

Bowl History

Total Appearances: 62 (Wins: *34 Losses: 24 Ties: 3)

Year	Bowl	Result
1926	Rose	Alabama 20, Washington 19
1927	Rose	Alabama 7, Stanford 7
1931	Rose	Alabama 24, Washington State 0
1935	Rose	Alabama 29, Stanford 13
1938	Rose	California 13, Alabama 0
1942	Cotton	Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21
1943	Orange	Alabama 37, Boston College 21
1945	Sugar	Duke 29, Alabama 26
1946	Rose	Alabama 34, Southern Cal 14
1948	Sugar	Texas 27, Alabama 7
1953	Orange	Alabama 61, Syracuse 6
1954	Cotton	Rice 28, Alabama 6
1959	Liberty	Penn State 7, Alabama 0
1960	Bluebonnet	Alabama 3, Texas 3
1962	Sugar	Alabama 10, Arkansas 3
1963	Orange	Alabama 17, Oklahoma 0
1964	Sugar	Alabama 12, Mississippi 7
1965	Orange	Texas 21, Alabama 17
1966	Orange	Alabama 39, Nebraska 28
1967	Sugar	Alabama 34, Nebraska 7
1968	Cotton	Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16
1968	Gator	Missouri 35, Alabama 10
1969	Liberty	Colorado 47, Alabama 33
1970	Bluebonnet	Alabama 24, Oklahoma 24
1972	Orange	Nebraska 38, Alabama 6
1973	Cotton	Texas 17, Alabama 13
1973	Sugar	Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23
1975	Orange	Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11
1975	Sugar	Alabama 13, Penn State 6
1976	Liberty	Alabama 36, UCLA 6
1978	Sugar	Alabama 35, Ohio State 6
1979	Sugar	Alabama 14, Penn State 7
1980	Sugar	Alabama 24, Arkansas 9
1981	Cotton	Alabama 30, Baylor 2
1982	Cotton	Texas 14, Alabama 12
1982	Liberty	Alabama 21, Illinois 15
1983	Sun	Alabama 28, SMU 7
1985	Aloha	Alabama 24, Southern Cal 3
1986	Sun	Alabama 28, Washington 6
1988	Hall of Fame	Michigan 28, Alabama 24
1988	Sun	Alabama 29, Army 28
1990	Sugar	Miami 33, Alabama 25
1991	Fiesta	Louisville 34, Alabama 7
1991	Blockbuster	Alabama 30, Colorado 25
1993	Sugar	Alabama 34, Miami 13
1993	Gator	Alabama 24, North Carolina 10
1995	Citrus	Alabama 24, Ohio State 17
1997	Outback	Alabama 17, Michigan 14
1998	Music City	Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7
2000	Orange	Michigan 35, Alabama 34 (OT)
2001	Independence	Alabama 14, Iowa State 13
2004	Music City	Minnesota 20, Alabama 16
*2005	Cotton	Alabama 13, Texas Tech 10
2006	Independence	Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 31
2007	Independence	Alabama 30, Colorado 24
2009	Sugar	Utah 31, Alabama 17
2010	BCS National Championship	Alabama 37, Texas 21
2011	Capital One	Alabama 49, Michigan State 7
2012	BCS National Championship	Alabama 21, LSU 0
2013	BCS National Championship	Alabama 42, Notre Dame 14
2014	Sugar	Oklahoma 45, Alabama 31
2015	Sugar (College Football Playoff Semis)	Ohio State 42, Alabama 35

Bowl Game Appearances (By Game):

Sugar - 15	Gator - 2
Orange - 8	BCS National Championship Game - 3
Blockbuster - 1	Cotton - 7
Fiesta - 1	Rose - 6
Citrus - 1	Liberty - 4
Hall of Fame - 1	Independence - 3
Aloha - 1	Sun - 3
Outback - 1	Music City - 2
Bluebonnet - 2	Capital One - 1

Alabama on All-Time Bowl Teams

Rose Bowl
Johnny Mack Brown (HB), 1926
Millard "Dixie" Howell (HB), 1935

Sugar Bowl
Vaughn Mancha (C), 1945
Tom Whitley (T), 1948
Harry Gilmer (HB), 1945
Ray Richeson (G), 1948

Orange Bowl
Joe Domnanovich (C), 1943
Don Whitmire (T), 1943
Lee Roy Jordan (LB), 1963
Joe Namath (QB), 1965
Ray Perkins (E), 1966
Steve Sloan (QB), 1966
John Hannah (G), 1972
Leroy Cook (E), 1975
Mike Washington (CB), 1975

Cotton Bowl
Holt Rast (E), 1942
Don Whitmire (T), 1942
Jimmy Nelson (HB), 1942
Paul Bryant (Coach), 1968, '73, '81, '82

ALL-TIME BOWL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Bowl Record
Arkansas	2-0
Army	1-0
Baylor	1-0
Boston College	1-0
California	0-1
Colorado	2-1
Duke	0-1
Illinois	1-0
Iowa State	1-0
LSU	1-0
Louisville	0-1
Miami	1-1
Michigan	1-2
Michigan State	1-0
Missouri	0-1
Minnesota	0-1
Mississippi	1-0
Nebraska	2-1
North Carolina	1-0
Notre Dame	1-2
Ohio State	2-1
Oklahoma	1-1-1
Oklahoma State	0-1
Penn State	2-1
Rice	0-1
SMU	1-0
USC	2-0
Stanford	1-0-1
Syracuse	1-0
Texas	1-4-1
Texas A&M	1-1
*Texas Tech	1-0
Utah	0-1
UCLA	1-0
Virginia Tech	0-1
Washington	2-0
Washington State	1-0

