

BOWLS

TCU has advanced to seven bowl games in the last eight seasons. The Horned Frogs were 14th in the final 2005 Bowl Championship Series standings. It was the 20th time TCU has appeared in the BCS standings, the most of any school playing in a conference without an automatic BCS bid.

TCU
Football



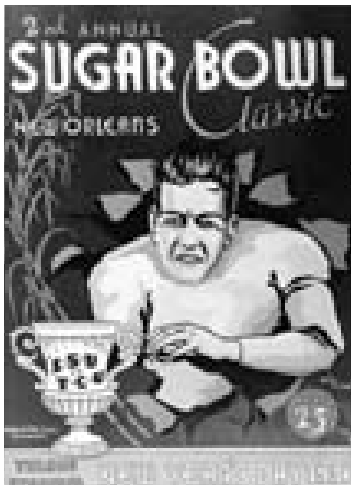


1936 Sugar Bowl

TCU 3, LSU 2 • January 1, 1936

NEW ORLEANS, LA. — Bernie Moore, coach of the LSU football team, was skeptical that TCU's 3 to 2 victory in the Sugar Bowl game was a conclusive test of the squads. "My conclusion of the game was that the slippery field eliminated at least 30 percent of the offensive power of both teams," he said. Dutch Meyer, coach of TCU, said he thought the contest before a capacity crowd of 35,000 was the "finest I've ever seen played in the rain."

Yesterday's "baseball score" game was a thriller which kept the spectators in their seats despite a slow rain which fell throughout the second half ... LSU scored in the second quarter after passes and runs brought the ball to the TCU two-inch line where it changed hands on downs. When (Sammy) Baugh attempted to pass from behind the goal line he stepped over the end zone, automatically giving LSU a safety for a two-point lead. The Texans came back in the same period to recover a Louisiana fumble on the Louisiana 40 and pushed down to the LSU 16. Taldon Manton then kicked a field goal from the Tiger 26. From that point on the game was a battle of mighty defensives...



It was the third time in as many meetings that kicked field goals have figured vitally in TCU-LSU football games. In 1931 the Frogs defeated the Tigers, 3 to 0, and the following season they tied, 3-3 ... No more spectacular and engrossing football was ever played under such adverse conditions as existed here.

Ordinarily mud battles are dull, shoving contests, but that was not the case in this Sugar Bowl scrap ... TCU played most of the game minus the services of three of her brightest stars — Left Halfback George Kline, All-American Center Darrell Lester and Halfback Rex Clark ... Clark played only one down and that was by the courtesy of Coach Meyer who wanted the injured senior star to be able to say he played in the 1936 Sugar Bowl game ... Baugh made the longest run of the day — a 44-yard gallop.

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TCU 3, LSU 2

TCU	0	3	0	0	—	3
LSU	0	2	0	0	—	2
Attendance	— 35,000					

Team Statistics

	TCU	LSU
First downs	6	9
Rushes-yards	29-121	45-120
Passing yards	54	59
Return yards	31	42
Passes	8-3-1	21-3-3
Punts	14-46.0	13-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-yards	4-20	3-33

Individual Statistics

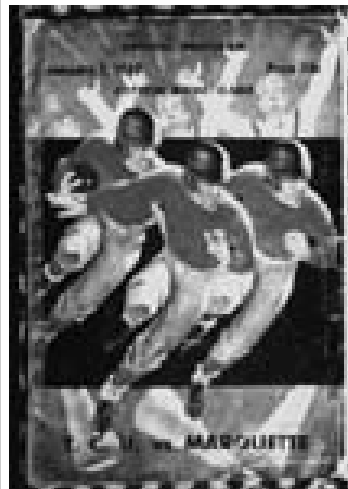
Rushing — TCU: Lawrence 6-54, Baugh 22-45, Manton 14-15, Kline 1-6, Harrell 3-1, Roberts 1-1, McCall 1-0, Montgomery 1-minus 1. LSU: Crass 15-34, Reed 6-29, Fatheree 6-117, Mickal 8-16, Seago 3-13, Bowman 6-10, Kohm 1-1.
 Passing — TCU: Baugh 2-7-1, 29 yards, Lawrence 1-1-0, 25 yards. LSU: Mickal 2-14-3, 36 yards, Crass 1-7-0, 23 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Walls 1-25, Meyer 1-18, Lawrence 1-11. LSU: Barrett 3-59.

1937 Cotton Bowl

TCU 16, Marquette 6 • January 1, 1937

DALLAS — With a sling-back attack that whipped over a field goal and two touchdowns in the first 25 minutes of play and with a sturdy defense that piled up the Marquette Golden Avalanche, TCU captured a spectacular football game here this New Year's Day. The score in the Cotton Bowl classic was 16-6.

So sudden, sharp and dazzling was the sweep of action of the battle that 15,000 spectators, who braved threatening weather, forgot the gray gloom of the afternoon. Led by Sammy Baugh, who out-passed and outplayed "Buzz" Buivid to cinch his claim to the title of the greatest passer of the season, the Texans uncorked an offense that flared into long gains both on the ground and in the air. Although it was Baugh who paced the attack and won the attention of the crowd, it was L.D. Meyer who did the real damage...



He scored all of TCU's 16 points. He kicked a 33-yard field goal for the first three points in the opening minutes. Before the first quarter had ended, Meyer collaborated with Sambo on a 55-yard pass-and-run gain for the first Frog touchdown, and in the second quarter he took an 18-yard heave from Vic Montgomery for the last score. Meyer even converted after the first touchdown.

A 60-yard punt return by Art Guepe in the first quarter accounted for all of Marquette's points ... Before the game was half over Coach Dutch Meyer, feeling safe behind the 10-point lead, sent in most of his reserves ... Baugh was on the bench for nearly a quarter and was only reinserted in the closing minutes when the crowd howled to see him one last time.

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TCU 16, Marquette 6

TCU	10	6	0	0	—	16
Marquette	6	0	0	0	—	6
Attendance	— 15,000					

Team Statistics

	TCU	MU
First Downs	16	10
Rushes-yards	34-169	32-55
Passing yards	149	134
Return yards	81	109
Passes	20-9-3	21-11-3
Punts	4-32.5	6-39.5
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	5-35	3-25

Individual Statistics

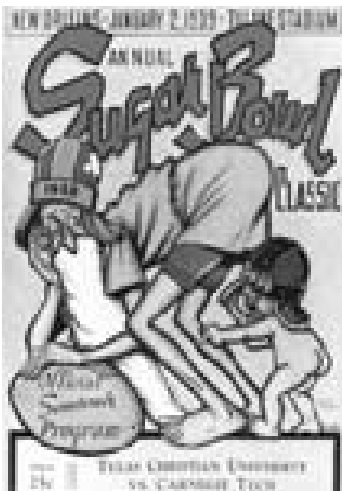
Rushing — TCU: McClure 5-48, Roberts 11-46, Baugh 2-28, Montgomery 4-26, McCall 5-17, Clifford 1-4, Hall 1-3, Wilkinson 2-2, Blackmon 2-minus 1, O'Brien 1-minus 4. Marquette: Guepe (Art) 12-31, Cuff 7-30, Guepe (Al) 1-2, Buivid 12(-8).
 Passing — TCU: Baugh 5-13-2, 100 yards, O'Brien 3-6-1, 33 yards, Montgomery 1-1-0, 16 yards. Marquette: Buivid 9-18-3, 111 yards, Guepe (Art) 2-3-0, 23 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Meyer 3-79, McCall 2-32, Roach 2-26, McClure 1-7, Montgomery 1-5. Marquette: Cuff 3-30, Anderson 3-14, Buivid 2-23, Guepe (Art) 1-41, Guepe (Al) 1-19, Cooper 1-7.



1939 Sugar Bowl

TCU 15, Carnegie Tech 7 • January 2, 1939

NEW ORLEANS, LA. — It was with power, passes and kicking that the Christians made the two touchdowns and one field goal that enabled them to win, 15-7. Carnegie's most consistent method of attack was a bristling, quick-starting and hard-hitting offense, but it was with a brilliant 38-yard pass in the last seconds of the first half that the Skibos scored ... The second half started with the Pittsburghers leading, 7-6. The first time they got possession of the hoghide the Frogs proved irresistible. Moving with giant strides, they went 80 yards and a touchdown on five plays without losing possessions.



TCU punted one time. That fact alone indicates accurately how fearfully effective was the ground-gaining maneuvers of the big white-shirted representatives ... The one punt was by the second string in the second quarter and it figured in making TCU's first touchdown ... When the Skibos punted out, the TCU regulars took over and went 48 yards on 11 plays to take a 6-0 lead ...

Carnegie took the next kickoff and went to town with big, fast and tough George Muha doing most of the dirty work ... Earl Clark intercepted a pass and ran 25 yards to the Carnegie 35 yard-line, but Durward Horner, a TCU end, had been offside so the play was called back ... It was on fourth down of this series of plays that Petey Moroz cut loose with his long fine pass for the Carnegie touchdown ...

The third quarter drive of the Christians to get back in front was probably the most pleasing thing about the game to the thousands of Texans in the crowd ... (Davey) O'Brien passed to Horner down the middle ... The big end caught the ball almost between two Skibos, but evaded both of them and ran 24 yards across the goal line.

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TCU 15, Carnegie Tech 7

TCU	0	6	6	3	—	15
Carnegie Tech	0	7	0	0	—	7
Attendance	— 50,000					

Team Statistics

	TCU	Tech
First Downs	17	8
Rushes-yards	39-141	41-109
Passing yards	224	59
Return yards	36	0
Passes	28-17-0	88-33-2
Punts	1-40.0	6-42.0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-1

Individual Statistics

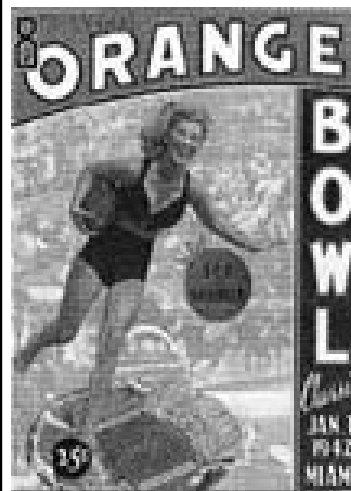
Rushing — TCU: Hall 6-47, Sparks 14-37, Wilkinson 5-22, Ware 3-19, O'Brien 5-8, Odle 1-7, Clifford 2-5, McClanahan 1-1, Clark 2-minus 3. Tech: Muha 16-69, Condit 10-31, Ingalls 11-7, Laposki 5-7, Zawaacki 22-4, Jordano 4-4, Lee 1-2, Betz 1-minus 5.
 Passing — TCU: O'Brien 17-27-0, 224 yards, Odle 0-1-0, Tech: Moroz 1-2-0, 38 yards, Condit 2-5-1, 21 yards, Jordano 0-1-1.
 Receiving — TCU: Clark 7-81, Hall 5-75, Looney 2-21, Horner 1-44, Ware 1-3, Wilkinson 1-0. Tech: Muha 1-38, Fisher 1-21.

