	1951	0-1	Texas
1	Paul Chryst	2017/81st	1-0	Wisconsin
1	Jerry Claiborne	1977	0-1	Maryland
1	Bobby Collins	1983	1-0	SMU
1	Jim Crowley	1941	0-1	Fordham
1	David Cutcliffe	2004	1-0	Ole Miss
2	Mark Dantonio	2015/79th, 2015/80th	1-1	Michigan State
2	Ryan Day	2023/88th, 2025/89th	1-1	Ohio State
1	Bob Devaney	1965	0-1	Nebraska
2	Dan Devine	1978, 1979	2-0	Notre Dame
1	Doug Dickey	1969	0-1	Tennessee
1	Bobby Dodd	1955	1-0	Georgia Tech
1	Terry Donahue	1989	1-0	UCLA
3	Vince Dooley	1966/31st, 1976, 1984	2-1	Georgia
1	Harold Drew	1954	0-1	Alabama
1	Eliah Drinkwitz	2023/88th	1-0	Missouri
1	Pat Dye	1986	0-1	Auburn
1	Spike Dykes	1995	0-1	Texas Tech
1	LaVell Edwards	1997	1-0	Brigham Young
1	Eddy Erdelatz	1958	1-0	Navy
1	Dennis Erickson	1991	1-0	Miami
1	Foge Fazio	1983	0-1	Pittsburgh
1	Luke Fickell	2021	0-1	Cincinnati
1	P.J. Fleck	2017/81st	0-1	Western Michigan
1	Dennis Franchione	2005	0-1	Texas A&M
1	James Franklin	2019	1-0	Penn State
1	Willie Fritz	2023/87th	1-0	Tulane
1	Hayden Fry	1966/31st	0-1	SMU
2	Phillip Fulmer	2001, 2005	1-1	Tennessee
2	Mike Gundy	2010, 2014	0-2	Oklahoma State
1	Wayne Hardin	1964	0-1	Navy
2	Ken Hatfield	1989, 1990	0-2	Arkansas

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Games	Coach	Years	Record	School
1	Clay Helton	2017/82nd	0-1	Southern California
1	Reggie Herring	2008	0-1	Arkansas
1	Bob Higgins	1948	0-0-1	Penn State
3	Lou Holtz	1988, 1993, 1994	2-1	Notre Dame
1	Brian Kelly	2018	0-1	Notre Dame
1	Jimmy Kitts	1938	1-0	Rice
1	Mike Leach	2006, 2009	0-2	Texas Tech
1	Frank Leahy	1940	0-1	Boston College
1	Jim Lookabaugh	1945	1-0	Oklahoma A&M
1	Slip Madigan	1939	1-0	St. Mary's
1	Johnny Majors	1990	1-0	Tennessee
3	Abe Martin	1956, 1957, 1959	1-1-1	TCU
1	Ben Martin	1959	0-0-1	Air Force
2	Charles McClendon	1963, 1966/30th	2-0	LSU
1	David McWilliams	1991	0-1	Texas
3	Dutch Meyer	1937, 1945, 1952	1-2	TCU
1	Urban Meyer	2017/82nd	1-0	Ohio State
2	Les Miles	2004, 2011	1-1	Oklahoma State (0-1) LSU (1-0)
1	Bernie Moore	1947	0-0-1	LSU
1	Dan Mullen	2020	0-1	Florida
1	Bill Murray	1961	1-0	Duke
1	Frank Murray	1937	0-1	Marquette
4	Jess Neely	1940, 1950, 1954, 1958	3-1	Clemson (1-0) Rice (2-1)
1	Rick Neuheisel	1996	1-0	Colorado
2	General Robert Neyland	1951, 1953	1-1	Tennessee
2	Homer Norton	1941, 1942	1-1	Texas A&M
4	Houston Nutt	2000, 2002, 2009, 2010	3-1	Arkansas (1-1) Ole Miss (2-0)
1	Bunny Oakes	1938	0-1	Colorado
2	Tom Osborne	1974, 1980	1-1	Nebraska
2	Ara Parseghian	1970, 1971	1-1	Notre Dame
2	Joe Paterno	1972, 1975	2-0	Penn State
1	Bobby Petrino	2012	1-0	Arkansas
2	Gary Pinkel	2008, 2014	2-0	Missouri
1	Ed Price	1953	1-0	Texas
2	Lincoln Riley	2020, 2023/87th	1-1	Oklahoma (1-0) Southern California (0-1)
1	John Robinson	1995	1-0	Southern California
10	Darrell Royal	1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1969 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974	5-5	Texas
3	Nick Saban	2003, 2015/80th, 2021	2-1	LSU (0-1) Alabama (2-0)
1	Steve Sarkisian	2025/89th	0-1	Texas
2	Ben Schwartzwalder	1957, 1960	1-1	Syracuse
4	Jackie Sherrill	1986, 1987, 1988, 1999	2-2	Texas A&M (2-1) Mississippi St (0-1)

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Games	Coach	Years	Record	School
1	Mike Sherman	2011	0-1	Texas A&M
1	Mike Shula	2006	1-0	Alabama
1	Ryan Silverfield	2019	0-1	Memphis
1	Chauncey Simpson	1946	0-1	Missouri
4	R.C. Slocum	1992, 1993, 1994, 1998	0-4	Texas A&M
1	Carl Snavely	1950	0-1	North Carolina
3	Bill Snyder	1997, 2001, 2012	1-2	Kansas State
1	Gene Stallings	1968	1-0	Texas A&M
2	Bob Stoops	2002, 2013	1-1	Oklahoma
1	Kevin Sumlin	2013	1-0	Texas A&M
1	Dabo Swinney	2018	1-0	Clemson
2	Grant Teaff	1975, 1981	0-2	Baylor
1	Frank Thomas	1942	1-0	Alabama
1	Bob Toledo	1998	1-0	UCLA
1	Frank Tritico	1944	0-0-1	Randolph Field
1	Tommy Tuberville	2007	1-0	Auburn
2	Johnny Vaught	1956, 1962	1-1	Ole Miss
1	Bowden Wyatt	1955	0-1	Arkansas
4	Bill Yeoman	1977, 1979, 1980, 1985	2-2	Houston