**later vacated per NCAA ruling*

BOWL RECORD VS. CONFERENCES

Conference	UA Record
ACC	1-1 (.500)
Big East	1-2 (.333)
Big Ten	5-4 (.555)
Big 12	*9-10-1 (.475)
Mountain West	0-1 (.000)
Pac 10	7-1-1 (.833)
SEC	2-0 (1.000)
Independents	6-4 (.600)

**Actual record is 10-10-1. 2006 Cotton Bowl win over Texas Tech was later vacated per NCAA ruling.*

BCS National Championship

Various Sites

Record: Won 3, Lost 0

- 2010 Alabama 37, Texas 21
- 2012 Alabama 21, LSU 0
- 2013 Alabama 42, Notre Dame 14

Outstanding Player Award

- 2010 Running Back Mark Ingram (Offense)
Defensive Tackle Marcell Dareus (Defense)
- 2012 Quarterback AJ McCarron (Offense)
Linebacker Courtney Upshaw (Defense)
- 2013 Running Back Eddie Lacy (Offense)
Linebacker C.J. Mosley (Defense)

The Orange Bowl

Miami, Florida

Record: Won 4, Lost 4

- 1943 Alabama 37, Boston College 21
- 1953 Alabama 61, Syracuse 6
- 1963 Alabama 17, Oklahoma 0
- 1965 Texas 21, Alabama 17
- 1966 Alabama 39, Nebraska 28
- 1972 Nebraska 38, Alabama 6
- 1975 Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11
- 2000 Michigan 35, Alabama 34 (OT)

Outstanding Player Award

- 1963 Linebacker Lee Roy Jordan
- 1965 Quarterback Joe Namath
- 1966 Quarterback Steve Sloan
- 1975 End Leroy Cook (Defense)

The Cotton Bowl

Dallas, Texas

*Record: Won 2, Lost 4

- 1942 Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21
- 1954 Rice 28, Alabama 6
- 1968 Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16
- 1973 Texas 17, Alabama 13
- 1981 Alabama 30, Baylor 2
- 1982 Texas 14, Alabama 12
- *2006 Alabama 13, Texas Tech 10
**Vacated per NCAA ruling*

Outstanding Player Award

- 1942 End Holt Rast, Tackle Don Whitmire,
and Halfback Jimmy Nelson
- 1981 Halfback Major Ogilvie and
Middle Guard Warren Lyles
- 1982 Linebacker Robbie Jones
- 2006 Quarterback Brodie Croyle (Offense)
Linebacker DeMeco Ryans (Defense)

The Sugar Bowl

New Orleans, Louisiana

Record: Won 8, Lost 7

- 1945 Duke 29, Alabama 26
- 1948 Texas 27, Alabama 7
- 1962 Alabama 10, Arkansas 3
- 1964 Alabama 12, Mississippi 7
- 1967 Alabama 34, Nebraska 7
- 1973 Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23
- 1975 Alabama 13, Penn State 6
- 1978 Alabama 35, Ohio State 6
- 1979 Alabama 14, Penn State 7
- 1980 Alabama 24, Arkansas 9
- 1990 Miami 33, Alabama 25
- 1993 Alabama 34, Miami 13
- 2009 Utah 31, Alabama 17
- 2014 Oklahoma 45, Alabama 31
- 2015 Ohio State 42, Alabama 35

Outstanding Player Award

- 1962 Fullback Mike Fracchia
- 1964 Field Goal Kicker Tim Davis
- 1967 Quarterback Ken Stabler
- 1975 Quarterback Richard Todd
- 1978 Quarterback Jeff Rutledge
- 1979 Linebacker Barry Krauss
- 1980 Halfback Major Ogilvie
- 1993 Tailback Derrick Lassic

The Rose Bowl

Pasadena, California

Record: Won 4, Lost 1, Tied 1

- 1926 Alabama 20, Washington 19
- 1927 Alabama 7, Stanford 7
- 1931 Alabama 24, Washington State 0
- 1935 Alabama 29, Stanford 13
- 1938 California 13, Alabama 0
- 1946 Alabama 34, Southern Cal 14

Outstanding Player Award

- 1926 Back Johnny Mack Brown
- 1927 Tackle Fred Pickhard
- 1931 Back John Campbell
- 1935 Back Millard "Dixie" Howell
- 1946 Back Harry Gilmer

The Gator Bowl

Jacksonville, Florida

Record: Won 1, Lost 1

- 1968 Missouri 35, Alabama 10
- 1993 Alabama 24, North Carolina 10

Outstanding Player Award

- 1993 Quarterback Brian Burgdorf

The Blockbuster Bowl

Miami Gardens, Florida

Record: Won 1, Lost 0

- 1991 Alabama 30, Colorado 25

Outstanding Player Award

- 1991 Receiver/PR David Palmer

The Liberty Bowl

Philadelphia, Pa. & Memphis, Tenn.