1942 Orange Bowl

Georgia 40, TCU 26 • January 1, 1942

MIAMI, FLA. — In the wildest, weirdest football battle ever waged in this corner of the country, the Georgia Bulldogs outscored the courageous TCU Horned Frogs 40-26 ... Coach Wally Butts' fast team, well-equipped on ground and in the air, almost chased the Frogs off the field for 35 minutes... The score mounted to 40-7 with only a few minutes played in the second half.

But the Frogs are not quitters ... Everything was against them. They couldn't hold the enemy, they couldn't move themselves and they were battered and weary from their empty-handed efforts. But there was too much tradition behind those purple shirts. Suddenly, almost as if a fresh wind had blown into the stadium, the tide turned. They knocked over three touchdowns in rapid order. They turned back every Georgia thrust. And at the end, they were only five yards from another score ... At the end it was the Purple team for which the gathering stood and cheered. The great comeback in the last 25 minutes saved the Frogs from humiliation.



Bruce Alford was the Frog star ... He blocked a punt, he made two great catches for touchdowns. He threw the most vicious tackles on the field ... Replacements kept coming in but nothing seemed to halt the devastating Bulldog attack ... After the rest period, Texas supporters hoped for a rally. But Georgia stepped out and banged 80 yards for still another touchdown that promised to make it a rout ... From that moment to the final gun it was the Bulldogs who held on and the Frogs who ripped ... The first purple thrust went 50 yards ... As the third quarter drew to a close, the Frogs went for another score. This drive was for 66 yards ... 40-20 as the fans grew more and more excited ... The Frogs went 79 yards to score again.

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Georgia 40, TCU 26

Georgia	19	14	7	0	—	40
TCU	7	0	7	12	—	26
Attendance	— 39,000					

Team Statistics

	TCU	GA.
First Downs	7	12
Rushes-yards	31-56	47-188
Passing yards	143	282
Return yards	23-9-6	23-12-4
Passes	7-36.6	4-21.0
Punts	3-0	3-2
Fumbles-lost	3-0	3-2
Penalties	1-15	8-59

Individual Statistics

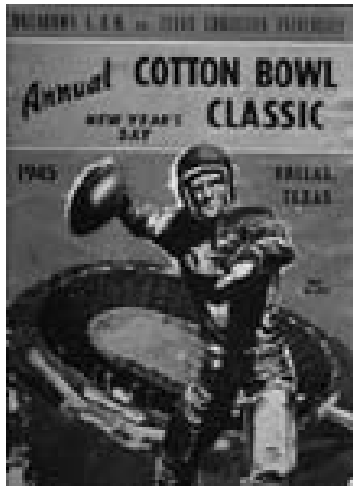
Rushing — TCU: Gillespie 10-35, Sparks 3-18, Conway 3-10, Bierman 2-7, Nix 1-6, Ramsey 1-1, Krings 1-1, Medanich 6-minus 5, Brumbaugh 1-minus 7, Bagley 3-minus 10. Georgia: Sinkwich 22-112, Todd 6-38, Keuper 8-18, Davis 3-10, Bray 2-5.
 Passing — TCU: Gillespie 5-11-2, 93 yards, Ramsey 1-1-0, 17 yards, Nix 2-8-3, 25 yards, Krings 1-1-0, 8 yards, Bagley 0-1-1, Montgomery 0-1-0. Georgia: Sinkwich 9-11-2, 234 yards, Todd 3-12-2, 48 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Alford 4-57, Krings 1-53, Bierman 1-12, Hall 1-8, Gillespie 1-8, Taylor 1-5. Georgia: Davis 4-70, Kimsey 3-74, Conger 2-98, Keuper 2-26.



1945 Cotton Bowl

Oklahoma A&M 34, TCU 0 • January 1, 1945

DALLAS — With speed, spirit and spiraling passes, the Cowboys of Oklahoma A&M completely out-classed the TCU Horned Frogs in the ninth annual Cotton Bowl football game here this crystal clear New Year's afternoon to win, 34-0. Except for the second quarter when they staved off repeated threats, the Frogs were never able to cope with the double-pronged attack ... The first touchdown, scored in the fifth minute, climaxed a 59-yard advance. The second whirled 61 yards, the third 62 yards, the fourth 40 yards and the fifth 66 yards ...



After the score reached 21-0, Coach Jim Lookabough of the Aggies threw in his second, third and fourth teams. They were not nearly as lethal as the starters but were not able to resist the fresh eagerness of the reserves and they counted both of the fourth-quarter touchdowns ... The Frogs moved on the ground several times when in their own territory, but after crossing the 50-yard line they were always thwarted by the bullying tactics of the burly Aggie line ... Only once did the Frogs get inside the A&M 35-yard line and that was on a pass interception ...

Bob Ruff was the only TCU back who was able to gain with any consistency, although Jesse Mason did some good work for a short time. Evidently razor sharp for their first bowl game, the Aggies came out in a turf-tearing mood ... In just eight plays and in spite of a penalty which cost them 35 yards, the Black and Gold Missouri Valley champions were across the double stripe ... Coach Dutch Meyer tried all kinds of defenses against the Aggies, including a seven-man line which moved fullback Cox into the line. None of them worked for more than a few minutes at a time. The Aggies were too good in too many different ways.

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Oklahoma A&M 34, TCU 0

Oklahoma A&M	14	0	7	13	—	34
TCU	0	0	0	0	—	0

Attendance — 37,500

Team Statistics

	TCU	A&M
First Downs	5	20
Rushes-yards	27-74	60-295
Passing yards	31	199
Return yards	26	82
Passes	10-3-3	17-9-1
Punts	8-34.0	6-31.0
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	5-25	7-75

Individual Statistics

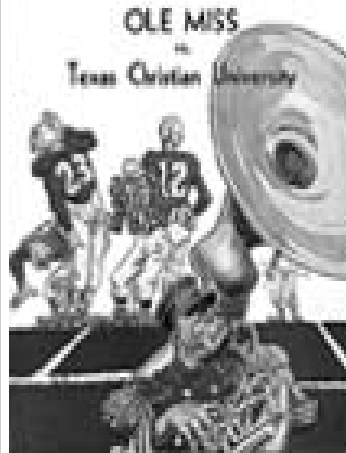
Rushing — TCU: Ruff 7-35, Mason 8-26, Busby 1-12, Cox 1-4, Jackson 3-4, Hadaway 7-minus 7. OK A&M: Spavital 18-120, Fenimore 16-63, Hankins 9-57, Thomas 7-25, Creager 5-16, Stafford 2-7, Conner 1-6, Moore 1-3, Karraker 1-minus 2.
 Passing — TCU: Hadaway 3-6-1, 31 yards, Cox 0-3-1, Busby 0-1-1. OK A&M: Fenimore 6-13-1, 136 yards, Thomas 2-2-0, 54 yards, Creager 1-2-0, 9 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Jackson 1-34, Ruff 1-minus 1, Gaxxen 1-minus 2. OK A&M: Hankins 4-103, Creager 2-54, Moore 1-17, Armstrong 1-16, Thomas 1-9.

1948 Delta Bowl

Mississippi 13, TCU 9 • January 1, 1948

MEMPHIS, TENN. — Trailing a hard-trying TCU team by nine points, the great Charley Conerly suddenly soared to the dramatic heights of football throwing expected of him. In just five minutes his rifle arm accounted for two touchdowns as the Confederates bested the Christians, 13-9, in the first Delta Bowl game.

In the closing minutes of the third period, Conerly launched a passing flurry that carried exactly 80 yards in eight plays ... The Frogs, still going strong, marched right back to the Rebel 37 where an intercepted pass sat Conerly up in business again. This time he threw only two passes...and they ate up just 63 yards to win the ball game ...



In more ways than one, it was a tough game for the Frogs to lose... But they fumbled badly, losing the ball twice at crucial moments... Early in the second, after Carl Knox had punted over the enemy goal, Bobby Wilson, subbing for Conerly, tried an ill-advised pass... The ball was batted up and little (Lindy) Berry flashed in to intercept ... He was against the north sideline in the clear...and over the goal line before anybody could even launch a tackle... Just four plays later, Conerly tried a punt. Big Scratch Edwards roaring in, ran over the fullback and breasted the ball squarely. The bounding leather skittered to the goal line in the southeast corner, rolled over and out of the end zone... From their 20, the Rebs decided to run... Conerly then ran for two and on next down dropped for a deep pass. End Joe Johnson circled down behind Al Vaiani, took the perfect toss about the goal and fell over.

There were nine minutes yet to play and the Frogs gave the enemy fans a heart attack by holding the leather. Just six of them from their one-yard line, where Otis Kelvey was dropped on the kickoff, the Christians powered right up field for 59 yards... But the last threat died when Knox's pass was batted up and intercepted by the Ole Miss linebacker on the Reb 38.

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Mississippi 13, TCU 9

Mississippi	0	0	0	13	—	13
TCU	0	9	0	0	—	9

Attendance — 28,600

Team Statistics

	TCU	Miss
First Downs	15	15
Rushes-yards	46-141	35-111
Passing yards	55	186
Return yards	73	23
Passes	11-6-2	30-12-4
Punts	5-42.8	3-40.6
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	5-45	7-35

Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Stout 15-73, McKelvey 7-26, Barry 19-20, Knox 2-17, Browning 1-7, Joslin 1-1, Bloxom 1-minus 3. OLE MISS: Salmon 6-48, Harrell 6-18, Jenkins 5-17, Bowen 6-16, Stalling 1-9, Conerly 10-(-1).
 Passing — TCU: Berry 3-5-1, 32 yards, Stout 2-4-0, 17 yards, Knox 1-2-1, 6 yards. OLE MISS: Conerly 12-28-3, 186 yards, Wilson 0-2-1.
 Receiving — TCU: Bailey 3-23, Stout 1-13, Kilman 1-13, Boal 1-6. OLE MISS: Johnson 3-79, Howell 2-25, Salmon 2-23, Bowen 2-20, Poole 1-22, Harper 1-9, Odom 1-8.