1997, 2001, 2012: Bill Snyder, Kansas State



1950, 1954, 1958: Jess Neely, Rice

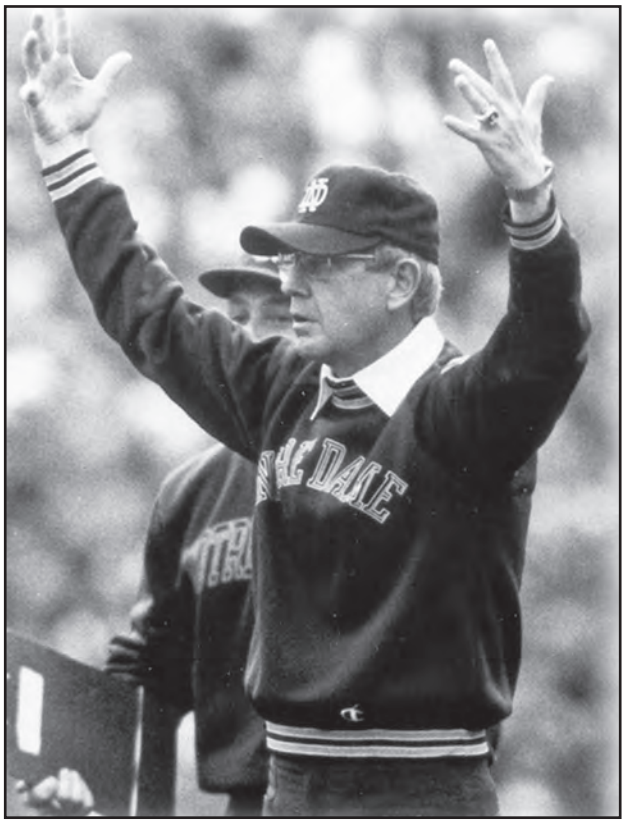


2013: Kevin Sumlin, Texas A&M

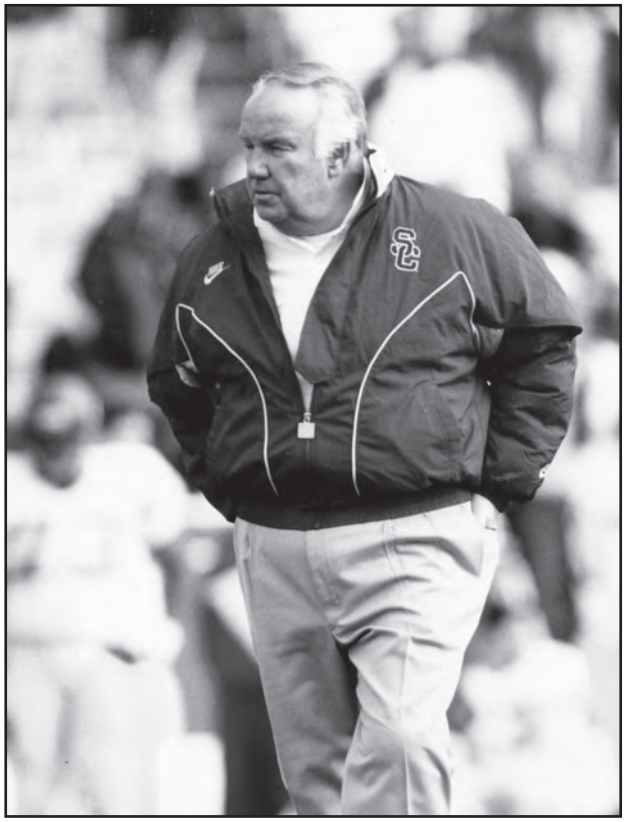
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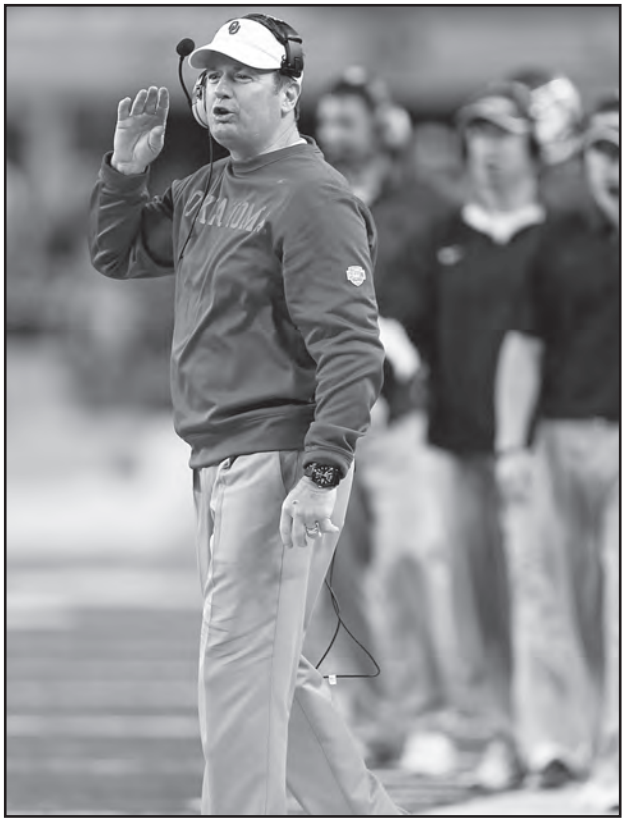
1943, 1944, 1946: D.X. Bible, Texas



1988, 1993, 1994: Lou Holtz, Notre Dame

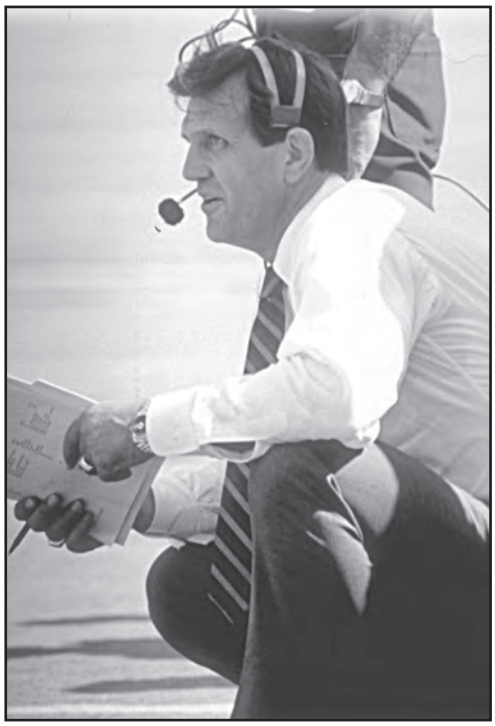


1995: John Robinson, Southern California



2002, 2013: Bob Stoops, Oklahoma

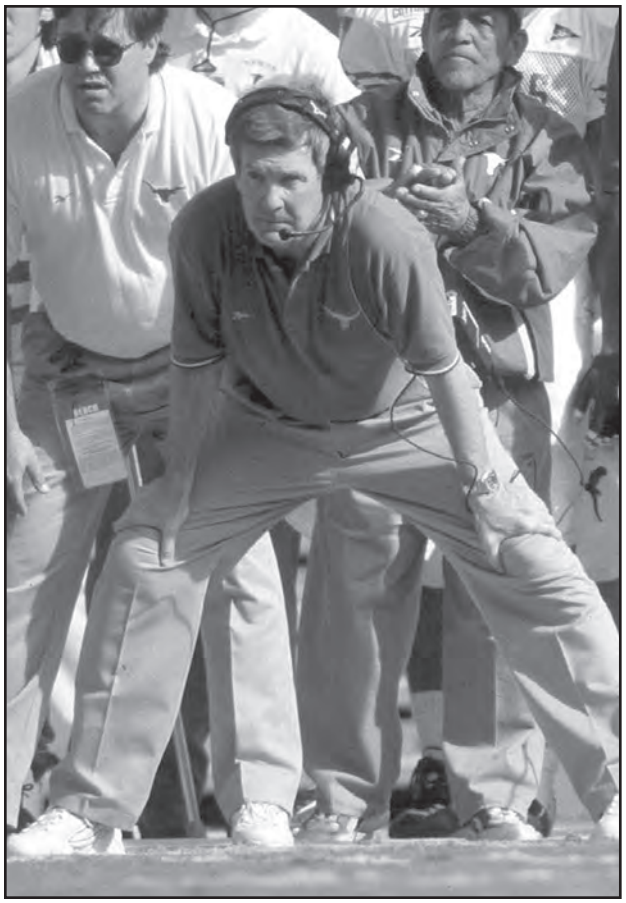
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1986, 1987, 1988, 1999: Jackie Sherrill, Texas A&M / Mississippi State