Record: Won 2, Lost 2

- 1959 Penn State 7, Alabama 0
- 1969 Colorado 47, Alabama 33
- 1976 Alabama 36, UCLA 6
- 1982 Alabama 21, Illinois 15

Outstanding Player Award

- 1976 Linebacker Barry Krauss
- 1982 Defensive Back Jeremiah Castille

The Bluebonnet Bowl

Houston, Texas

Record: Won 0, Lost 0, Tied 2

- 1960 Alabama 3, Texas 3
- 1970 Alabama 24, Oklahoma 24

Outstanding Player Award

- 1960 Linebacker Lee Roy Jordan
(Defensive Player)
- 1970 Linebacker Jeff Rouzie
(Defensive Player)

The Sun Bowl

El Paso, Texas

Record: Won 3, Lost 0

- 1983 Alabama 28, SMU 7
- 1986 Alabama 28, Washington 6
- 1988 Alabama 29, Army 28

Outstanding Player Award

- 1983 Quarterback Walter Lewis
- 1983 Center Wes Neighbors
- 1986 Linebacker Cornelius Bennett
- 1988 Quarterback David Smith (Player)
Linebacker Derrick Thomas (Lineman)

The Aloha Bowl

Honolulu, Hawaii

Record: Won 1, Lost 0

- 1985 Alabama 24, Southern Cal 3

Outstanding Player Award

- 1985 Linebacker Cornelius Bennett (Defense)
- 1985 Halfback Gene Jelks (Offense)

The Citrus Bowl/Capital One Bowl

Orlando, Florida

Record: Won 2, Lost 0

- 1995 Alabama 24, Ohio State 17
- 2011 Alabama 49, Michigan State 7

Outstanding Player Award

- 1995 Tailback Sherman Williams (Offense)
- 2011 Linebacker Courtney Upshaw

The Hall of Fame Bowl

Tampa, Florida

Record: Won 0, Lost 1

- 1988 Michigan 28, Alabama 24

The Fiesta Bowl

Tempe, Arizona

Record: Won 0, Lost 1

- 1991 Louisville 34, Alabama 7

The Music City Bowl

Nashville, Tennessee

Record: Won 0, Lost 2

- 1998 Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7
- 2004 Minnesota 20, Alabama 16

The Outback Bowl

Tampa, Florida

Record: Won 1, Lost 0

- 1997 Alabama 17, Michigan 14

Outstanding Player Award

- 1997 Linebacker Dwayne Rudd

The Independence Bowl

Shreveport, Louisiana

Record: Won 2, Lost 1

- 2001 Alabama 14, Iowa State 13
- 2006 Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 31
- 2007 Alabama 30, Colorado 24

Co-Defensive Player Award

- 2001 Strong Safety Wayne Bacon

Outstanding Player Award

- 2007 Quarterback John Parker Wilson

Alabama Bowl Records

Team Bests

FIRST DOWNS

Most Total First Downs

29..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
29..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
28..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
28..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
28..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
25..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
25..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
25..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
24..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
23..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
23..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
23..... vs. Notre Dame, 1973 Liberty

Fewest Total First Downs

1 vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
4 vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
6 vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
7 vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
8 vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
10..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
10..... vs. California, 1937 Rose
11..... vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton
12..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
12..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
12..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar

Most First Downs Rushing

17..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
17..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
16..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
14..... vs. North Carolina, 1993 Gator
14..... vs. Southern California, 1985 Aloha
14..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
14..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
13..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
13..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
13..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
13..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
13..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
13..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
13..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange

Fewest First Downs Rushing

0..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
0..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
1..... vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City
2..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
3..... vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
3..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
3..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
4..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
5..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
5..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
5..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
5..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton

Most First Downs Passing

23..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
18..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
14..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
14..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
13..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
13..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
13..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
12..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
11..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
10..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
10..... vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City
10..... vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
10..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet

Fewest First Downs Passing

1..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
1..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
1..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
1..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
2..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
2..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
3..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
3..... vs. Southern California, 1985 Aloha
3..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
3..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
3..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange

Most First Downs By Penalty

4..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
4..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
3..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
3..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
3..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
2..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
2..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
2..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
2..... vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City
2..... vs. Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
2..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
2..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship

Fewest First Downs By Penalty

0..... 21 times - most recent: vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
(Others - vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty; vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet; vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar; vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange; vs. Texas, 1965 Orange; vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar; vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange; vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton; vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange; vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar; vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton; vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty; vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame; vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster; vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback; vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City; vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange; vs. Iowa State, 2001 Independence; vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence; vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship)
1..... 16 times - most recent: vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar Bowl
(Others - vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar; vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator; vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet; vs. Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar; vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar; vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar; vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton; vs. USC, 1985 Aloha; vs. Washington, 1986 Sun; vs. Army, 1988 Sun; vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta; vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar; vs. North Carolina, 1993 Gator; vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence; 2010 Capital One vs. Michigan State; 2013 BCS vs. Notre Dame)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Total Yards

586..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
546..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
529..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
521..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
518..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
516..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
507..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
460..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
436..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
428..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet

Fewest Total Yards

23..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
75..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
98..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
103..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
131..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
155..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
164..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
189..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
194..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
208..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

Most Yards Per Play

10.6..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
..... 36 plays, 383 yards
8.7..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
..... 67 plays, 586 yards
8.1..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
..... 67 plays, 546 yards
7.9..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
..... 65 plays, 516 yards
7.2..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
..... 73 plays, 529 yards
6.5..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose
..... 51 plays, 333 yards
6.3..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun..... 88 plays, 507 yards
6.2..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
..... 70 plays, 436 yards
6.2..... vs. Washington, 1926 Rose
..... 58 plays, 361 yards
6.1..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
..... 70 plays, 428 yards