1952 Cotton Bowl

Kentucky 20, TCU 7 • January 1, 1952

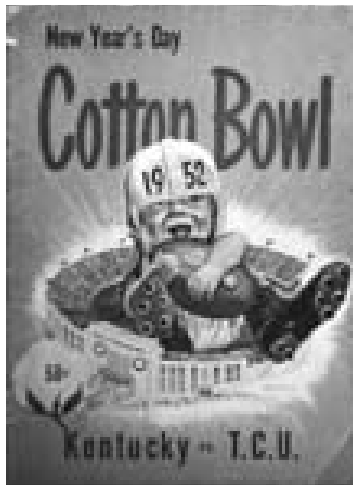
DALLAS — TCU, distressingly flat except for one magnificent minute-and-half surge late in the third quarter, succeeded only in making it a masterpiece of frustration. And so the four-times-beaten Wildcats from the Bluegrass State thoroughly trounced the Southwest Conference champions before a capacity throng of 75,349 ... 20-7. Kentucky scored on two surges of 52 and 57 yards in the first and second quarters to post its 13-0 halftime lead... The Wildcats had the ball only twice in the first quarter...and made it good for a 7-0 lead. Starting from their 47, Larry Jones lugged for 11 yards in two tries ... Vito Parilli, who had missed on his first three

passes, hit the great Kentucky end Steve Meilinger over the middle, deep, for 31 yards ... The Kentucky quarterback passed to Emery Clark for the five yards and touchdown ...

The Frogs, who had bogged down once on the four, wasted another 59-yard push to the 24 early in the second quarter. Here, Clark intercepted a Mal Fowler pass returned to the Kentucky 43 and the Wildcats tromped on from here for 57 yards and another touchdown in 11 plays ... TCU made its 48-yard move to the five after this and came back later in the quarter with its 51-yard march to the one all for nothing ... (Gilbert) Bartosh drew his first chance of the game ... Here Bartosh called a direct snap — back Bobby Jack Floyd, who shot through left guard, swerved to the left sideline and went 43 yards for touchdown on the longest run of the day ...

Against the wind in the fourth Bartosh guided the Frogs 40 yards ... The TCU command sent in McKown to punt and he obliged with his neat kick-out on the 8. But here, where holding 'em was imperative for TCU, Tom Fillion broke loose for 17 yards on a third-down-seven-to-go-play ... That spoiled everything. For Kentucky held the ball, put TCU in the hole with the kick and Bartosh was spilled for losses.

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Kentucky 20, TCU 7

Kentucky	7	6	0	7	—	20
TCU	0	0	7	0	—	7
Attendance	— 75,349					

Team Statistics

	TCU	UK
First Downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	48-201	54-213
Passing yards	99	8
Return yards	10	70
Passes	17-5-1	20-8-1
Punts	5-40.8	6-34.6
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-32	6-40

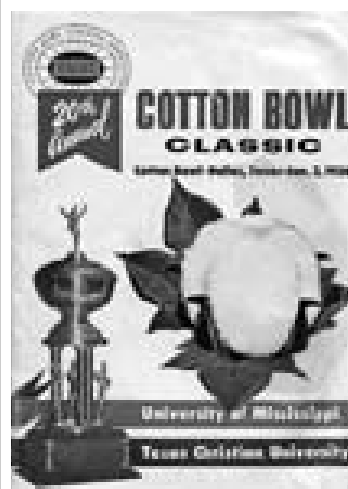
Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Floyd 14-115, McKown 16-42, Ray 4-19, Doty 3-14, Bartosh 6-7, Medanich 3-5, Fowler 1-2, Harville 1-minus 3. Kentucky: Fillion 10-73, Jones 11-42, Gruner 11-39, Parilli 8-22, Hamilton 3-14, Jones 3-9, Felch 4-6, Clark 3-6.
 Passing — TCU: McKown 1-8-0, 51 yards, Bartosh 2-5-0, 26 yards, Fowler 2-4-1, 22 yards. Kentucky: Parilli 8-20-1, 85 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Medanich 3-43, Vaught 1-51, Floyd 1-5. Kentucky: Meilinger 3-61, Clark 2-17, Fillion 2-11.

1956 Cotton Bowl

Mississippi 14, TCU 13 • January 2, 1956

DALLAS, TEXAS —The University of Mississippi Rebels, champions of the Southeastern Conference, spotted the TCU Horned Frogs, champions of the Southwest Conference, 13 points in the 20th annual Cotton Bowl football game before 75,000 spectators here this warm and sunny Monday afternoon and then swung back to win by the margin of a single point, 14-13 ... (TCU) actually lost the game for being in motion on a conversion effort.



They made the 14th point on the first try, but because a player was in motion, they had to try again from five yards farther back, and missed. They probably lost the game on the opening kickoff when quarterback Chuck Curtis made the mistake of receiving and running with the ball. He was so badly injured when tackled that he never returned to action ... In spite of the handicap, the Horned Frogs scored a touchdown in the first quarter and counted in the second to lead 13-0 before the Rebels got their first touchdown to make it 13-7 at the half ... Mississippi won the game in the 11th minute of the fourth quarter ... Billy Lott scored on a five-yard gallop around his right wing. The Rebs' winning move traveled exactly the same distance as their first touchdown parade: 66 yards ... The Frogs went 44 and 75 yards for their touchdowns.

The key play in the first six-play drive was a brilliant 34-yard run by Ray Taylor ... Swink raced 39 yards around right end on a pitchout for the second TCU touchdown in the seventh minute of the second quarter... Harold Pollard's first kick was true, but it was canceled by some foul that wasn't visible from the press box ... Pollard got off the next kick, but the ball sailed wide. The seed for ultimate defeat was planted.

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Mississippi 14, TCU 13

Mississippi	0	7	0	7	—	14
TCU	7	6	0	0	—	13
Attendance	— 75,000					

Team Statistics

	TCU	Miss.
First Downs	11	12
Rushes-yards	54-233	36-92
Passing yards	20	137
Return yards	55	35
Passes	5-2-2	21-10-2
Punts	5-29.0	6-42.7
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	8-80	6-80

Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Swink 19-107, Taylor 10-76, Hallbeck 12-33, Shofner 2-7, Finney 9-5, Wineburg 1-4, Pollard 1-1. OLE MISS: Cothren 12-79, Lott 2-7, Kinard 3-5, Day 13-3, Blair 6-minus 2.
 Passing — TCU: Finney 1-3-2, 13 yards, Wineburg 1-1-0, 7 yards, Swink 0-1-0. OLE MISS: Day 10-21-0, 137 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Williams 1-13, Nickel 1-7. OLE MISS: Kinard 6-83, Cothren 2-19, Blair 1-28, Baker 1-7.



1957 Cotton Bowl

TCU 28, Syracuse 27 • January 1, 1957

DALLAS — Harold Pollard's four-for-four conversions and the blocking of Syracuse's third point-after-touchdown attempt by (Chico) Mendoza produced a 28-27 Cotton Bowl victory for TCU after 18 years of waiting. The Frogs had dropped five successive bowl appearances and had not recorded a post-season triumph since 1939. It was a moving offensive show all the way with the TCU passing providing a balance Syracuse couldn't stop and the Saltine Warriors riding powerfully on a running game spearheaded by the All-America

halfback, Jim Brown. He gained 132 yards and was voted the game's outstanding back. The Frogs' All-American tackle, Norman Hamilton, was the one defender who came nearest to stopping Brown consistently and he was chosen as the game's outstanding lineman.

Syracuse scored in the last two minutes to give the game its touch of such hair-breadth closeness. For much of the afternoon it was TCU's game and a couple of times seemed on the verge of turning decisive.

The Warriors' final touchdown came under weird circumstances. TCU had the ball and a 28-20 lead with less than two minutes to play. Jimmy Shofner punted out, Syracuse punched to the 28 in two plays and quarterback Chuck Zimmerman dropped back to pass. Halfback Jim Ridlon raced down to the goal line, where Shofner and O'Day Williams had him tightly covered ... Ridlon, incredibly, leaped and made the catch between them. Brown kicked the extra point but the damage had been done earlier in the quarter when Mendoza swooped in to get his hands on the ball ...

There was a unique twist to the first-half scoring in that each team intercepted passes and then drove 70 yards to score and each recovered fumbles and pushed out short yardage for the second touchdowns. Syracuse advanced on a series of short gainers to its third touchdown, carried over by Brown from the one. It was here that Mendoza contributed his block of Brown's conversion.

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TCU 28, Syracuse 27

TCU	7	7	7	7	—	28
Syracuse	0	14	0	13	—	27
Attendance — 68,000						

Team Statistics

	TCU	SU
First Downs	15	16
Rushes-yards	56-133	53-235
Passing yards	204	62
Return yards	3	5
Passes	16-13-0	7-3-1
Punts	4-37.5	2-46.5
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-3
Penalties-yards	4-40	1-5

Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Dike 11-54, Swink 12-41, Wineburg 6-17, Hallbeck 13-13, Curtis 3-11, Miller 1-6, Shofner 4-5, Vacek 1-4, Finney 4-minus 18. Syracuse: Brown 26-132, Cann 8-28, Ridlon 5-22, Zimmerman 4-21, Kuczala 3-14, Coffin 3-8, Jackson 2-4, Ackley 2-2.

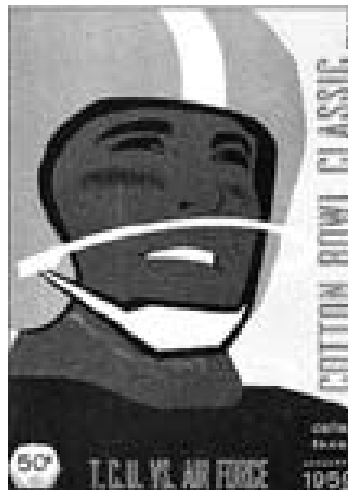
Passing — TCU: Curtis 12-15-0, 176 yards, Miller 1-1-0, 28 yards. Syracuse: Zimmerman 1-3-0, 27 yards, Brown 1-2-1, 20 yards, Ridlon 1-2-0, 15 yards.

Receiving — TCU: Swink 4-60, Nikkel 3-57, Williams 2-37, Vacek 1-28, Shofner 2-16, Wineburg 1-6, Syracuse: Ridlon 2-47, Massey 1-15.