2000, 2002, 2009, 2010: Houston Nutt, Arkansas / Ole Miss

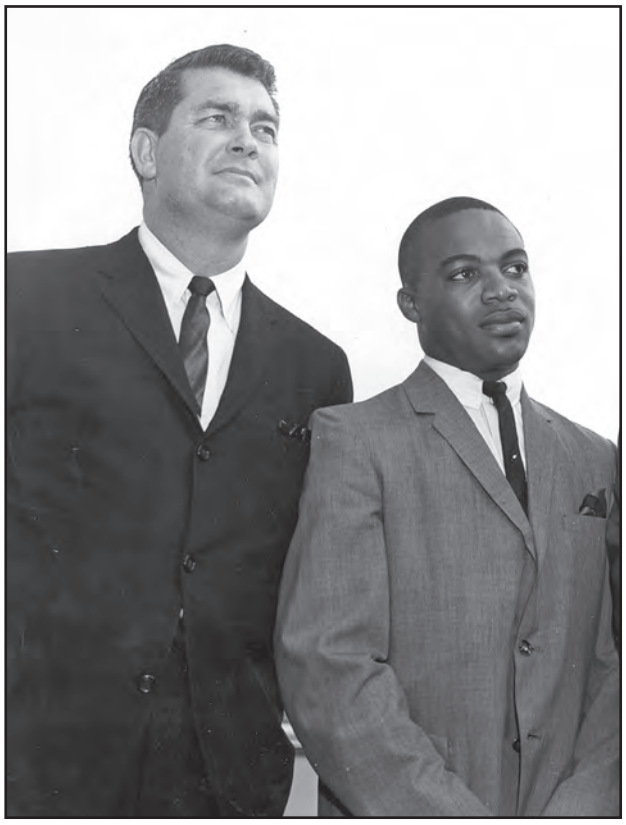


1999, 2000, 2003: Mack Brown, Texas



1977, 1979, 1980, 1985: Bill Yeoman, Houston

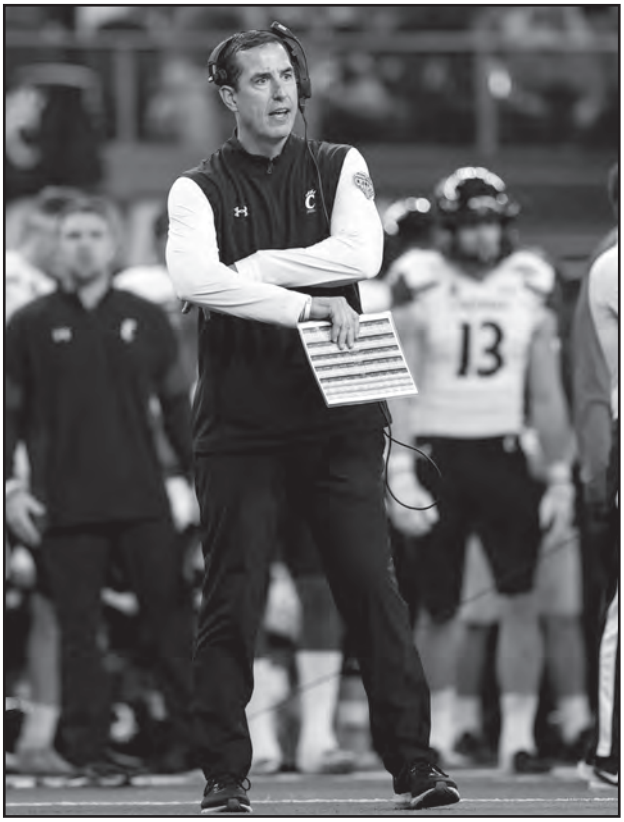
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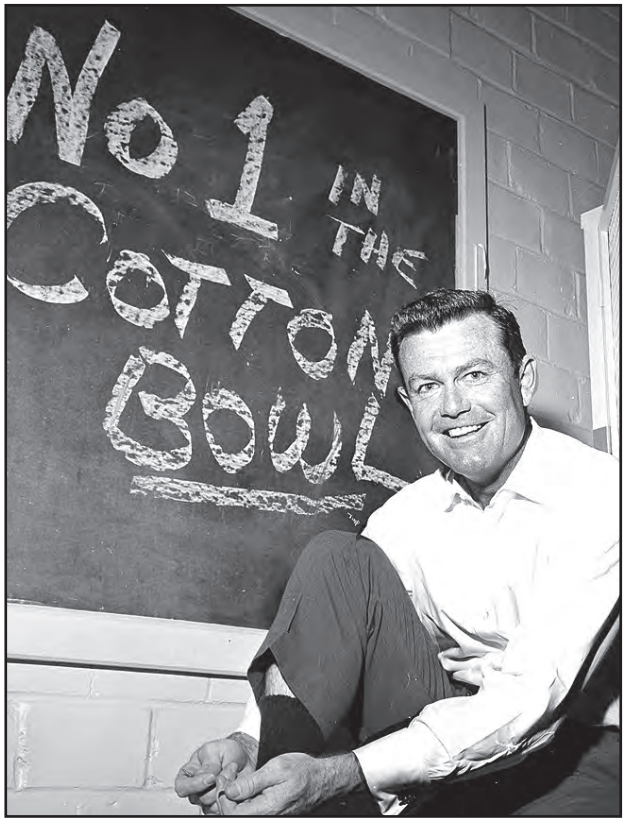
1966/31st: Hayden Fry with Jerry LeVias, SMU



2008, 2014: Gary Pinkel, Missouri



2021: Luke Fickell, Cincinnati



1960,1962, 1963, 1964, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974: Darrell Royal, Texas

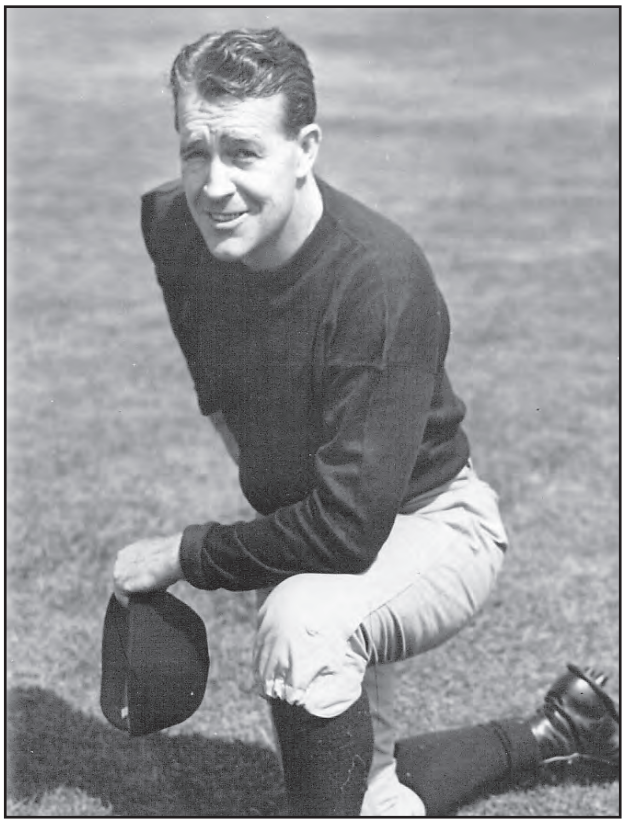
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Ara Parseghian (1970, 1971), Notre Dame, and Darrell Royal (1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974) of Texas shake hands after the 1970 Classic.



1975, 1981: Grant Teaff, Baylor

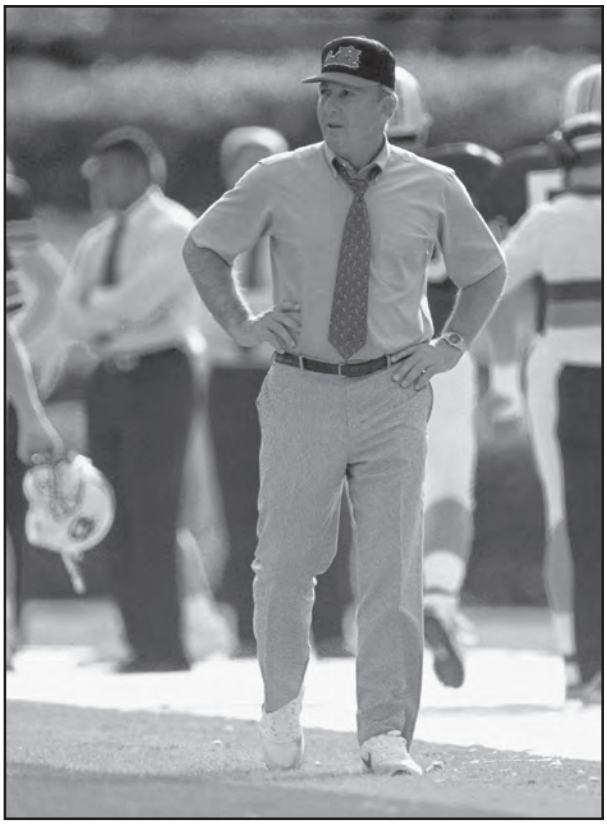


1940: Frank Leahy, Boston College

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1956, 1962: Johnny Vaught, Ole Miss