Fewest Yards Per Play

0.4..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
..... 56 plays, 23 yards
2.27..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
..... 33 plays, 75 yards
2.28..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
..... 45 plays, 103 yards
2.6..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
..... 38 plays, 98 yards
2.8..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
..... 68 plays 189 yards
2.8..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
..... 47 plays, 131 yards
2.8..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
..... 69 plays, 194 yards
3.2..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
..... 51 plays, 164 yards
3.3..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
..... 63 plays, 208 yards

Alabama Bowl Records

Team Bests (continued)

RUSHING

Most Rush Attempts

68..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
67..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
64..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
62..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
60..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
60..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
58..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
58..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
57..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
57..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
57..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose

Fewest Rush Attempts

21..... vs. Minnesota 2004, Music City
26..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
28..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
29..... vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
29..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
32..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
33..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
33..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
34..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
34..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
35..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
35..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
35..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
35..... vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton

Most Yards Rushing

293..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose
286..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
284..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
280..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
268..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
268..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
267..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
265..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
251..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
244..... vs. Boston College, 1942 Orange
241..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
241..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange

Fewest Yards Rushing

-45..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
21..... vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City
31..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
38..... vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
41..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
49..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
50..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
59..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
62..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
65..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet

Most Yards Per Rush

7.3..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
..... 23 rushes, 167 yards
6.4..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange Bowl
..... 45 rushes, 286 yards
6.3..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
..... 44 rushes, 275 yards
5.9..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
..... 45 rushes, 265 yards
5.9..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange
..... 42 rushes, 246 yards
5.4..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
..... 53 rushes, 284 yards

5.4..... vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton
..... 35 rushes, 188 yards
5.3..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose
..... 43 rushes, 232 yards
5.3..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
..... 43 rushes, 229 yards
5.2..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
..... 35 rushes, 182 yards
5.2..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
..... 41 rushes, 215 yards

Fewest Yards Per Rush

-1.5..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
..... 29 plays, -45 yards
0.9..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
..... 33 rushes, 31 yards
1.0..... vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City
..... 21 rushes, 21 yards
1.3..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
..... 29 rushes, 38 yards
1.5..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
..... 32 rushes, 50 yards
1.5..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
..... 28 rushes, 41 yards
1.9..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
..... 26 rushes, 49 yards
1.9..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
..... 33 rushes, 62 yards

Most Touchdowns Rushing

6..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
4..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
4..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
3..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
3..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
3..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
3..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
3..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
3..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
3..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
3..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
3..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Cotton
3..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Sugar

Fewest Touchdowns Rushing

0..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
0..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
0..... vs. Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
0..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
0..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
0..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
0..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
0..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
0..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
0..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
0..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
0..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
0..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
0..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
0..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
0..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
0..... vs. California, 1938 Rose

PASSING

Most Pass Attempts

52..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
44..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
43..... vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
40..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
37..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
36..... vs. Minnesota 2004 Music City
36..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
35..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
35..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
34..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Fewest Pass Attempts

7..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
7..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
8..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
8..... vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar
10..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
11..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
11..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
11..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
11..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
12..... vs. Baylor 1981 Cotton
12..... vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar
12..... vs. Southern California, 1946 Rose

Most Pass Completions

32..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
27..... vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
23..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
23..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
22..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
22..... vs. Minnesota 2004 Music City
22..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
20..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
20..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
20..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange

Fewest Pass Completions

1..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
2..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
3..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
3..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
4..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
4..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
4..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
4..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
4..... vs. Southern California, 1946 Rose
4..... vs. California, 1937 Rose

Highest Completion Percentage (Minimum 10 Completions)

83.3..... vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar (10 of 12)
82.6..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One (19 of 23)
76.9..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose (10 of 13)
71.4..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship (20 of 28)
70.6..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster (12 of 17)
68.9..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange (20 of 29)
67.6..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship (23 of 34)
66.7..... vs. Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar (10 of 15)
65.2..... vs. North Carolina, 1993 Gator (15 of 23)
65.0..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange (13 of 20)

Notable Performance:

100.0.... vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar (8 of 8)

Lowest Completion Percentage

14.3..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose (1 of 7)
14.3..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton (1 of 7)
23.1..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange (3 of 13)
23.5..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar (4 of 17)
25.0..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose (2 of 8)
25.0..... vs. California, 1938 Rose (3 of 12)
25.0..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty (2 of 8)
25.9..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator (7 of 27)
27.3..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar (3 of 11)
30.8..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar (4 of 13)
33.3..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose (4 of 12)

Alabama Bowl Records

Team Bests (continued)

Most Passing Yards

412..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
387..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
317..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
300..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
298..... vs. Texas, 1966 Orange
296..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
279..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
271 vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
269..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
267..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
264..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
256..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence

Fewest Passing Yards

9..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
16..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
18..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
20..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
22..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
27..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
29..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
44..... vs. California, 1937 Rose
47..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
58..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
59..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose

Most Touchdown Passes

4..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
3..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
3..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
3..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
3..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
3..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
2..... 12 times - last: vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Fewest Touchdown Passes

0..... 20 times - most recent: vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Most Interceptions Thrown

3..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
3..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
3..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
3..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
3..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
2..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
2..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
2..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
2..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
2..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
2..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
2..... vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton
2..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
2..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
2..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
2..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange

Fewest Interceptions Thrown

0..... 25 times - last: vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship

PUNTING

Most Punts

16..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
13..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
11..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose
10..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
10..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
9..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange

9..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
8..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
8..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
8..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
8..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar

Fewest Punts

1..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
2..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
2..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
3..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
3..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
4..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
4..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
4..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
4..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
4..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
4..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
4..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
4..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
4..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar

Most Punting Yards

581..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
419..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
412..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
412..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
402..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose
388..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
385..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
324..... vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
322..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
322..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
310..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange

Fewest Punting Yards

33..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
53..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
77..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose
79..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
90..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
96..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
133..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
138..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
141..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Orange
147..... vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton

Best Punting Average

55.0..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
49.2..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
46.5..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
45.7..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
45.5..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
45.2..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
44.5..... vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
44.3..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
43.5..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
43.4..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange

Worst Punting Average

19.8..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose
23.0..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
24.0..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
26.5..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
29.0..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
29.4..... vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton
30.0..... vs. Syracuse, 1953
31.2..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
33.0..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns

6..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
6..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
6..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
5..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
5..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
5..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
5..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
4..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
4..... vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar
4..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange

Fewest Punt Returns

0..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
0..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
0..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
0..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
0..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
1..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
1..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
1..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
1..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
1..... vs. North Carolina, 1993 Gator
1..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
1..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
1..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
1..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship

Most Punt Return Yards

168..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
136..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
108..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
86..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
74..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
73..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
67..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
64..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
52..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
50..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar

Fewest Punt Return Yards

-3..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
0..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
0..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
0..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
0..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
0..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
1..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
2..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
3..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
4..... vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton
4..... vs. North Carolina, 1993 Gator

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

8..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
7..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
7..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
6..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
6..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
6..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
6..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
5..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
5..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
5..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
5..... vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City
5..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
5..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

Alabama Bowl Records

Team Bests (continued)

Fewest Kickoff Returns

0..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
0..... vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
0..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
0..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
1..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
1..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
1..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
1..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
1..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
1..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
1..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
1..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
1..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
1..... vs. Iowa State, 2001 Independence
1..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
1..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
1..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Most Kickoff Return Yards

149..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
128..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
127..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
119..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
113..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
104..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
102..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
101..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
94..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
89..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator

Fewest Kickoff Return Yards

0..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
0..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
0..... vs. Oklahoma 1963 Orange
0..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
5..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
9..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
15..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
16..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
16..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
16..... vs. Iowa State, 2001 Independence
18..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
18..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
19..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
19..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
19..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles

10..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
7..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
6..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
5..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
5..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
5..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
5..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
4..... vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton
4..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
4..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster

Fewest Fumbles

0..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
0..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
0..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
0..... vs. USC, 1985 Aloha
0..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
0..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
0..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
0..... vs. Iowa State, 2001 Independence

0..... vs. Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
0..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
0..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
0..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
1..... vs. Washington, 1926 Rose
1..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange
1..... vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar
1..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
1..... vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
1..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
1..... vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton
1..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
1..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
1..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
1..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
1..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
1..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
1..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
1..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
1..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
1..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One

Most Fumbles Lost

4..... vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton
4..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
3..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
3..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
3..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
3..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
3..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
3..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
2..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose
2..... vs. Syracuse 1953 Orange
2..... vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
2..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
2..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
2..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
2..... vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City
2..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence

Fewest Fumbles Lost

0..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
0..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
0..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
0..... vs. USC, 1985 Aloha
0..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
0..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
0..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
0..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
0..... vs. North Carolina, 1993 Gator
0..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
0..... vs. Iowa State, 2001 Independence
0..... vs. Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
0..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
0..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
0..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
0..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

PENALTIES

Most Penalties

18..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
11..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
10..... vs. USC, 1985 Aloha
10..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
8..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
8..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
8..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
8..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
8..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
7..... vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
7..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
7..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
7..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
7..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
7..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

Fewest Penalties

0..... vs. Washington, 1926 Rose
0..... vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar
1..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
1..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
1..... vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar
1..... vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
1..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
1..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
1..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
1..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
1..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
1..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
1..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
1..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
1..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
1..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
1..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Most Penalty Yards

132..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
94..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
93..... vs. USC, 1985 Aloha
89..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
81..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
75..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
70..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
67..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
65..... vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton
62..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange

Fewest Penalty Yards

0..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
5..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
5..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
5..... vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
5..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
5..... vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton
5..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
6..... vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar
12..... vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
14..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
14..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty

SCORING

Most Points

61..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
49..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
42..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
39..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
37..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange
37..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
36..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
35..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
35..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
34..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose
34..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange Bowl (Overtime)
34..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar

Fewest Points

0..... vs. California, 1938 Rose
0..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty
3..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
6..... vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton
6..... vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
7..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose
7..... vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar
7..... vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
7..... vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
10..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
10..... vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator

Most Points - Any Quarter

Alabama Bowl Records

Team Bests (continued)

24..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship (2nd)
22..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose Bowl (2nd)
22..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange (2nd)
21..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose (2nd)
21..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One (2nd)
20..... vs. Washington, 1926 Rose (3rd)
20..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange (3rd)
20..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange (4th)
20..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence (1st)

Most Points – First Quarter

20..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
17..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
17..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
14..... vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
14..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
14..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
14..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
12..... vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar
10..... vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton
10..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

Most Points – Second Quarter

24..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
22..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
22..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange
21..... vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose
21..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
19..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
17..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
17..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
14..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
14..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
14..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
14..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
14..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship

Most Points – Third Quarter

20..... vs. Washington, 1926 Rose
20..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
14..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
14..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
14..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
14..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
14..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
13..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
13..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster

Most Points – Fourth Quarter

20..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
15..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
14..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
14..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
14..... vs. USC, 1985 Aloha
14..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
14..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
13..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
10..... vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus

Most Points - Any Half

40..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange (2nd)
28..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship (1st)
28..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One (1st)
28..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun (1st)
27..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence (1st)
24..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange (1st)
24..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar (1st)
24..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty (1st)
24..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship (1st)

22..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose (1st)
22..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange (1st)
22..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton (2nd)
22..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar (2nd)

Most Points – First Half

28..... vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
28..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
28..... vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
27..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
24..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
24..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
24..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
24..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
22..... vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
22..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange

Most Points – Second Half

40..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
22..... vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
22..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
21..... vs. USC, 1985 Aloha
21..... vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
21..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
21..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
21..... vs. Michigan State 2011 Capital One
20..... vs. Washington, 1926 Rose
20..... vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster

Fewest Points in a Win

10..... vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
12..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
13..... vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar
13..... vs. Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
14..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
14..... vs. Iowa State, 2001 Independence
17..... vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
17..... vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
20..... vs. Washington, 1926 Rose
21..... vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
21..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Most Points in a Loss

35..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
34..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
33..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
31..... vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
31..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
26..... vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar
25..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
24..... vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
23..... vs. Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
17..... vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
17..... vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

Most Combined Points (Both Teams)

80..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty (CU 47, UA 33)
77..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar (OSU 42, UA 35)
76..... vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar (OU 45, UA 31)
69..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange (UM 35, UA 34)
67..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange (UA 61, SU 6)
67..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange (UA 39, NU 28)
65..... vs. Okla. State, 2006 Independence (OSU 34, UA 31)
58..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange (UA 37, BC 21)
58..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar (UM 33, UA 25)
57..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun (UA 29, Army 28)

Fewest Combined Points (Both Teams)

6..... vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet (UA 3, UT 3)
7..... vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty (PSU 7, UA 0)
13..... vs. California, 1938 Rose (Cal 13, UA 0)
13..... vs. Arkansas, 1967 Sugar (UA 10, Ark 3)
14..... vs. Stanford, 1927 Rose (UA 7, SU 7)
17..... vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange (UA 17, OU 0)

19..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar (UA 12, UM 7)
19..... vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar (UA 13, PSU 6)
21..... vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar (UA 14, PSU 7)
21..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS Nat'l Championship (UA 21, LSU 0)
23..... vs. Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton (UA 13, TT 10)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Total Touchdowns

9..... vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
7..... vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
5..... vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
5..... vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange
5..... vs. USC, 1946 Rose
5..... vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
5..... vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
5..... vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
5..... vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
5..... vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goal Attempts

7..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
5..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar

Most Field Goals Made

5..... vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
4..... vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
3..... vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty
3..... vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
3..... vs. Army, 1988 Sun
3..... vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
2..... vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
2..... vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton
2..... vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar
2..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
2..... vs. Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton

Opponent Bowl Records Team Bests

FIRST DOWNS

Most Total First Downs

29..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
25..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
24..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
24..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
23..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
23..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City
23..... Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
23..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
22..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
22..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
21..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
21..... Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
21..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
21..... Texas, 1982 Cotton

Fewest Total First Downs

3..... USC, 1946 Rose
5..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
7..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
8..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
9..... Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
10..... Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
10..... Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
12..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
12..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
12..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
12..... Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
13..... Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
13..... Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
13..... SMU, 1983 Sun

Most First Downs By Penalty

4..... Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
3..... Texas, 1965 Orange
3..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
2..... Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
2..... Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
2..... Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
2..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
2..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
2..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
2..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
2..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

Fewest First Downs By Penalty

0..... 18 times - most recent: LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
(Others - California, 1938 Rose; Penn State, 1959 Liberty; Oklahoma, 1963 Orange; Mississippi, 1964 Sugar; Nebraska, 1967 Sugar; Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton; Colorado, 1969 Liberty; Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet; Penn State, 1975 Sugar; UCLA, 1976 Liberty; Ohio State, 1978 Sugar; Penn State, 1979 Sugar; Texas, 1982 Cotton; Illinois, 1982 Liberty; SMU, 1983 Sun; Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster; Colorado, 2007 Independence)
1..... 23 times - most recent: Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
(Others - Arkansas, 1962 Sugar; Nebraska, 1966 Orange; Missouri, 1968 Gator; Nebraska, 1972 Orange; Texas, 1973 Cotton; Notre Dame, 1975 Orange; USC, 1985 Aloha; Washington, 1986 Sun; Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame; Army, 1988 Sun; Louisville, 1991 Fiesta; Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar; North Carolina, 1993 Gator; Ohio State, 1995 Citrus; Michigan, 1997 Outback; Michigan, 2000 Orange; Iowa State, 2001 Independence; Minnesota, 2004

Music City; Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton; Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence; Michigan State, 2011 Capital One; Notre Dame, 2013 BCS)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Plays

88..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
86..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
85..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City
83..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
81..... Texas A&M 1941 Cotton
81..... Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
80..... Texas, 1973 Cotton
79..... Washington, 1986 Sun
79..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
78..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
78..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Fewest Plays

35..... Washington State, 1931 Rose
43..... Stanford, 1927 Rose
43..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
44..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
44..... USC, 1946 Rose
48..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
48..... Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
49..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
50..... Washington, 1926 Rose
52..... USC, 1985 Aloha
55..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
55..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
55..... Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
55..... Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship

Most Total Yards

571..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
563..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
537..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
477..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
456..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
444..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
438..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
429..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
421..... Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
419..... Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence

Fewest Total Yards

41..... USC, 1946 Rose
92..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
158..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
168..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
171..... Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
182..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
197..... USC, 1985 Aloha
199..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
204..... Washington State, 1931 Rose
204..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
214..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar

Most Yards Per Play

8.8..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
..... 43 plays, 377 yards
7.3..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
..... 55 plays, 402 yards
7.3..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
..... 78 plays, 571 yards
7.1..... Stanford, 1927 Rose
..... 43 plays, 305 yards
7.1..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
..... 49 plays, 346 yards
6.9..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
..... 78 plays, 537 yards
6.8..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
..... 64 plays, 438 yards

6.5..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
..... 86 plays, 563 yards
6.2..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
..... 77 plays, 477 yards
6.2..... Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
..... 67 plays, 415 yards
6.1..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
..... 74 plays, 456 yards

Fewest Yards Per Play

0.9..... USC, 1946 Rose
..... 44 plays, 41 yards
2.1..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
..... 44 plays, 92 yards
2.5..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
..... 62 plays, 158 yards
2.7..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
..... 68 plays, 182 yards
2.8..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
..... 74 plays, 204 yards
3.0..... Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
..... 57 plays, 171 yards
3.9..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
..... 70 plays, 276 yards
3.3..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
..... 60 plays, 199 yards
3.3..... Texas, 1948 Sugar
..... 74 plays, 242 yards
3.5..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
..... 48 plays, 168 yards
3.6..... Syracuse, 1953 Orange
..... 64 plays, 232 yards
3.6..... California, 1938 Rose
..... 62 plays, 223 yards

RUSHING

Most Rush Attempts

82..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
72..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City
69..... Texas, 1973 Cotton
66..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
64..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
61..... Army, 1988 Sun
60..... Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
54..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
53..... California, 1938 Rose
52..... Oklahoma, 1963 Oklahoma
52..... Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
52..... Texas, 1982 Cotton

Fewest Rush Attempts

16..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
18..... Washington State, 1931 Rose
18..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
19..... Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
23..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
24..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
24..... Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
24..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
25..... Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
25..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
25..... North Carolina, 1993 Gator

Most Yards Rushing

473..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
402..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
379..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
350..... Army, 1988 Sun
349..... Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
319..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
317..... Texas, 1973 Cotton
281..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
278..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
276..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City

Opponent Bowl Records Team Bests (continued)

Fewest Yards Rushing

-48..... Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
-11..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
6..... USC, 1946 Rose
13..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
19..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
21..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
32..... Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
37..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
39..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
42..... North Carolina, 1993 Gator

Most Yards Per Rush

8.7..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
..... 32 rushes, 278 yards
7.8..... Washington State, 1931 Rose
..... 18 rushes, 140 yards
7.4..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
..... 64 rushes, 473 yards
7.0..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
..... 54 rushes, 379 yards
6.7..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
..... 42 rushes, 281 yards
6.3..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
..... 35 rushes, 232 yards
6.0..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
..... 24 rushes, 145 yards
5.8..... Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
..... 60 rushes, 349 yards
5.7..... Army, 1988 Sun
..... 61 rushes, 350 yards
5.4..... SMU, 1983 Sun
..... 32 rushes, 174 yards
5.4..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
..... 32 rushes, 172 yards

Fewest Yards Per Rush

-1.7..... Michigan State, 2011 Capital One Bowl
..... 28 rushes, -48 yards
-0.4..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
..... 30 rushes, -11 yards
0.2..... USC, 1946 Rose
..... 33 rushes, 6 yards
0.5..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
..... 24 rushes, 13 yards
0.5..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
..... 38 rushes, 19 yards
0.8..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
..... 25 rushes, 21 yards
1.2..... Texas, 1948 Sugar
..... 50 rushes, 59 yards
1.4..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
..... 27 rushes, 39 yards
1.5..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
..... 35 rushes, 54 yards
1.6..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
..... 23 rushes, 37 yards
1.7..... North Carolina, 1993 Gator
..... 25 rushes, 42 yards
1.7..... Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
..... 19 rushes, 32 yards

Most Touchdowns Rushing

5..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
4..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
4..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
4..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
4..... Nebraska, 1972 Orange
4..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City

3..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
3..... Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
3..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
3..... Army, 1988 Sun
3..... Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence

Fewest Touchdowns Rushing

0..... 26 times - most recent: LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

PASSING

Most Pass Attempts

58..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
56..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
47..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
44..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
43..... Washington, 1986 Sun
42..... Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
42..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
42..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
41..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
40..... Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
40..... Colorado, 2007 Independence

Fewest Pass Attempts

6..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
6..... Army, 1988 Sun
7..... Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
8..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
8..... Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
8..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
9..... California, 1938 Rose
10..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
11..... USC, 1946 Rose
11..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
11..... Texas, 1973 Cotton

Most Pass Completions

35..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
35..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
32..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
27..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
25..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
24..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
24..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
22..... Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
22..... Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
22..... Michigan, 1997 Outback

Fewest Pass Completions

0..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
0..... Army, 1988 Sun
2..... California, 1938 Rose
2..... USC, 1946 Rose
2..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
3..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
4..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
4..... Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
4..... Texas, 1965 Orange
4..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange

Highest Completion Percentage (Minimum 10 Completions)