1959 Cotton Bowl

TCU 0, Air Force 0 • January 1, 1959

DALLAS — The gentlemen operating the scoreboard had the easiest occupation in all land as the Southwest Conference champions (TCU) and the future generals (Air Force Academy) from Colorado Springs played the second 0-0 deadlock in the 23-year history of the New Year's Day classic ... It was the fourth tie game ever unrepeated before a Cotton Bowl assemblage ... It was a disappointing final for both clubs. The Horned Frogs took the field bearing an 8-2 record. The Falcons were unbeaten in 10 games and had their season immaculate but for a tie with Iowa. The Frogs fumbled the ball on eight occasions and on three of these wasted possession. One of these came early in the final period and surely tried the composure of Coach Abe Martin as he saw the Falcons reclaim a bobble just eight steps from the Air Force Academy's end zone ...



The field, covered by tarpaulin during the snow fall earlier in the week, was damp and contributed to the uneasy handling of the ball. The visiting Falcons also had difficulty retaining the sphere and lost control on three of their five fumbles. The defensive performances were outstanding. So fiercely did the men up front stand their ground in the shadow of their goal, five field goals were attempted. Veteran pressbox observers could not recall another game where the kicking tee received so much attention. Jack Spikes, TCU's all-conference fullback, ran away with backfield laurels ...

Spikes attempted both of TCU's field goals, the first early in the opening period ... The Airmen offered their severest threat midway of the second quarter ... It was here that the Frog line gave its best performance, restraining the Silver and Blue on the six, the spot from where George Pupich missed a field goal.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

TCU 0, Air Force 0

TCU	0	0	0	0	—	0
Air Force	0	0	0	0	—	0
Attendance — 75,504						

Team Statistics

	TCU	AFA
First Downs	9	13
Rushes-yards	48-190	45-140
Passing yards	37	91
Return yards	59	35
Passes	11-3-0	23-12-2
Punts	9-38.8	7-38.1
Fumbles-lost	8-3	5-3
Penalties-yards	8-61	3-15

Individual Statistics

Rushing — 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-minus 23. AFA: Galios 13-52, Quinlan 7-33, Lane 5-16, Pupich 7-12, Mayo 4-3.

Passing — TCU: Lasater 1-1-0, 37 yards, Enis 2-8-0, 0 yards, Dawson 0-2-0. AFA: 9-19-2, 70 yards, Rosane 1-2-0, 14 yards, Kuenzel 2-2-0, 7 yards.

Receiving — TCU: Meyer 1-37, Gilmore 1-5, Harris 1-minus 5. AFA: Lane 4-27, Rodgers 2-17, Jozwiak 2-11, Rickey 1-19, Quinlan 1-10.



1959 Bluebonnet Bowl

Clemson 23, TCU 7 • December 19, 1959

HOUSTON — The Frogs were drowned, 23-7, by a deadly sprinkle of Clemson passes in a seven-minute period of the final quarter ... and, just when it appeared that the noted Tiger passing reservoir was bone dry on this beautiful, cloudless Saturday. The sudden Clemson scoring flood washed away a 7-3 lead TCU carried into the fatal final period. A narrow margin, but one that, at the time, appeared enough to send the luckless Tigers down to their fourth straight bowl defeat ... Neither team had threatened seriously after Clemson's second quarter 22-yard field goal by Lon Armstrong, and TCU's lone touchdown, a 19-yard pass from Jack Redding to Harry Moreland with 5:45 left in the first half. Clemson had completed only one gaining pass all afternoon, that a 5-yard throw from Tiger quarterback Harvey White ...



White must have spotted the silver lining in the gathering darkness for Tiger hopes. He took plenty of time behind the mammoth line and arched a long, high shot toward right end Gary Barnes, racing past TCU's Larry Dawson at the Frog 35. Armstrong added the extra point ... Two plays after the kickoff, Armstrong lassoed a pass from TCU quarterback Donald George ... From there, Lowndes Shingler, the junior quarterback who leads the Clemson second unit that South Carolina writers have dubbed Shingler's Raiders, took over to pull the stopper on the Frogs, who had been eight-point pre-game favorites ...

Shingler, overwhelmingly voted outstanding back, came back to guide the Tigers for the final slap on the cheek to a proud TCU team which had gained wide respect as the class of the Southwest Conference, winning seven games to finish in a 3-way tie for the title.

The Dallas Morning News

Clemson 23, TCU 7

Clemson	0	3	0	20	—	23
TCU	0	7	0	0	—	7

Attendance — 55,000

Team Statistics

	TCU	CU
First Downs	12	16
Rushes-yards	39-89	54-203
Passing yards	70	103
Return yards	10	61
Passes	17-7-4	13-6-1
Punts	5-32.0	3-37.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	5-35	3-23

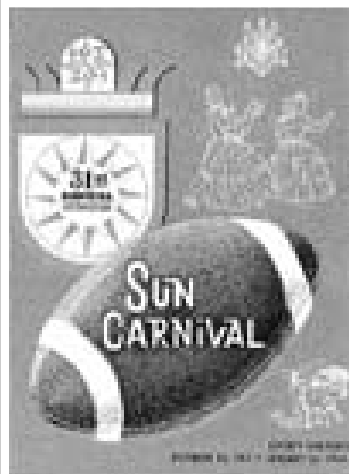
Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Spikes 11-33, Harris 8-29, Priddy 3-17, Moreland 7-17, Sledge 1-11, Lasater 3-5, Redding 1-3, Terrell 1-1, Dawson 2-minus 5. Clemson: Shingler 3-65, Daigeneault 12-50, Cline 9-33, Mathis 6-21, Scrudato 8-21, Usry 9-14, Pavilack 2-1.
 Passing — TCU: George 3-7-2, 37 yards, Redding 1-2-0, 19 yards, Sledge 1-3-1, 10 yards, Dawson 2-4-1, 4 yards, Lasater 0-1-0. Clemson: White 4-9-1, 69 yards, Shingler 2-4-0, 24 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Moreland 2-37, Harris 2-17, Meger 1-14, Redding 1-5, Dodson 1-minus 3. Clemson: Usry 2-5, Barnes 1-17

1965 Sun Bowl

Texas Western 13, TCU 12 • December 19, 1965

EL PASO, TEXAS — The Miners sulked off the field with a 10-point deficit at the intermission, but then pumped up Billy Stevens' arm and Joe Cook's foot and eventually deflated the Frogs, 13-12. Stevens, who gained second rank among the nation's passers this season, proved his stardom to TCU by racking up 208 yards on 21 pass completions, the most ever against an Abe Martin team. The skinny sophomore had only seven strikes in the first half as the ball-controlling Frogs rammed into a 10-0 lead. Stevens made the 31st annual post season game a vastly different story in the second half ...



Stevens shot a 34-yard touchdown pass to 165-pound flanker Chuck Hughes and a startling comeback was begun ... The Miners drove 70 yards for a tying 21-yard field goal by Cook... Texas Western, a raging defensive team by this time, hopped on a TCU fumble at the Frog 29 ...

Cook kicked an 18-yard three-pointer four plays deep in the final period to boot the Miners into a 13-10 cushion. TCU's final two points were a gift. With 43 seconds left in the game ... The Miner quarterback raced back in his end zone for a safety ... The Frogs got their last chance. They could get only eight yards before the clock ran out ...

The Frogs, who held the upper hand in the first half with a touchdown and a field goal and 48 rushing plays to Texas Western's 20, bogged down in the second half ... Although Stevens won the great air race in the end, TCU's senior quarterback, Kent Nix got a head start ...

David Smith hauling in Nix's 11-yard pass for the score ... The Frogs had another scoring opportunity in the first period ... (Bruce) Alford missed a kick from the 28.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Western 13, TCU 12

Texas Western	0	0	10	3	—	13
TCU	0	10	0	2	—	12

Attendance — 27,450

Team Statistics

	TCU	TWU
First Downs	18	14
Rushes-yards	49-100	24-12
Passing yards	157	202
Return yards	42	72
Passes	28-15-3	34-21-3
Punts	4-48.5	5-39.0
Fumbles-lost	4-3	2-0
Penalties-yards	5-35	3-45

Individual Statistics

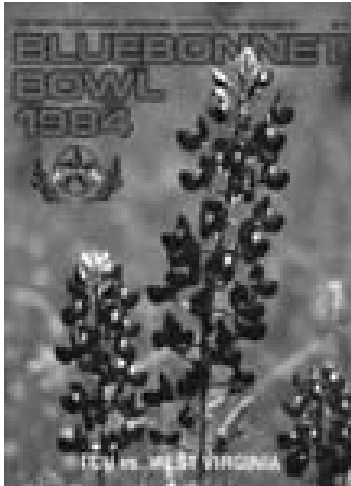
Rushing — TCU: Post 22-76, Landon 15-28, Smith 5-0, Nix 7-minus 4. TWU: Davis 14-44, Harrell 1-9, Yarborough 1-1, Stevens 8-minus 42.
 Passing — TCU: Nix 15-27-3, 157 yards, Landon 0-1-0. TWU: Stevens 21-34-3, 202 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Campbell 6-74, Smith 5-39, Ball 3-35, Post 1-9. TWU: Hughes 6-115, Wallace 6-26, Anderson 4-45, Yarborough 2-13, Harrell 1-13.



1984 Bluebonnet Bowl

West Virginia 31, TCU 14 • December 31, 1984

HOUSTON — What had promise of being the exciting finish to an “unbelievable” season turned closer to a nightmare ... at least until TCU’s dramatic, fourth-quarter comeback restored some degree of respect to the outcome in the 25th edition of the Bluebonnet Bowl. The final score was West Virginia 31, TCU 14. But for the Horned Frogs there were lots of dips and swerves along the way. For starters, a 21-point West Virginia blitz during a 14-minute span of the first half had somewhat of a sobering effect on the Purples. So did the loss of All-American running back Kenneth Davis, to a knee injury, in the early moments of the post-season classic.



After being shoved up and down the field by the Mountaineers’ offense (355 yards), while countering with little punch themselves (148 yards) during the first 30 minutes, the Horned Frogs did make a contest of it after the intermission, scoring the only touchdown of the second half while mounting a couple of other drives which nearly resulted in points. Much of TCU’s second half turnaround was due to the passing arm of senior Anthony Gulley who finished with 150 yards passing including TD tosses to Dan Sharp and Keith Burnett. Senior receiver James Maness caught five passes for 90 yards but was no match statistically for the six-catch, 152-yard performance of WVU lightning bug, Willie Drewery.