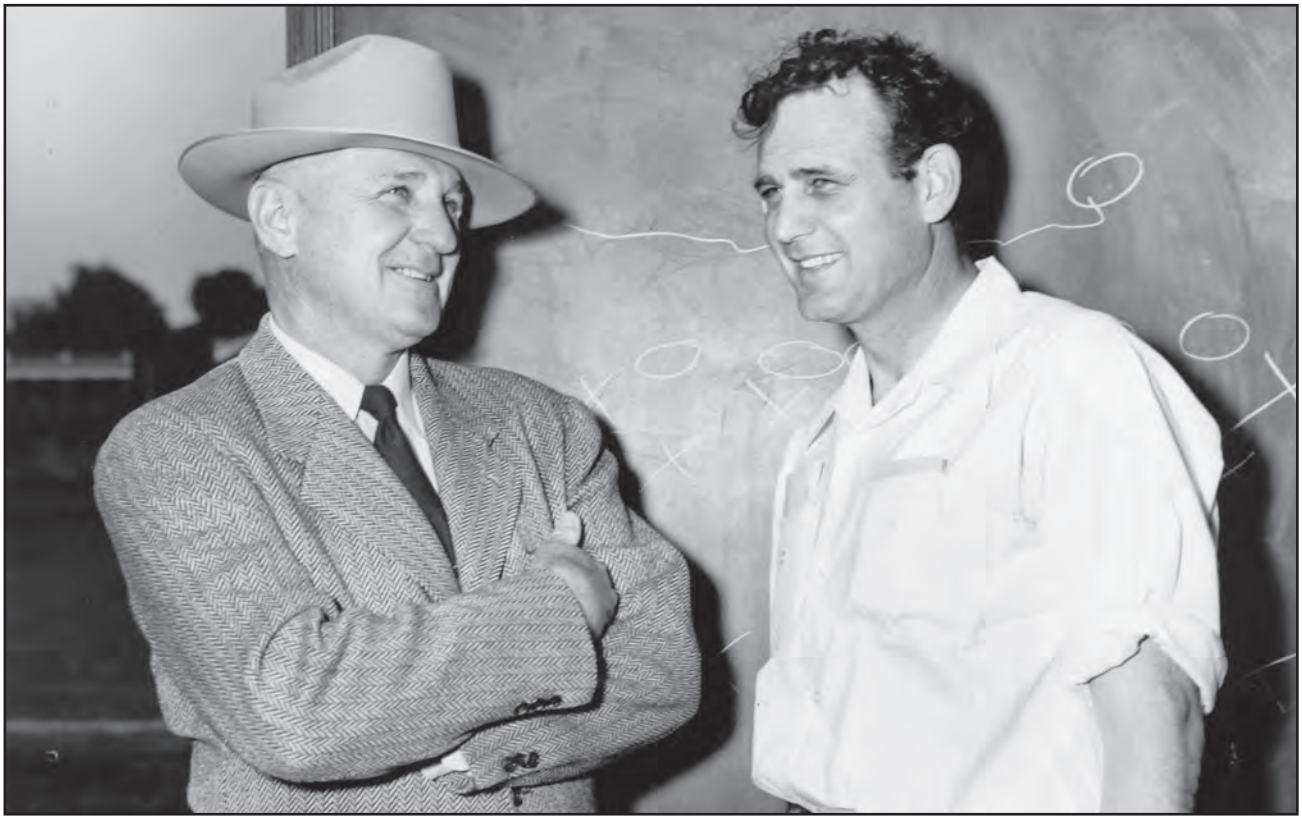


1986: Pat Dye, Auburn

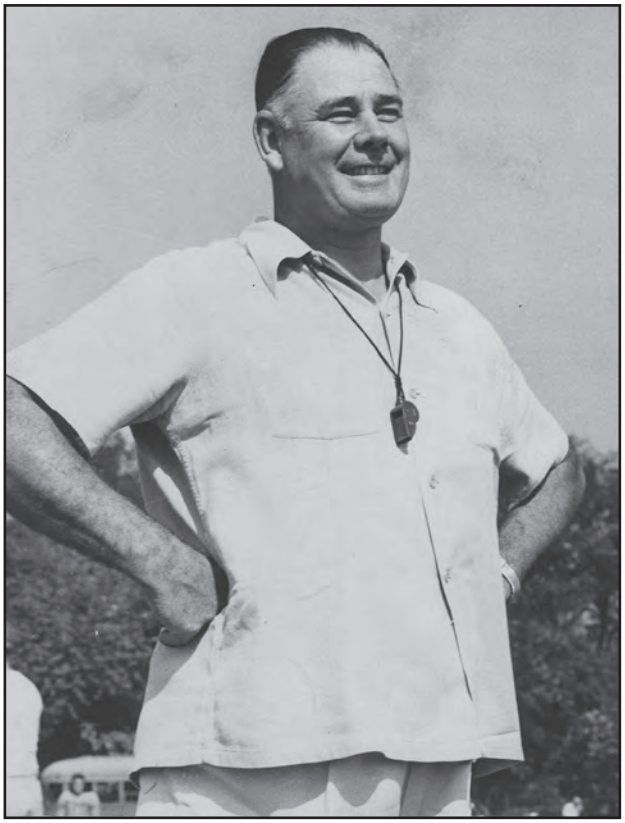


2018: Dabo Swinney, Clemson

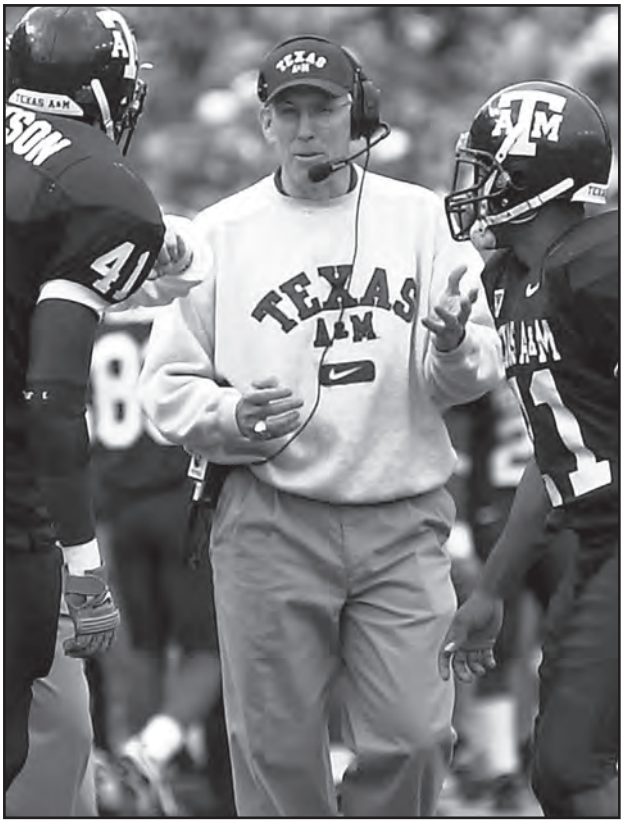
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Matty Bell (1948, 1949), SMU, and Paul "Bear" Bryant (1952, 1968, 1973, 1981, 1982), Kentucky/Alabama