Without Davis, Texas Christian’s potent Veer running game was held to less than 100 yards by the swarming Mountaineer defenders. Still, TCU enjoying its first trip to post-season play since 1965, was a solid representative for Bluebonnet Bowl aficionados who remembered the Fort Worth school as a participant in the inaugural Bluebonnet classic in 1959.

West Virginia 31, TCU 14

West Virginia	14	17	0	0	—	31
TCU	0	7	0	7	—	14
Attendance	— 46,000					

Team Statistics

	TCU	WVU
First Downs	15	23
Rushing Yards	44-92	49-200
Passing yards	187	302
Return yards	26	42
Passes	12-22-1	17-31-1
Punts	6-47.5	4-37.0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-yards	2-15	5-45

Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Jeffery 10-37, Gulley 13-34, Sciaraffa 6-22, Davis 6-19, Littles 1-6, Riddick 7-minus 6, Tatum 1-minus 20. WVU: Holifield 13-84, Wolfley 7-53, Gay 9-47, Randolph 6-25, Mullen 1-11, Pecon 7-8, Hill 2-6, White 4-minus 34.
 Passing — TCU: Gulley 9-14-0, 150 yards, Sciaraffa 3-8-1, 37 yards. WVU: White 16-30-1, 280 yards, Mullen 1-1-0, 22 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Maness 5-90, Burnett 3-65, Sharp 3-29, Davis 1-3. WVU: Drewery 6-152, Wolfley 3-36, Bennett 2-16, Fisher 2-17, Mullen 1-62.

1994 Independence Bowl

Virginia 20, TCU 10 • December 28, 1994

SHREVEPORT, LA. — A decade slipped by before TCU’s Horned Frogs resurfaced from oblivion into the post-season... The Frogs mostly slipped however, as they trudged and muddled themselves on the rain-drenched field of Independence Stadium... Some 27,242 fans — a majority of them TCU supporters — withstood the temptation to stay home ... The view became painstakingly clear no matter the vantage point ... Virginia proved too good for these upstart Frogs and captured its first bowl triumph in five attempts since 1987 with the 20-10 victory ... “We can’t use the field as an excuse in any way,” TCU coach Pat Sullivan said. “I couldn’t be more proud of our football team, but we weren’t quite good enough in a couple of ways.”



The 15th-ranked Cavaliers (9-3) dominated at the point of attack, where so many games will be won or lost ... The Frogs and their Southwest Conference-leading offense, which averaged 411.6 yards per game during the regular season, sustained nothing on this chilly, wet night. Virginia, which entered the contest with the nation’s No. 1-ranked defensive unit against the run, surrendered only 191 yards and 11 first downs to the Frogs ...

The running of junior tailback Andre Davis, who rushed for 97 yards on 24 carries, failed to provide enough offense on a night when (quarterback Max) Knake struggled. “The truth of it is I played terrible,” said Knake. “If I could have played better, there may have been a different outcome.”

Virginia 20, TCU 10

Virginia	0	10	10	0	—	20
TCU	0	3	0	7	—	10
Attendance	— 27,242					

Team Statistics

	TCU	VA
First Downs	11	20
Rushing Yards	32-126	52-237
Passing Yards	65	199
Passes	25-8-2	23-14-1
Punts	8-37.3	4-38.5
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-39	9-66

Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Davis 24-97, Knake 4-17. VIRGINIA: Brooks 17-114, Way 24-90, Barber 3-18.
 Passing — TCU: Knake 24-8-1, 65 yards - 1 TD. VIRGINIA: Groh 23-14-2, 199 yards - 1 TD.
 Receiving — TCU: Brasfield 2-11, Collins 2-14, A. Davis 2-9, Oliver 1-22, Washington 1-11. VIRGINIA: Jeffers 3-60, Neely 3-55, Barber 3-2, Allen 2-32.



1998 Sun Bowl

TCU 28, USC 19 • December 31, 1998

EL PASO, TEXAS — With only six wins, many thought TCU was not worthy of a bowl appearance. But, the Horned Frogs proved their critics wrong in a big way.

Basil Mitchell rushed for 185 yards and two touchdowns on only 19 carries as TCU earned its first bowl victory in 41 years with a 28-19 win over USC in the 65th Sun Bowl.

Quarterback Patrick Batteaux added 94 yards and two scores for TCU, which recorded its first post-season win since defeating Syracuse in the 1957 Cotton Bowl.

TCU (7-5) dominated the line of scrimmage, rushing for 314 yards while holding USC to a Sun Bowl record minus-23, breaking by two yards the mark set by Florida State in 1951. The Trojans (8-5) also posted the lowest rushing total in school history, eclipsing the previous record of minus-11 yards against Iowa in 1976.

Mitchell fell just short of Charles Alexander's Sun Bowl rushing record of 197 yards. He opened the scoring with a three-yard run 7:07 into the first quarter and scampered 60 yards just under three minutes later to give the Horned Frogs a 14-0 lead.

Batteaux's eight-yard TD run made it 21-0 just 5 1/2 minutes into the second quarter before USC finally got on the board on Adam Abrams' 35-yard field goal with 3:15 remaining in the half.

TCU extended its lead to 28-3 on Batteaux's three-yard run early in the third quarter, but the momentum quickly turned as the Frogs failed to pick up a first down on their next three possessions.

True freshman Carson Palmer completed 17-of-28 passes for a season-best 280 yards to rally USC. He tossed a 23-yard TD pass to Billy Hunter, then threw an 18-yard completion to Larry Parker on 4th-and-8, setting up Petros Papadakis' one-yard TD run. The two-point conversion failed, leaving the Trojans behind 28-16.

USC appeared ready to strike again early in the fourth quarter, driving to the TCU 16. But back-to-back sacks forced the Trojans to settle for Abrams' 46-yard field goal.

The Horned Frogs put away the game by chewing more than six minutes off the clock before pinning USC inside its 15 with less than two minutes remaining.

1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl

TCU 28, East Carolina 14 • December 22, 1999

MOBILE, ALA. — LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns to lead TCU to a 28-14 victory over No. 20 East Carolina in the inaugural Mobile Alabama Bowl.

It was the second consecutive bowl upset for TCU (8-4), which knocked off heavily favored USC in last year's Sun Bowl. East Carolina (9-3) entered the game as six-point favorites.

That didn't bother the Horned Frogs, who completely shut down the Pirates' running game, holding them to minus-16 yards.

East Carolina went into the game focusing on stopping Tomlinson, whose 1,850 yards edged Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne for the NCAA Division I rushing title.

TCU, which alternated between quarterbacks Casey Printers and Patrick Batteaux, made it impossible for the Pirates to adjust.

Early in the first quarter, Printers gained seven yards on an option run to move TCU to the 2. Batteaux, a senior who runs the option better than Printers, came in on the next play and pitched the ball to Tomlinson, who ran in for the touchdown. That tied the game at 7 and TCU slowly pulled away from there.

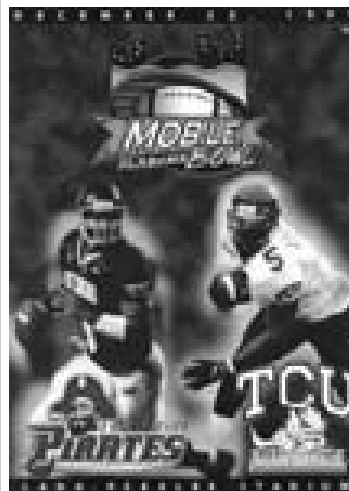
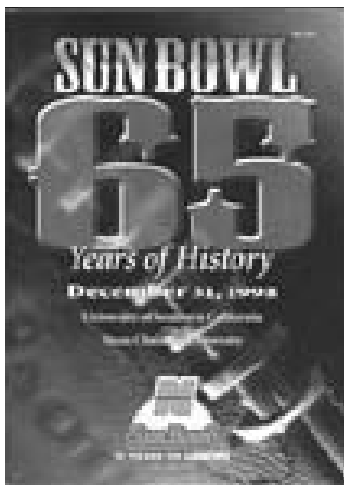
The trio set up another touchdown the same way in the second quarter. Printers threw a 9-yard pass to Tomlinson and Batteaux came in on the next play and gained 35 yards on an option keeper that put TCU at the 19. Tomlinson carried on four plays, finally scoring from three yards with 51 seconds left in the half. It gave the Horned Frogs a 21-7 halftime lead.

East Carolina, which couldn't run the ball at all against TCU, had to go to the air in the second half.

It initially worked, as David Garrard moved the Pirates down the field, setting up Jaimie Wilson's 13-yard touchdown run that made it 21-14 with 4:30 to play in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Russell Gary intercepted Garrard's pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown. That gave TCU a 28-14 lead with 14:04 to play.

Associated Press



TCU 28, USC 19

USC	0	3	13	3	—	19
TCU	14	7	7	0	—	28

Attendance — 46,612

Team Statistics

	USC	TCU
First Downs	12	18
Rushes-yards	21-(-23)	61-314
Passing yards	280	51
Return yards	74	110
Passes	28-17-0	6-4-0
Punts	6-45.8	5-37.8
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-49	6-55

Individual Statistics

Rushing — USC: Morton 11-18, Papadakis 3-5, Soward 1-1, Palmer 6-(-47). TCU: Mitchell 19-185, Batteaux 28-94, Tomlinson 12-30, Williams 2-5.
 Passing — USC: Palmer 17-of-28, 280 yards, 0 INT, 1 TD. TCU: Batteaux 4-of-5, 51 yards, 0 INT, 0 TD; Tomlinson, 0-of-1, 0 yards.
 Receiving — USC: Soward 6-64, Parker 4-104, Miller 3-67, Bastianelli 2-36, Morton 1-5, Harris 1-4. TCU: Tomlinson 1-25, Maiden 1-22, Williams 1-4, Mitchell 1-0.

TCU 28, East Carolina 14

TCU	7	14	0	7	—	28
ECU	7	0	7	0	—	14

Attendance — 34,200

Team Statistics

	TCU	ECU
First Downs	16	12
Rushes-yards	50-186	26-(-16)
Passing yards	174	239
Return yards	69	140
Passes	19-13-1	37-20-1
Punts	6-31.7	7-38.1
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-80	3-15

Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Tomlinson 36-124, Batteaux 6-37, Printers 7-27, Layne 1-(-2). ECU: Henry 4-22, Wilson 9-16, Alston 1-(-7), Stokes 2-(-14), Garrard 10-(-33).
 Passing — TCU: Printers 13-of-19, 174 yards, 1 INT, 1 TD. ECU: Garrard 19-of-35, 191 yards, 1 INT, 1 TD; Alston, 1-of-2, 48 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Tomlinson 4-29, Scarborough 2-49, Maiden 2-41, Dunbar 2-16, Batteaux 1-17, James 1-13, Brown 1-9. ECU: Wilson 8-23, Chappell 5-116, Powell 2-67, Stokes 2-9, Floyd 1-11, Henry 1-9, Burns 1-4.



2000 Mobile Alabama Bowl

Southern Miss 28, TCU 21 • December 20, 2000

MOBILE, ALA. — Jeff Kelly's 28-yard touchdown pass to freshman Kenny Johnson with eight seconds left lifted Southern Miss to a 28-21 victory over No. 13 TCU in the Mobile Alabama Bowl.

In the first major bowl game of the season, TCU tailback LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 118 yards, his lowest total of the season. The Heisman Trophy finalist carried 28 times and scored two TDs in the third quarter.

Southern Miss (8-4) got a second chance after a fourth missed field goal, and trusted their senior quarterback instead of the shaky kicking game.

With 33 seconds left, they took over at the TCU 43-yard line after Mobile native Eric Pruitt got a hand on John Braziel's punt. Kelly threw two incompletions, then scrambled 14 yards for a first down. On the next play, he lofted a perfect strike over the middle just above safety LaVar Veale's outstretched arm, victimizing the nation's top defense.



The Horned Frogs (10-2) endured a December coaching change and uncertainty over who would lead them into the game. In the end, former defensive coordinator Gary Patterson replaced Dennis Franchione on the sidelines. Franchione left for Alabama Dec. 1 and was initially expected to coach the bowl game. TCU officials decided late last week to allow the Patterson era to begin a season early.

Kelly had a big fourth quarter. He was 7-of-15 for 40 yards after three quarters. Then, he hit LeRoy Handy on a 56-yard TD strike with 7:24 left, tying it at 21. Kelly also hit Handy on a 9-yarder in the third quarter, finishing 11-of-23 for 159 yards.

Southern Miss had two chances for a go-ahead score with just over two minutes left. For the fourth time, Brant Hanna kicked a low line drive, this one a 32-yarder that failed to clear TCU's defensive line. It was the second block of the night for the junior, who was 12-of-18 during the year.

TCU couldn't get a first down against the nation's second-rated defense, which held the Horned Frogs to 265 yards and set up a pair of TDs with interceptions. Leo Barnes returned the first pickoff against Casey Printers 50 yards into the end zone in the first quarter. Rory McGee's interception at the TCU 15 set up Kelly's first TD pass to Handy two minutes into the second half.

Southern Miss 28, TCU 21

TCU	7	0	14	0	—	21
Southern Miss	7	0	7	14	—	28
Attendance	— 40,300					

Team Statistics

	TCU	USM
First Downs	16	15
Rushing yards	43-150	36-158
Passing yards	115	159
Return yards	132	100
Passes	10-22-2	11-23-0
Punts	6-33.3	4-40.5
Fumbles-lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-68	5-35

Individual Statistics

Passing — TCU: Casey Printers, 10-22, 115 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT. USM: Jeff Kelly, 11-23, 159 yards, 3 TD.
 Rushing — TCU: LaDainian Tomlinson, 28-118, 2 TD, George Layne 7-31, Casey Printers 8-1.
 USM: Kelby Nance 16-104, Jeff Kelly 11-43, Dawayne Woods 8-12, Team 1-(-1).
 Receiving — TCU: Kevin Brown 3-37, George Layne 3-14, LaTarence Dunbar 2-42, Tim Maiden 2-22. USM: LeRoy Handy 5-84, Bobby Garner 3-42, Kenneth Johnson 1-29, Shawn Mills 1-7, Dawayne Woods 1-(-3).

2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl

Texas A&M 28, TCU 9 • December 28, 2001

HOUSTON — Byron Jones intercepted three passes in his first start and Joe Weber scored two touchdowns, helping Texas A&M end a four-game bowl losing streak with a 28-9 victory over TCU (6-6) in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl.

The Aggies (8-4) beat their former Southwest Conference rivals for the 24th straight time and won a bowl game for the first time since a 22-20 victory over Michigan in the 1995 Alamo Bowl.

Weber, voted offensive player of the game, broke a 7-7 second-quarter tie with a 2-yard touchdown run and added a 14-yard run that put the Aggies in control with 1:14 left in the third quarter.



TCU's Casey Printers was intercepted four times, including the first three of Jones' career.

Aggie safety Wes Bautovich got A&M's fourth interception and on the first play after that, Mark Farris hit Mickey Jones with an 82-yard touchdown pass for a 28-7 lead with 14:40 left in the game.

Weber broke straight up the middle on his second touchdown, knocking aside two tacklers and running into the end zone. He finished with 59 yards on nine carries.

Jones earned MVP honors and also was the defensive player of the game with three tackles. Starting in place of injured Sean Weston, Jones had only two broken-up passes on his defensive chart in 11 games before he returned his first interception 62 yards in the first quarter to the Frog 35.

The Aggies couldn't score on that chance but Jones had a 15-yard interception to the TCU 1-yard line in the second quarter, setting up Mark Farris' quarterback keeper for the score.

Charlie Owens scooped up a fumble by A&M running back Derek Farmer and returned it 89 yards for a TCU touchdown with four minutes left in the half for a 7-7 tie. It was the second longest fumble return in school history.

Thomas then returned the kickoff 43 yards and Carriger, a converted defensive lineman, lumbered 19 yards with his second reception of the season to set up Weber's 2-yard touchdown with 1:06 left in the half.

Texas A&M 28, TCU 9

TCU	0	7	0	2	—	9
Texas A&M	0	14	7	7	—	28
Attendance	— 53,480					

Team Statistics

	TCU	A&M
First Downs	11	17
Rushing Yards	24-(-26)	49-104
Passing yards	144	191
Return yards	107	143
Passes	15-30-4	9-20-0
Punts	6-49.8	7-41.7
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	11-87	4-25

Individual Statistics

Passing — TCU: Casey Printers, 15-30, 144 yards, 0 TD, 4 INT. A&M: Mark Farris, 9-19, 191 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; Osch, Flemming 0-1, 0 yards; Dustin Long 0-0, 0 yards.
 Rushing — TCU: Ricky Madison 11-29; Reggie Holts 3-9; Team 1-0; LaTarence Dunbar 1-0; Casey Printers 8-(-64). A&M: Joe Weber 9-59 2 TD; Derek Farmer 17-33; Osch, Flemming 5-16; Keith Joseph 8-13; Dwain Goynes 2-2; Kevin Mangum 1-0; Team 1-(-1); Dustin Long 1-(-4); Mark Farris 5-(-14).
 Receiving — TCU: Adrian Madise 7-65; LaTarence Dunbar 4-36; Matt Schobel 2-22; Terran Williams 2-21. A&M: Thomas Carriger 2-57; Derek Farmer 2-18; Joe Weber 2-25; Mickey Jones 1-82 1 TD; Jamaar Taylor 1-15; Greg Porter 1-4.



2002 AXA Liberty Bowl

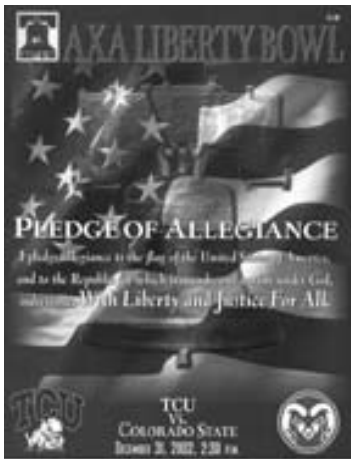
TCU 17, Colorado State 3 • December 31, 2002

MEMPHIS, TENN. — TCU figured out how to stop Colorado State standout Cecil Sapp after just two runs in the Liberty Bowl.

Sapp reeled off big gains of 59 and 25 yards on the Rams' first two possessions, but had 22 yards the rest of the game, and TCU tailback Ricky Madison stole the show with 111 yards rushing and a touchdown as the Horned Frogs beat No. 23 Colorado State 17-3 Tuesday.

It was the Horned Frogs' 500th victory in school history.

Madison ran for 107 of his yards in the rainy second half as TCU's offense came alive after a sloppy opening by both teams.



In the first half, the teams combined for three lost fumbles, two interceptions, a missed field goal and an unsuccessful faked field goal. Their sloppy play made for the lowest scoring first half of a Liberty Bowl since Penn State led Tulane 6-0 in 1979.

TCU (10-2) finally put together a seven-play, 62-yard scoring drive led by Lonta Hobbs in the closing minutes of the second quarter. The freshman ran for 39 yards in the drive, capped when Sean Stilley threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to LaTarence Dunbar with 1:21 remaining to put TCU up 7-0 at the break.

Colorado State (10-4) countered quickly in the third quarter with a 46-yard field goal by Jeff Babcock at 11:22. The score - which tied Babcock's career long - came on a four-play drive for negative-6 yards.

The Rams were held to 89 yards rushing - compared with 197 for TCU - for their lowest total of the season. TCU also outgained Colorado State 338-149.

TCU added cushion in the fourth when Nick Browne scored on a 25-yard field goal with 6:57 remaining. Madison then scored just over three minutes after the field goal for the final margin.

Sapp finished with 106 yards - although 84 of them came on those first two runs. Despite that, the total gives him his ninth 100-yard game of the season, tying a school record set by Steve Bartalo in 1986.

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TCU 17, Colorado State 3

Colorado State	0	0	3	0	—	3
TCU	0	7	0	10	—	17

Attendance — 55,207

Team Statistics

	CSU	TCU
First Downs	8	19
Rushing yards	31-89	52-197
Passing yards	50	141
Return yards	111	71
Passes	6-28-3	16-28-1
Punts	8-36.9	8-36.6
Fumbles-lost	5-3	2-1
Penalties-yards	7-49	9-70

Individual Statistics

Passing — CSU: Brad Van Pelt 4-19, 24 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT; Justin Holland 2-8, 26 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT; Joey Cuppari 0-1, 0 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT.
 TCU: Sean Stilley 16-28, 141 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT.
 Rushing — CSU: Cecil Sapp 19-106; Henri Childs 1-0; Raheem Sanders 1(-4); Brad Van Pelt 9(-6); Justin Holland 1(-7). TCU: Ricky Madison 19-111; Lonta Hobbs 20-77; Reggie Holts 3-13; Sean Stilley 7-10; LaTarence Dunbar 1-0; Team 2(-14).
 Receiving — CSU: Chris Pittman 4-33; Joel Dreessen 1-11; Joey Cuppari 1-6. TCU: LaTarence Dunbar 6-71; Lonta Hobbs 3-10; Adrian Madise 2-18; Terran Williams 2-12; Ricky Madison 1-12; Cody McCarty 1-9; Reggie Harrell 1-9.