1951, 1953: General Robert R. Neyland, Tennessee

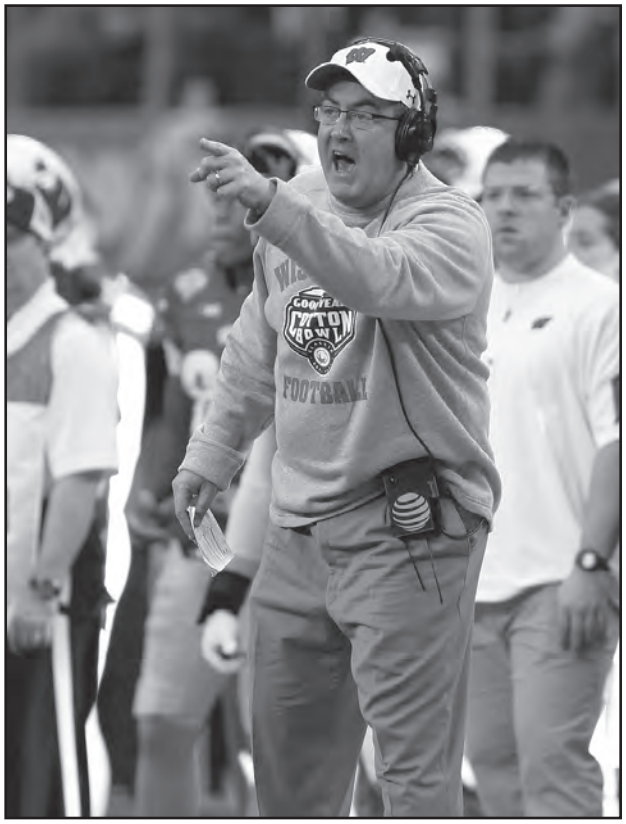


1992, 1993, 1994, 1998: R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M

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2006, 2009: Mike Leach, Texas Tech



2017/81st: Paul Chryst, Wisconsin



2003, 2015/80th, 2021: Nick Saban, LSU/Alabama

CLASSIC TEAMS

AIR FORCE (0-0-1)
January 1, 1959 — Air Force 0, TCU 0 (0-0-1)

ALABAMA (5-4-0)
January 1, 1942 — Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21(1-0-0)
January 1, 1954 — Rice 28, Alabama 6 (1-1-0)
January 1, 1968 — Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16 (1-2-0)
January 1, 1973 — Texas 17, Alabama 13 (1-3-0)
January 1, 1981 — Alabama 30, Baylor 2 (2-3-0)
January 1, 1982 — Texas 14, Alabama 12 (2-4-0)
January 2, 2006 — Alabama 13, Texas Tech 10 (3-4-0)
December 31, 2015 — Alabama 38, Michigan State 0 (4-4-0)
December 31, 2021 — Alabama 27, Cincinnati 6 (5-4-0)

ARKANSAS (4-7-1)
January 1, 1947 — Arkansas 0, LSU 0 (0-0-1)
January 1, 1955 — Georgia Tech 14, Arkansas 6 (0-1-1)
January 2, 1961 — Duke 7, Arkansas 6 (0-2-1)
January 1, 1965 — Arkansas 10, Nebraska 7 (1-2-1)
January 1, 1966 — LSU 14, Arkansas 7 (1-3-1)
January 1, 1976 — Arkansas 31, Georgia 10 (2-3-1)
January 2, 1989 — UCLA 17, Arkansas 3 (2-4-1)
January 1, 1990 — Tennessee 31, Arkansas 27 (2-5-1)
January 1, 2000 — Arkansas 27, Texas 6 (3-5-1)
January 1, 2002 — Oklahoma 10, Arkansas 3 (3-6-1)
January 1, 2008 — Missouri 38, Arkansas 7 (3-7-1)
January 6, 2012 — Arkansas 29, Kansas State 16 (4-7-1)

AUBURN (1-1-0)
January 1, 1986 — Texas A&M 36, Auburn 16 (0-1-0)
January 1, 2007 — Auburn 17, Nebraska 14 (1-1-0)

BAYLOR (0-3-0)
January 1, 1975 — Penn State 41, Baylor 20 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1981 — Alabama 30, Baylor 2 (0-2-0)
January 1, 2015 — Michigan State 42, Baylor 41 (0-3-0)

BOSTON COLLEGE (1-1-0)
January 1, 1940 — Clemson 6, Boston College 3 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1985 — Boston College 45, Houston 28 (1-1-0)

BRIGHAM YOUNG (1-0-0)
January 1, 1997 — BYU 19, Kansas State 15 (1-0-0)

CINCINNATI (0-1-0)
Decebmer 31, 2021 — Alabama 27, Cincinnati 6 (0-1-0)

CLEMSON (2-0-0):
January 1, 1940 — Clemson 6, Boston College 3 (1-0-0)
December 29, 2018 — Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3 (2-0-0)

COLORADO (1-1-0)
January 1, 1938 — Rice 28, Colorado 14 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1996 — Colorado 38, Oregon 6 (1-1-0)

DUKE (1-0-0):
January 2, 1961 — Duke 7, Arkansas 6 (1-0-0)

FLORIDA (0-1-0):
December 30, 2020 — Oklahoma 55, Florida 20 (0-1-0)

FLORIDA STATE (1-0-0)
January 1, 1992 — Florida State 10, Texas A&M 2 (1-0-0)

FORDHAM (0-1-0)
January 1, 1941 — Texas A&M 13, Fordham 12 (0-1-0)

GEORGIA (2-1-0)
December 31, 1966 — Georgia 24, SMU 9 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1976 — Arkansas 31, Georgia 10 (1-1-0)
January 2, 1984 — Georgia 10, Texas 9 (2-1-0)

GEORGIA TECH (1-1-0)
January 1, 1943 — Texas 14, Georgia Tech 7 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1955 — Georgia Tech 14, Arkansas 6 (1-1-0)

HOUSTON (2-2-0)
January 1, 1977 — Houston 30, Maryland 21 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1979 — Notre Dame 35, Houston 34 (1-1-0)
January 1, 1980 — Houston 17, Nebraska 14 (2-1-0)
January 1, 1985 — Boston Col. 45, Houston 28 (2-2-0)

KANSAS STATE (1-2-0)
January 1, 1997 — BYU 19, Kansas State 15 (0-1-0)
January 1, 2001 — Kansas State 35, Tennessee 21 (1-1-0)
January 6, 2012 — Arkansas 29, Kansas State 16 (1-2-0)

KENTUCKY (1-0-0)
January 1, 1952 — Kentucky 20, TCU 7 (1-0-0)

LSU (3-1-1)
January 1, 1947 — LSU 0, Arkansas 0 (0-0-1)
January 1, 1963 — LSU 13, Texas 0 (1-0-1)
January 1, 1966 — LSU 14, Arkansas 7 (2-0-1)
January 1, 2003 — Texas 35, LSU 20 (2-1-1)
January 7, 2011 — LSU 41, Texas A&M 24 (3-1-1)

MARQUETTE (0-1-0)
January 1, 1937 — TCU 16, Marquette 6 (0-1-0)

MARYLAND (0-1-0)
January 1, 1977 — Houston 30, Maryland 21 (0-1-0)

MEMPHIS (0-1-0)
December 28, 2019 — Penn State 53, Memphis 39 (0-1-0)

MIAMI (1-0-0)
January 1, 1991 — Miami 46, Texas 3 (1-0-0)

MICHIGAN STATE (1-1-0)
January 1, 2015 — Michigan State 42, Baylor 41 (1-0-0)
December 31, 2015 — Alabama 38, Michigan State 0 (1-1-0)

MISSISSIPPI/OLE MISS (4-1-0)
January 2, 1956 — Ole Miss 14, TCU 13 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1962 — Texas 12, Ole Miss 7 (1-1-0)
January 2, 2004 — Ole Miss 31, Oklahoma State 28 (2-1-0)
January 2, 2009 — Ole Miss 47, Texas Tech 34 (3-1-0)
January 2, 2010 — Ole Miss 21, Oklahoma State 7 (4-1-0)

MISSISSIPPI STATE (0-1-0)
January 1, 1999 — Texas 38, Mississippi State 11 (0-1-0)

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MISSOURI (3-1-0)
January 1, 1946 — Texas 40, Missouri 27 (0-1-0)
January 1, 2008 — Missouri 38, Arkansas 7 (1-1-0)
January 3, 2014 — Missouri 41, Oklahoma State 31 (2-1-0)
December 29, 2023 —Missouri 14, Ohio State 3 (3-1-0)

NAVY (1-1-0)
January 1, 1958 — Navy 20, Rice 7 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1964 — Texas 28, Navy 6 (1-1-0)

NEBRASKA (1-3-0)
January 1, 1965 — Arkansas 10, Nebraska 7 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1974 — Nebraska 19, Texas 3 (1-1-0)
January 1, 1980 — Houston 17, Nebraska 14 (1-2-0)
January 1, 2007 — Auburn 17, Nebraska 14 (1-3-0)

NORTH CAROLINA (0-1-0)
January 2, 1950 — Rice 27, North Carolina 13 (0-1-0)

NOTRE DAME (5-3-0)
January 1, 1970 — Texas 21, Notre Dame 17 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1971 — Notre Dame 24, Texas 11 (1-1-0)
January 2, 1978 — Notre Dame 38, Texas 10 (2-1-0)
January 1, 1979 — Notre Dame 35, Houston 34 (3-1-0)
January 1, 1988 — Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10 (3-2-0)
January 1, 1993 — Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3 (4-2-0)
January 1, 1994 — Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21 (5-2-0)
December 29, 2018 — Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3 (5-3-0)

OHIO STATE (3-1-0)
January 1, 1987 — Ohio State 28, Texas A&M 12 (1-0-0)
December 29, 2017 — Ohio State 24, Southern California 7 (2-0-0)
December 29, 2023 — Missouri 14, Ohio State 3 (2-1-0)
January 10, 2025/89th — Ohio State 28, Texas 14 (3-1-0)

OKLAHOMA (2-1-0)
January 1, 2002 — Oklahoma 10, Arkansas 3 (1-0-0)
January 4, 2013 — Texas A&M 41, Oklahoma 13 (1-1-0)
December 30, 2020 — Oklahoma 55, Florida 20 (2-1-0)

OKLAHOMA STATE (A&M) (1-3-0)
January 1, 1945 — Oklahoma A&M 34, TCU 0 (1-0-0)
January 2, 2004 — Ole Miss 31, Oklahoma State 28 (1-1-0)
January 2, 2010 — Ole Miss 21, Oklahoma State 7 (1-2-0)
January 3, 2014 — Missouri 41, Oklahoma State 31 (1-3-0)

OREGON (0-2-0)
January 1, 1949 — SMU 21, Oregon 13 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1996 — Colorado 38, Oregon 6 (0-2-0)

PENN STATE (3-0-1)
January 1, 1948 — Penn State 13, SMU 13 (0-0-1)
January 1, 1972 — Penn State 30, Texas 6 (1-0-1)
January 1, 1975 — Penn State 41, Baylor 20 (2-0-1)
December 28, 2019 — Penn State 53, Memphis 39 (3-0-1)

PITTSBURGH (0-1-0)
January 1, 1983 — SMU 7, Pittsburgh 3 (0-1-0)

RANDOLPH FIELD (0-0-1)
January 1, 1944 — Randolph Field 7, Texas 7 (0-0-1)

RICE (3-1-0)
January 1, 1938 — Rice 28, Colorado 14 (1-0-0)
January 2, 1950 — Rice 27, North Carolina 13 (2-0-0)
January 1, 1954 — Rice 28, Alabama 6 (3-0-0)
January 1, 1958 — Navy 20, Rice 7 (3-1-0)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (1-2-0)
January 2, 1995 — Southern California 55, Texas Tech 14 (1-0-0)
December 29, 2017 — Ohio State 24, Southern California 7 (1-1-0)
January 2, 2023 — Tulane 46, Southern California 45 (1-2-0)

SMU (2-1-1)
January 1, 1948 — SMU 13, Penn State 13 (0-0-1)
January 1, 1949 — SMU 21, Oregon 13 (1-0-1)
December 31, 1966 — Georgia 24, SMU 9 (1-1-1)
January 1, 1983 — SMU 7, Pittsburgh 3 (2-1-1)

ST. MARY'S (1-0-0)
January 2, 1939 — St. Mary's 20, Texas Tech 13 (1-0-0)

SYRACUSE (1-1-0)
January 1, 1957 — TCU 28, Syracuse 27 (0-1-0)
January 1, 1960 — Syracuse 23, Texas 14 (1-1-0)

TENNESSEE (3-3-0)
January 1, 1951 — Tennessee 20, Texas 14 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1953 — Texas 16, Tennessee 0 (1-1-0)
January 1, 1969 — Texas 36, Tennessee 13 (1-2-0)
January 1, 1990 — Tennessee 31, Arkansas 27 (2-2-0)
January 1, 2001 — K-State 35, Tennessee 21 (2-3-0)
January 1, 2005 — Tennessee 38, Texas A&M 7 (3-3-0)

TEXAS (11-11-1)
January 1, 1943 — Texas 14, Georgia Tech 7 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1944 — Texas 7, Randolph Field 7 (1-0-1)
January 1, 1946 — Texas 40, Missouri 27 (2-0-1)
January 1, 1951 — Tennessee 20, Texas 14 (2-1-1)
January 1, 1953 — Texas 16, Tennessee 0 (3-1-1)
January 1, 1960 — Syracuse 23, Texas 14 (3-2-1)
January 1, 1962 — Texas 12, Ole Miss 7 (4-2-1)
January 1, 1963 — LSU 13, Texas 0 (4-3-1)
January 1, 1964 — Texas 28, Navy 6 (5-3-1)
January 1, 1969 — Texas 36, Tennessee 13 (6-3-1)
January 1, 1970 — Texas 21, Notre Dame 17 (7-3-1)
January 1, 1971 — Notre Dame 24, Texas 11 (7-4-1)
January 1, 1972 — Penn State 30, Texas 6 (7-5-1)
January 1, 1973 — Texas 17, Alabama 13 (8-5-1)
January 1, 1974 — Nebraska 19, Texas 3 (8-6-1)
January 2, 1978 — Notre Dame 38, Texas 10 (8-7-1)
January 1, 1982 — Texas 14, Alabama 12 (9-7-1)
January 2, 1984 — Georgia 10, Texas 9 (9-8-1)
January 1, 1991 — Miami 46, Texas 3 (9-9-1)
January 1, 1999 — Texas 38, Mississippi State 11 (10-9-1)
January 1, 2000 — Arkansas 27, Texas 6 (10-10-1)
January 1, 2003 — Texas 35, LSU 20 (11-10-1)
January 10, 2025/89th — Ohio State 28, Texas 14 (11-11-1)

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TEXAS A&M (5-8-0)
January 1, 1941 — Texas A&M 13, Fordham 12 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1942 — Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21 (1-1-0)
January 1, 1968 — Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16 (2-1-0)
January 1, 1986 — Texas A&M 36, Auburn 16 (3-1-0)
January 1, 1987 — Ohio State 28, Texas A&M 12 (3-2-0)
January 1, 1988 — Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10 (4-2-0)
January 1, 1992 — Florida State 10, Texas A&M 2 (4-3-0)
January 1, 1993 — Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3 (4-4-0)
January 1, 1994 — Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21 (4-5-0)
January 1, 1998 — UCLA 29, Texas A&M 23 (4-6-0)
January 1, 2005 — Tennessee 38, Texas A&M 7 (4-7-0)
January 7, 2011 — LSU 41, Texas A&M 24 (4-8-0)
January 4, 2013 — Texas A&M 24, Oklahoma 13 (5-8-0)