2003 PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl

Boise State 34, TCU 31 • December 22, 2003

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — Ryan Dinwiddie, who ended his career as the most efficient passer in college football, threw for 325 yards and three touchdowns to lead the No. 18 Broncos (13-1) to a 34-31 win Tuesday night over No. 19 TCU in the inaugural Fort Worth Bowl.

Their bowl win on TCU's campus wasn't secured until sophomore Mike Wynn was well short on a 51-yard field goal attempt, the first kick in his college career, with 7 seconds left.

TCU (11-2) had its school-record 13-game home winning streak snapped. The Frogs had been in contention for a Bowl Championship Series spot until their only regular-season loss Nov. 20 and then turned down an invitation to last week's GMAC Bowl because it conflicted with exams.

Dinwiddie hit 19 of 35 passes with two interceptions, but his last touchdown was an 18-yarder to Derek Schouman for the winning score with 12:43 left.

On the first play of the second half, Andy Avalos recovered Robert Merrill's fumble at the TCU 26. Three plays later, Tyler Jones kicked a 37-yard field goal to break the 24-24 halftime tie.

The Horned Frogs responded by going 81 yards in eight plays, the last coming on Hobbs' 7-yard TD run.

But Hobbs, who ran for 117 yards on 23 carries, fumbled early in the fourth quarter when the ball was knocked out by a teammate. Three plays later, Dinwiddie threw the game-winning TD.

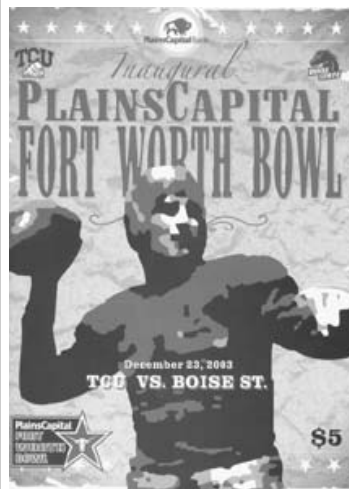
Hassell's 21-yard option keeper put the Frogs up 21-7, just four plays after Elvis Gallegos intercepted a pass by Dinwiddie.

But Boise State needed two big plays in two minutes to get even.

Dinwiddie threw a 54-yard TD pass to Jeff Carpenter, a running back who was wide open down the middle of the field. After TCU went three-and-out, David Mickell broke loose for a 75-yard TD run.

"I thought we beat them on both sides of the football. Three big plays beat us," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "There's a reason they've won a lot of games."

Associated Press



Boise State 34, TCU 31

TCU	14	10	7	0	—	31
Boise State	7	17	3	7	—	34

Attendance — 38,028

Team Statistics

	TCU	BSU
First Downs	26	19
Rushing yards	57-280	29-117
Passing yards	214	325
Return yards	99	161
Passes	15-29-1	19-35-2
Punts	4-40.8	5-36.8
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-57	6-70

Individual Statistics

Passing — TCU: Brandon Hassell 26-13-1-160; Kyle Kummer 2-2-0-54; Cody McCarty 1-0-0-0. BSU: Dinwiddie 35-19-2-325.
 Rushing — TCU: Lonta Hobbs 23-117; Brandon Hassell 19-110; Robert Merrill 8-26; Cory Rodgers 3-14; Michael DePriest 1-14; Kenny Hayter 1-2; Kyle Kummer 2(-3). BSU: Mikell 16-101; Heck 6-11; Marks 3-7; Dinwiddie 2-0; Team 1(-1); Bady 1(-1).
 Receiving — TCU: Reggie Harrell 6-107; Cory Rodgers 4-51; Cody McCarty 2-2; Lonta Hobbs 1-45; Chad Andrus 1-6; Quantilly Harmon 1-3. BSU: Acree 8-150; Smith 3-21; Schouman 2-24; Carpenter 1-54; Gilligan 1-28; Bady 1-26; Mikell 1-10; Weldon 1-9; Heck 1-3.



2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl

#14 TCU 27, Iowa State 24 • December 31, 2005

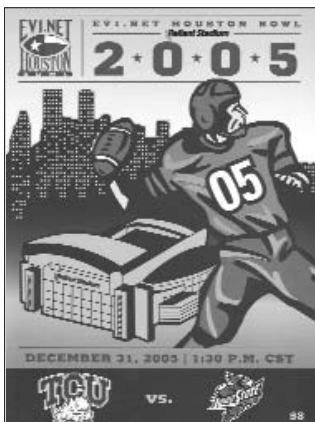
HOUSTON — Peter LoCoco hit a 44-yard field goal with 5:25 left in the game to put TCU on top 27-24 and the Frogs' defense held the Iowa State offense in check on the ensuing drive to claim the victory in the EV1.net Houston Bowl on Saturday at Reliant Stadium.

The TCU defense forced four Iowa State turnovers and Robert Merrill reached the century mark in rushing yards for the 10th time in his career as he ran for 109 yards on 11 carries with a touchdown to help lead the Frogs to the win.

The victory moves TCU's winning streak to 10 games for the third longest in the nation, behind only USC (34) and Texas (19). It is the Frogs' longest streak since winning 12 straight over the final two games in 2002 and the opening 10 contests in 2003.

TCU scored on its opening two possessions for a 14-0 lead just 6:36 into the contest. The two touchdowns came in a 1:55 span.

The Horned Frogs took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in 12 plays, capped by a 20-yard Robert Merrill touchdown run. It was his 10th rushing score of the season and 20th of his career.



On the second play of Iowa State's ensuing possession, free safety Jeremy Modkins forced a fumble that was recovered by cornerback Drew Coleman, giving the Frogs possession at the Cyclone 21. Three plays later, an Aaron Brown 7-yard scoring run extended TCU's lead to 14-0.

Iowa State scored 17 points in a 4:30 stretch of the second quarter to take a 17-14 lead with 10:30 left in the first half.

The Cyclones' scoring surge snapped TCU's streak of 10 quarters without allowing a touchdown.

A 48-yard touchdown pass from Iowa State's Bret Meyer to Todd Blythe, on the second play of the second quarter, represented the first time since Oct. 29 at San Diego State that a Frog opponent reached the end zone.

A high snap over TCU punter Brian Cortney's head resulted in a safety for the Cyclones, trimming the Frogs' lead to 14-9.

Iowa State took a 17-14 lead on a Meyer 6-yard scoring pass to John Davis, capping a 5-play, 63-yard drive.

The Cyclones' third turnover of the first half, a fumble recovery by David Roach, led to the Frogs going back on top. The first snap of TCU's ensuing series saw Jeff Ballard connect on an 84-yard touchdown pass to Michael DePriest to give the Frogs a 21-17 advantage with 4:05 left in the second quarter. The score gave TCU a new single-season school record of 50 touchdowns.



DePriest's 84-yard touchdown catch from Ballard marked the 7th longest pass play in TCU history and was the longest play from scrimmage for the Frogs since a 98-yard touchdown pass from Brandon Hassell to Reggie Harrell at Arizona in 2003.

Following a 37-yard punt return by Cory Rodgers, a 15-yard Ballard completion to Derek Moore on a 3rd-and-12 kept the Frogs' next scoring drive alive. Chris Manfredini's 29-yard field goal extended TCU's lead to 24-17 with 15 seconds left in the first half.

Meyer and Blythe connected on another scoring strike, a 22-yard completion on a third-and-five, to even the game at 24-24 with 1:53 to play in the third quarter.

The Frogs missed a scoring opportunity with 11:34 to play in the game when Merrill had the ball come loose just shy of the goal line after a 22-yard run.

LoCoco hit a 44-yard field goal with 5:25 remaining in the game to cap a 9-play, 49-yard drive that took 3:42 off the clock and put TCU up 27-24. The connection was LoCoco's fourth make of the season.

After a key third-down pass breakup by Brian Bonner to halt an ISU drive, Rodgers returned a punt 39 yards to the TCU 49 with 3:19 left in the game. A pair of first-down runs by Merrill helped the Frogs run out the clock and seal the victory.

TCU 27, Iowa State 24

TCU	14	10	0	3	-	27
Iowa State	0	17	7	0	-	24
Attendance	- 37,286					

Team Statistics

	TCU	ISU
First Downs	21	12
Rushes-yards	46-135	25-34
Passing yards	275	254
Return yards	87	15
Passes	21-33-1	20-33-2
Punts	7-37.4	8-42.1
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-2

Individual Statistics

Rushing — TCU: Merrill 11-109, Brown 12-48, Massey 1-4, Rodgers 1-4, DePriest 1-2, Ballard 16-minus 13, Team 4-minus 19. ISU: Meyer 12-27, Coleman 3-9, Team 1-minus 1, Hicks 9-minus 1.
 Passing — TCU: Ballard 21-33-1, 275 yards. ISU: Meyer 20-33-2, 254 yards.
 Receiving — TCU: Rodgers 4-46, Bryant 4-35, DePriest 3-97, Massey 3-11, Moore 2-34, Grimmert 2-18, Pearson 1-14, Hecht 1-12, Merrill 1-8. ISU: Blythe 5-105, Flynn 3-32, Barkema 3-24, Davis 3-15, Sumrall 2-41, Hicks 2-23, Nickel 2-14.



Team

Most Points Scored

- 31: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 28: vs. East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 28: vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 28: vs. Syracuse, 1957 Cotton Bowl
- 27: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl

Most Points Allowed

- 63: vs. Centre College, 1921 Fort Worth Dixie Classic
- 40: vs. Georgia, 1942 Orange Bowl
- 34: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 34: vs. Oklahoma A&M, 1945 Cotton Bowl

Most Yards Total Offense

- 494: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 410: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 366: vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 365: vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 360: vs. East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl

Most Plays Total Offense

- 86: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 80: vs. Colorado State, 2002 AXA Liberty Bowl
- 79: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 78: vs. Texas Western, 1965 Sun Bowl

Most First Downs

- 26: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 21: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 19: vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl
- 18: vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 18: vs. Marquette, 1937 Cotton Bowl
- 18: vs. Texas Western, 1965 Sun Bowl

Most Yards Rushing

- 314: vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 280: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 233: vs. Mississippi, 1956 Cotton Bowl

Most Rushes

- 61: vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 57: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 54: vs. Mississippi, 1956 Cotton Bowl
- 52: vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl

Most Yards Passing

- 275: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 225: vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 214: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl

Most Passes Attempted

- 33: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 30: vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl
- 29: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 28: vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 28: vs. Texas Western, 1965 Sun Bowl
- 28: vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl

Most Passes Completed

- 21: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 17: vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 16: vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl
- 15: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl

Most Passes Had Intercepted

- 6: vs. Georgia, 1942 Orange Bowl

Most Times Punted

- 14: vs. LSU, 1936 Sugar Bowl

Best Punting Average

- 49.8: vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl

Most Penalties

- 14: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 11: vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl
- 9: vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl
- 8: vs. Southern Miss, 2000 Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 8: vs. Texas Western, 1965 Sun Bowl
- 8: vs. Air Force, 1959 Cotton Bowl

Most Yards Penalized

- 134: vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 87: vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl
- 80: vs. Mississippi, 1956 Cotton Bowl
- 80: vs. East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl

Most Touchdowns Scored

- 4: vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 4: vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 4: vs. Syracuse, 1957 Sun Bowl
- 4: vs. Georgia, 1942 Orange Bowl

Fewest Yards Rushing by an Opponent

- 23: by USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 16: by East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl

Individual

Most Yards Total Offense

- 275: Jeff Ballard vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 270: Brandon Hassell vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 233: Davey O'Brien vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl

Most Plays Total Offense

- 49: Jeff Ballard vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 45: Brandon Hassell vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 38: Casey Printers vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl
- 35: Sean Stilley vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl
- 34: Kent Nix vs. Texas Western, 1965 Sun Bowl
- 33: Patrick Batteaux vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl

Most Yards Rushing

- 185: Basil Mitchell vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 124: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 118: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. Southern Miss, 2000 GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 117: Lonta Hobbs vs. Boise St., 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 115: Bobby Jack Floyd vs. Kentucky, 1952 Cotton Bowl

Most Rushes

- 36: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 28: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. Southern Miss, 2000 GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 28: Patrick Batteaux vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 23: Lonta Hobbs vs. Boise St., 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 20: Lonta Hobbs vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl

Most Yards Passing

- 275: Jeff Ballard vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 225: Davey O'Brien vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 225: Kent Nix vs. Texas Western, 1965 Sun Bowl

Most Passes Attempted

- 33: Jeff Ballard vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 30: Casey Printers vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl
- 28: Sean Stilley vs. Colorado St., 2002 Liberty Bowl
- 27: Davey O'Brien vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 27: Kent Nix vs. Texas Western, 1965 Sun Bowl
- 26: Brandon Hassell vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl

Most Passes Completed

- 21: Jeff Ballard vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 17: Davey O'Brien vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 16: Sean Stilley vs. Colorado State, 2002 Liberty Bowl

Most Pass Receptions

- 7: Earl Clark vs. Carnegie Tech, 1939 Sugar Bowl
- 7: Adrian Madise vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl
- 6: Reggie Harrell vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl

Most Yards Receiving

- 107: Reggie Harrell vs. Boise State, 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 97: Michael DePriest vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl
- 90: James Maness vs. West Virginia, 1984 Bluebonnet Bowl

Most Punts

- 14: Sammy Baugh vs. LSU, 1936 Sugar Bowl

Best Punting Average

- 49.8: Joey Biasatti vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl

Most Points Scored

- 16: L.D. Meyer vs. Marquette, 1937 Cotton Bowl
- 16: Bruce Alford vs. Georgia, 1942 Orange Bowl
- 16: Jim Swink vs. Mississippi, 1956 Cotton Bowl

Most Touchdowns Scored

- 2: Cory Rodgers vs. Boise St., 2003 Fort Worth Bowl
- 2: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. Southern Miss, 2000 Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 2: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. East Carolina, 1999 Mobile Alabama Bowl
- 2: Patrick Batteaux vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 2: Basil Mitchell vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 2: L.D. Meyer vs. Marquette, 1937 Cotton Bowl
- 2: Bruce Alford vs. Georgia, 1942 Orange Bowl
- 2: Jim Swink vs. Mississippi, 1956 Cotton Bowl

Most Punt Returns

- 5: Jason Goss vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl

Most Punt Return Yards

- 76: Cory Rodgers vs. Iowa State, 2005 EV1.net Houston Bowl

Most Kickoff Returns

- 5: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl

Most Kickoff Yards Returned

- 91: LaDainian Tomlinson vs. USC, 1998 Sun Bowl
- 89: LaTarence Dunbar vs. Texas A&M, 2001 galleryfurniture.com Bowl



Automatic Qualification, Pool of Eligible Teams and Selection Procedures, 2007-2010 Games

Automatic Qualification

1. The top two teams in the final BCS Standings shall play in the National Championship Game.

2. The champions of the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10, and Southeastern conferences will have automatic berths in one of the participating bowls after the 2006 and 2007 regular seasons.

3. The Division I-A conferences have developed standards for annual automatic qualification for conference champions after the 2008 and 2009 regular seasons. (See "Standards for Conference Automatic Qualification, 2009 and 2010 bowl games.") The standards are based on performance during the 2004-2007 college football regular seasons. Such standards, however, will not prohibit the champion of any conference that has contracted with a Bowl to play in any particular game from playing in one of the participating BCS bowls. For example, the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions will, by contract, play in the Rose Bowl every year unless one or both of those teams qualifies for the National Championship Game.

The champions of selected conferences are contractually committed to host selected games, unless those champions qualify for the BCS National Championship Game, as follows

Atlantic Coast Conference—Orange Bowl
Big Ten Conference—Rose Bowl
Big 12 Conference—Fiesta Bowl
Pac-10 Conference—Rose Bowl
Southeastern Conference—Sugar Bowl

4. The champion of Conference USA, the Mid-American Conference, the Mountain West Conference, the Sun Belt Conference, or the Western Athletic Conference shall earn an automatic berth in a BCS bowl game if either:

A. Such team is ranked in the top 12 of the final BCS Standings, or,

B. Such team is ranked in the top 16 of the final BCS Standings and its ranking in the final BCS Standings is higher than that of a champion of a conference that has an annual automatic berth in one of the BCS bowls.

No more than one such team from Conference USA, the Mid-American Conference, the Mountain West Conference, the Sun Belt Conference, and the Western Athletic Conference shall earn an automatic berth in any year under the terms of this Paragraph 3. If two or more teams from such Conferences satisfy the provisions for an automatic berth in any particular year, then the team with the highest finish in the final BCS Standings shall receive the automatic berth, and the remaining team or teams shall be in the pool of teams eligible for selection by the bowls as at-large teams.

5. Notre Dame will have an automatic berth in one of the participating bowls if it is in the top eight of the final BCS Standings.

6. If any of the 10 slots remain open after application of provisions 1 through 5, and an at-large team from a conference with an annual automatic berth for its champion is ranked No. 3 in the final BCS Standings, that team shall

become an automatic qualifier.

7. If any of the 10 slots remain open after application of provisions 1 through 6, and an at-large team from a conference with an annual automatic berth for its champion is ranked No. 4 in the final BCS Standings, that team shall become an automatic qualifier.

8. If any slots remain unfilled after the placement of all teams qualifying for an automatic berth, then the bowls shall choose their participants from the "pool of eligible teams" (see below.)

Pool of Eligible Teams

If berths are available after the automatic qualifiers have been identified, then the bowls shall select "at-large" participants from the "pool of eligible teams," which shall include any Division I-A team that is bowl-eligible and meets the following requirements:

A. Has won at least nine regular-season games, not including exempted games, and

B. Is among the top 14 teams in the final BCS Standings.

Note: in order to participate in a BCS Bowl game, a team (i) must be eligible for post-season play under the rules of the NCAA (or like governing body) and, if it not an independent, under the rules of its Conference and (ii) must not have imposed sanctions upon itself prohibiting participation in a post-season college football game for infractions of the rules of the NCAA (or like governing body) or the rules of its Conference.

Team-Selection Procedures

The pairing of teams for the bowl games shall be established using the following steps in the following sequence:

1. The top two teams in the final BCS Standings will be placed in the National Championship Game ("NCG").

2. Unless such teams qualify to play in the NCG, teams shall host the games as noted above.

3. If a Bowl loses a host team to the NCG, then such Bowl shall select a replacement team from among the automatic-qualifying teams and the teams in the pool of eligible teams before any other selections are made. If two Bowls lose host teams to the NCG, each Bowl will get a compensatory pick before any other selections are made. In such case, the Bowl losing the No. 1 team gets the first compensatory pick, and the Bowl losing the No. 2 team gets the second compensatory pick. If the Rose Bowl loses both the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions to the NCG, it will receive two compensatory picks.

A Bowl choosing a replacement team may not select any of the following:

A. A team in the NCG;

B. The host team for another Bowl;

C. When two Bowls lose host teams, then the team los-

ing the number one team may not select a team from the same Conference as the number two team, unless the Bowl losing the number two team consents.

4. Any Bowl with an unfilled slot shall select a team from the automatic qualifiers and/or pool of eligible teams in the following order:

A. The Bowl hosting the game that is fourth in the rotation of games in a particular year (the second stand-alone game) will pick first;

B. The Bowl hosting the game that is third in the rotation of games in a particular year (the first-stand alone game) will pick second. If a Bowl game is played before January 1, the Bowl hosting that game will pick second;

C. The Bowl hosting the game that is played in the time slot immediately following the Rose Bowl game will pick third.

The rotation noted in paragraphs A, B and C will be as follows:

January 2007 games: Sugar, Orange, Fiesta
January 2008 games: Orange, Fiesta, Sugar
January 2009 games: Fiesta, Sugar, Orange
January 2010 games: Orange, Fiesta, Sugar

All host teams as described in Paragraph No. 2 and all teams earning an automatic berth in a BCS bowl game must be selected to play in one of the BCS bowls. No more than two teams from any single Conference may be selected to play in the BCS bowl games in any particular year.

5. After completion of the selection process as described in Paragraph Nos. 1-5, the Conferences and Notre Dame may, but are not required to, adjust the pairings taking into consideration the following:

A. Whether the same team will be playing in the same bowl game for two consecutive years;

B. Whether two teams that played against one another in the regular season will be paired against one another in a bowl game;

C. Whether the same two teams will play against each other in a bowl game for two consecutive years; and

D. Whether alternative pairings may have greater or lesser appeal to college football fans as measured by expected ticket sales for the bowls and by expected television interest, and the consequent financial impact on Fox and the bowls.