TCU (2-3-1)
January 1, 1937 — TCU 16, Marquette 6 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1945 — Oklahoma A&M 34, TCU 0 (1-1-0)
January 1, 1952 — Kentucky 20, TCU 7 (1-2-0)
January 2, 1956 — Ole Miss 14, TCU 13 (1-3-0)
January 2, 1957 — TCU 28, Syracuse 27 (2-3-0)
January 1, 1959 — TCU 0, Air Force 0 (2-3-1)

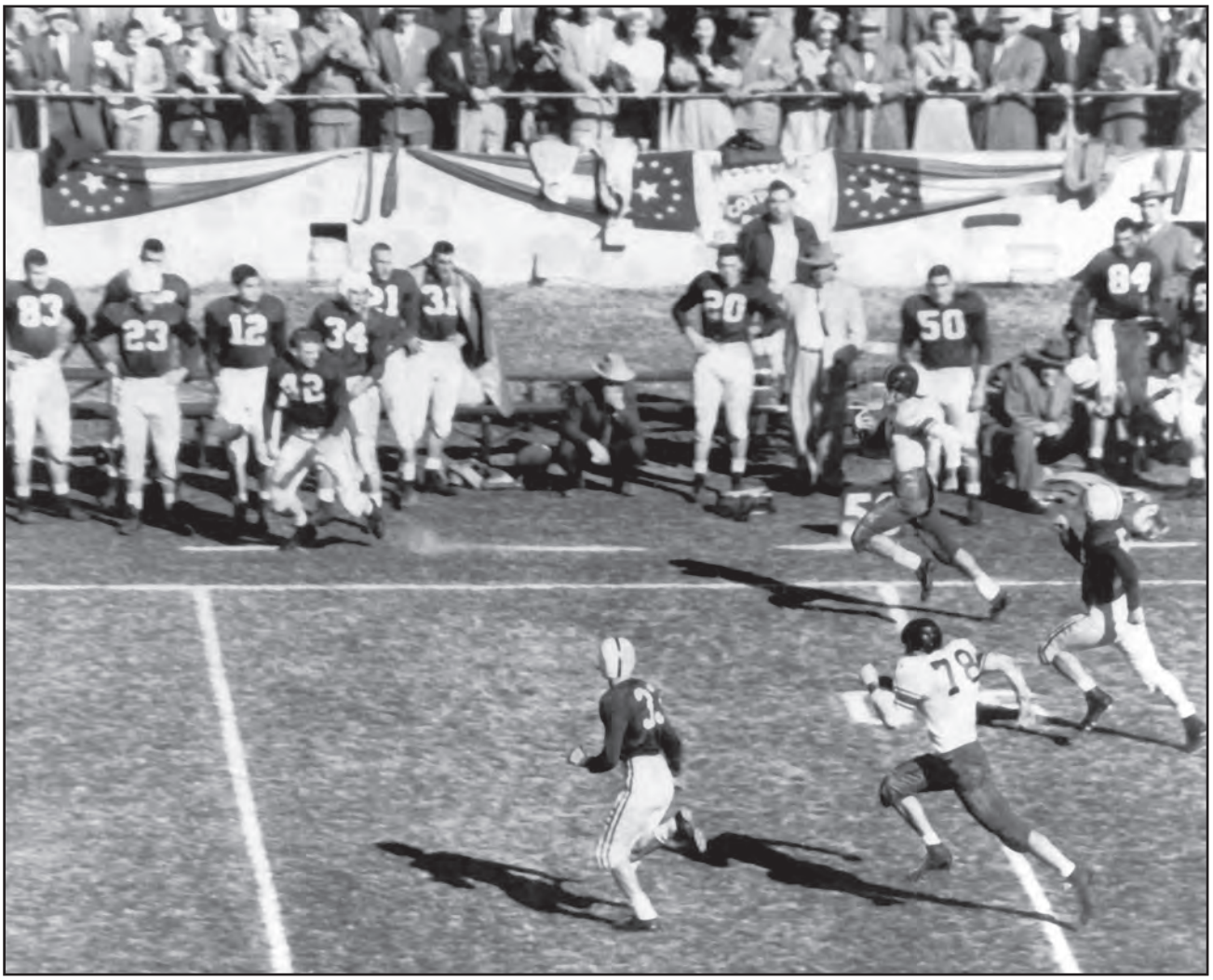
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January 2, 1939 — St. Mary's 20, Texas Tech 13 (0-1-0)
January 2, 1995 — Southern California 55, Texas Tech 14 (0-2-0)
January 2, 2006 — Alabama 13, Texas Tech 10 (0-3-0)
January 2, 2009 — Ole Miss 47, Texas Tech 34 (0-4-0)

TULANE (1-0-0)
January 2, 2023 — Tulane 46, Southern California 45 (1-0-0)

UCLA (2-0-0)
January 2, 1989 — UCLA 17, Arkansas 3 (1-0-0)
January 1, 1998 — UCLA 29, Texas A&M 23 (2-0-0)

WESTERN MICHIGAN (0-1-0)
January 2, 2017 — Wisconsin 24, Western Michigan 16 (0-1-0)

WISCONSIN (1-0-0)
January 2, 2017 — Wisconsin 24, Western Michigan 16 (1-0-0)



1954: "The Bench Tackle"...Tommy Lewis, Alabama, and Dicky Maegle, Rice

CONFERENCE RESUME

Conference	Teams	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Percentage
Missouri Valley Conference	1	1	1	0	0	1.000
Western Athletic Conference	1	1	1	0	0	1.000
Big Ten Conference	4	8	6	2	0	.750
Atlantic Coast Conference	3	3	2	1	0	.667
Southeastern Conference	14	43	25	17	1	.593
Independents	13	25	13	9	3	.580
Pac-10/12 Conference	3	6	3	3	0	.500
Big Eight Conference	2	4	2	2	0	.500
Southern Conference	2	2	1	1	0	.500
Southwest Conference	9	58	24	30	4	.448
American Athletic Conference	3	3	1	2	0	.333
Big 12 Conference	9	20	6	14	0	.300
Big Six Conference	1	1	0	1	0	.000
Border Conference	1	1	0	1	0	.000
Mid-American Conference	1	1	0	1	0	.000
Pacific Coast Conference	1	1	0	1	0	.000
Rocky Mountain Conference	1	1	0	1	0	.000

(16 Conferences, 13 Independents, 53 Teams)

American Athletic Conference: (1-2-0, 3 Teams, 3 Games)

Cincinnati	0-1-0	(.000)
Memphis	0-1-0	(.000)
Tulane	1-0-0	(1.000)

Atlantic Coast Conference: (2-1-0, 3 Teams, 3 Games)

Clemson	1-0-0	(1.000)
Duke	1-0-0	(1.000)
Maryland	0-1-0	(.000)

Big Eight: (2-2-0, 2 Teams, 4 Games)

Colorado	1-0-0	(1.000)
Nebraska	1-2-0	(.333)

Big Six Conference: (0-1-0, 1 Team, 1 Game)

Missouri	0-1-0	(.000)

Big Ten Conference: (5-3-0, 4 Teams, 8 Games)

Michigan State	1-1-0	(.500)
Ohio State	3-1-0	(.750)
Penn State	1-0-0	(1.000)
Wisconsin	1-0-0	(1.000)

Big 12 Conference: (6-14-0, 9 Teams, 20 Games)

Baylor	0-1-0	(.000)
Kansas State	1-2-0	(.333)
Missouri	1-0-0	(1.000)
Nebraska	0-1-0	(.000)
Oklahoma	2-1-0	(.667)
Oklahoma State	0-3-0	(.000)
Texas	2-1-0	(.667)
Texas A&M	0-3-0	(.000)
Texas Tech	0-2-0	(.000)

Border Conference: (0-1-0, 1 Team, 1 Game)

Texas Tech	0-1-0	(.000)

Independents: (13-9-3, 13 Teams, 25 Games)

Air Force	0-0-1	(.500)
Boston College	1-1-0	(.500)
Florida State	1-0-0	(1.000)
Fordham	0-1-0	(.000)
Marquette	0-1-0	(.000)
Miami	1-0-0	(1.000)
Navy	1-1-0	(.500)
Notre Dame	5-3-0	(.625)
Penn State	2-0-1	(.833)
Pittsburgh	0-1-0	(.000)
Randolph Field	0-0-1	(.500)
St. Mary's	1-0-0	(1.000)
Syracuse	1-1-0	(.500)

Mid-American Conference: (0-1-0, 1 Team, 1 Game)

Western Michigan	1-0-0	(1.000)

Missouri Valley Conference: (1-0-0, 1 Team, 1 Game)

Oklahoma A&M	1-0-0	(1.000)

Pacific Coast Conference: (0-1-0, 1 Team, 1 Game)

Oregon	0-1-0	(.000)

Pac-10/12 Conference: (3-3-0, 3 Teams, 6 Games)

Oregon	0-1-0	(.000)
UCLA	2-0-0	(1.000)
Southern California	1-2-0	(.333)

Rocky Mountain Conference: (0-1-0, 1 Team, 1 Game)

Colorado	0-1-0	(.000)

Southern Conference: (1-1-0, 2 Teams, 2 Games)

Clemson	1-0-0	(1.000)
North Carolina	0-1-0	(.000)

Southeastern Conference: (25-17-1, 14 Teams, 43 Games)

Alabama	5-4-0	(.556)
Arkansas	2-2-0	(.500)
Auburn	1-1-0	(.500)
Florida	0-1-0	(.000)
Georgia	2-1-0	(.667)
Georgia Tech	1-1-0	(.500)
Kentucky	1-0-0	(1.000)
LSU	3-1-1	(.700)
Ole Miss	4-1-0	(.800)
Mississippi State	0-1-0	(.000)
Missouri	2-0-0	(1.000)
Tennessee	3-3-0	(.500)
Texas	0-1-0	(.000)
Texas A&M	1-0-0	(1.000)

Southwest Conference: (24-30-4, 9 Teams, 58 Games)

Arkansas	2-5-1	(.313)
Baylor	0-2-0	(.000)
Houston	2-2-0	(.500)
Rice	3-1-0	(.750)
SMU	2-1-1	(.625)
Texas	9-9-1	(.500)
Texas A&M	4-5-0	(.444)
TCU	2-3-1	(.417)
Texas Tech	0-2-0	(.000)

Western Athletic Conference: (1-0-0, 1 Team, 1 Game)

Brigham Young	1-0-0	(1.000)

*Teams listed according to affiliation at time of Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic participation

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Attendance	Classic Teams	Date
88,175	Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech	January 2, 2009
87,025	Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma	January 4, 2013
83,514	LSU vs. Texas A&M	January 7, 2011
82,812	Michigan State vs. Alabama	December 31, 2015
80,956	Kansas State vs. Arkansas	January 6, 2012
77,928*	Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss	January 2, 2010
77,500	Arkansas vs. Georgia	January 1, 1976
76,701	Texas vs. Notre Dame	January 2, 1978
76,313	Cincinnati vs. Alabama	December 31, 2021
76,200	Arkansas vs. LSU	January 1, 1966
75,704	Texas A&M vs. Tennessee	January 1, 2005
75,500	Texas vs. Tennessee	January 1, 1951
75,500	TCU vs. Kentucky	January 1, 1952
75,500	Texas vs. Tennessee	January 1, 1953
75,500	Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech	January 1, 1955
75,500	TCU vs. Ole Miss	January 2, 1956
75,500	Rice vs. Navy	January 1, 1958
75,500	Texas vs. Syracuse	January 1, 1960
75,500	Texas vs. LSU	January 1, 1963
75,300	Texas vs. Navy	January 1, 1964
75,000	Rice vs. North Carolina	January 2, 1950
75,000	Rice vs. Alabama	January 1, 1954
75,000	Texas vs. Ole Miss	January 1, 1962
75,000	Arkansas vs. Nebraska	January 1, 1965
74,527	Ohio State vs. Texas	January 10, 2025
74,500	TCU vs. Air Force	January 1, 1959
74,358	Arkansas vs. Tennessee	January 1, 1990
74,304	Arkansas vs. UCLA	January 2, 1989
74,281	Baylor vs. Alabama	January 1, 1981
74,222	Texas Tech vs. Alabama	January 2, 2006
74,188	Texas A&M vs. Ohio State	January 1, 1987
73,928	Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss	January 2, 2004
73,800	Texas A&M vs. Alabama	January 1, 1968
73,728	Texas A&M vs. Florida State	January 1, 1992
73,521	Texas vs. Miami	January 1, 1991
73,243	Texas vs. Alabama	January 1, 1982
73,137	Texas A&M vs. Auburn	January 1, 1986
73,114	Missouri vs. Arkansas	January 1, 2008
73,006	Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame	January 1, 1988
73,000	SMU vs. Georgia	December 31, 1966
72,955	Oklahoma vs. Arkansas	January 1, 2002
72,723	Texas vs. Arkansas	January 1, 2000
72,690	Oklahoma State vs. Missouri	January 3, 2014
72,611	Texas vs. Mississippi State	January 1, 1999
72,183	Notre Dame vs. Clemson	December 29, 2018
72,000	Texas vs. Notre Dame	January 1, 1970
72,000	Houston vs. Notre Dame	January 1, 1979
72,000	Texas vs. Notre Dame	January 1, 1971
72,000	Houston vs. Nebraska	January 1, 1980
72,000	SMU vs. Pittsburgh	January 1, 1983
71,928	Kansas State vs. BYU	January 1, 1997
71,615	Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame	January 1, 1993
71,464	Michigan State vs. Baylor	January 1, 2015
70,817	LSU vs. Texas	January 1, 2003
70,500	Arkansas vs. Duke	January 2, 1961
70,114	Missouri vs. Ohio State	December 29, 2023
70,218	Southern California vs. Texas Tech	January 2, 1995
70,000	SMU vs. Oregon	January 1, 1949
70,000	Texas vs. Tennessee	January 1, 1969
70,000	Texas vs. Penn State	January 1, 1972
70,000	Texas vs. Alabama	January 1, 1973
69,855	Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame	January 1, 1994
68,500	Texas vs. Nebraska	January 1, 1974
68,500	Baylor vs. Penn State	January 1, 1975
67,891	Texas vs. Georgia	January 2, 1984
67,510	Southern California vs. Ohio State	December 29, 2017
67,381	Houston vs. Boston College	January 1, 1985
66,777	Auburn vs. Nebraska	January 1, 2007
63,465	Tennessee vs. Kansas State	January 1, 2001
61,500	TCU vs. Syracuse	January 1, 1957
59,615	Western Michigan vs. Wisconsin	January 2, 2015
59,215	Texas A&M vs. UCLA	January 1, 1998
58,500	Houston vs. Maryland	January 1, 1977
58,214	Oregon vs. Colorado	January 1, 1996
55,329	Tulane vs. Southern California	January 2, 2023
54,828	Memphis vs. Penn State	December 28, 2019
47,000	SMU vs. Penn State	January 1, 1948
45,507	Texas A&M vs. Fordham	January 1, 1941
45,500	Texas vs. Missouri	January 1, 1946
40,000	Texas Tech vs. St. Mary's	January 2, 1939
38,000	Arkansas vs. LSU	January 1, 1947
37,500	Oklahoma A&M vs. TCU	January 1, 1945
36,620	Texas vs. Georgia Tech	January 1, 1943
33,000	Texas A&M vs. Alabama	January 1, 1942
32,118	Rice vs. Colorado	January 1, 1938
32,000	Texas vs. Randolph Field	January 1, 1944
17,323#	Florida vs. Oklahoma	December 30, 2020
17,000	TCU vs. Marquette	January 1, 1937
15,000	Boston College vs. Clemson	January 1, 1940

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