75.0..... Stanford, 1927 Rose (12 of 16)
74.4..... Michigan, 2000 Orange (35 of 47)
72.7..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar (32 of 44)
63.2..... Nebraska, 1966 Sugar (12 of 19)
62.9..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar (17 of 27)
61.5..... USC, 1985 Aloha (16 of 26)
60.3..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty (35 of 58)
59.5..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence (25 of 42)
58.3..... Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship (21 of 36)
57.9..... Nebraska, 1967 Sugar (22 of 38)
57.9..... Michigan, 1997 Outback (22 of 38)

Lowest Completion Percentage

0.0..... Missouri, 1968 Gator (0 of 6)
0.0..... Army, 1988 Sun (0 of 6)
16.7..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar (2 of 12)
18.2..... USC, 1946 Rose (2 of 11)
18.2..... Boston College, 1943 Orange (2 of 11)
22.2..... California, 1938 Rose (2 of 9)
23.5..... Texas, 1965 Orange (4 of 17)
27.3..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty (3 of 11)
35.3..... Washington State, 1931 Rose (6 of 17)
35.3..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame (6 of 17)

Most Passing Yards

458..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
423..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
369..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
348..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
336..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
322..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
291..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
284..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
278..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
270..... Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship

Fewest Passing Yards

0..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
0..... Army, 1988 Sun
19..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
22..... California, 1938 Rose
35..... USC, 1946 Rose
45..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
47..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
53..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
55..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
57..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar

Most Touchdown Passes

4..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
4..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
3..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
3..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
3..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
3..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
3..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
2..... Washington, 1926 Rose
2..... Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
2..... Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
2..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
2..... Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
2..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
2..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Fewest Touchdown Passes

0..... 29 times - most recent: LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Most Interceptions Thrown

7..... Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
7..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
5..... Syracuse, 1953 Orange
5..... Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
4..... Stanford, 1935 Rose
4..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
4..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
3..... Washington State, 1931 Rose
3..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
3..... Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
3..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
3..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
3..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
3..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta

Opponent Bowl Records Team Bests (continued)

PUNTING

Most Punts

12..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
10..... California, 1938 Rose
10..... Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
10..... Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
10..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
9..... Texas, 1965 Orange
9..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
8..... Syracuse, 1953 Orange
8..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
8..... Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
8..... Washington, 1986 Sun
8..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
8..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship

Fewest Punts

2..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
2..... Texas, 1973 Cotton
2..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
3..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
3..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
3..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
3..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
4..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
4..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
4..... Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
4..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
4..... Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
4..... SMU, 1983 Sun
4..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
4..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City
4..... Colorado, 2007 Independence

Most Punting Yards

492..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
411..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
410..... Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
393..... California, 1938 Rose
387..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
366..... Washington State, 1931 Rose
347..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
343..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
340..... Oklahoma, 1963 Sugar
331..... Texas, 1965 Orange

Fewest Punting Yards

65..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
75..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
88..... Texas, 1973 Cotton
100..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
123..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
125..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
127..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
135..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
136..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
140..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City

Best Punting Average

48.5..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
47.8..... USC, 1946 Rose
46.7..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
46.5..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
45.7..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
45.0..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
44.0..... Texas, 1973 Cotton
44.0..... Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
43.4..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
43.4..... Michigan State, 2011 Capital One

Worst Punting Average

25.1..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
26.1..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
29.0..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
30.1..... North Carolina, 1993 Gator
30.3..... Stanford, 1927 Rose
31.2..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
31.4..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
31.8..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
32.5..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
33.2..... Texas, 1948 Sugar

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns

7..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
6..... Nebraska, 1972 Orange
5..... Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
5..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
5..... Washington, 1986 Sun
5..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
4..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
4..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
4..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
4..... North Carolina, 1993 Gator
4..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
4..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
4..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City

Fewest Punt Returns

0..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
0..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
0..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
0..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
0..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
1..... Syracuse, 1953 Orange
1..... Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
1..... Texas, 1973 Cotton
1..... Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
1..... Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
1..... Texas, 1982 Cotton
1..... SMU, 1983 Sun
1..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
1..... Army, 1988 Sun
1..... Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
1..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
1..... Michigan State 2011 Capital One
1..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Most Punt Return Yards

136..... Nebraska, 1972 Orange
95..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
68..... Washington, 1986 Sun
68..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
44..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
37..... Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
34..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
32..... Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
30..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
30..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City

Fewest Punt Return Yards

0..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
0..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
0..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
0..... Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
0..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
0..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
1..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
2..... Syracuse, 1953 Orange
2..... Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
2..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
2..... Utah, 2009 Sugar
2..... Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

8..... Syracuse, 1953 Orange
8..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
8..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
7..... Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
7..... Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
7..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
6..... Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
6..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
6..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
6..... Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
6..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
6..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
6..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

Fewest Kickoff Returns

0..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
0..... Nebraska, 1972 Orange
1..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
1..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
1..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
1..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City
2..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
2..... Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
2..... Texas, 1982 Cotton
2..... Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
2..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Most Kickoff Return Yards

222..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
171..... Michigan State 2011 Capital One
150..... Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
146..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
141..... UCLA, 1976 Liberty
130..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
130..... Illinois, 1982 Liberty
126..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
125..... LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
122..... Nebraska, 1967 Sugar

Fewest Kickoff Return Yards

0..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
0..... Nebraska, 1972 Orange
11..... Penn State, 1979 Sugar
14..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City
22..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
22..... Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
23..... Syracuse, 1953 Orange
23..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
40..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
40..... Texas, 1982 Cotton

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles

11..... Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
6..... Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
6..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
6..... USC, 1946 Rose
5..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
5..... Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
5..... Baylor, 1981 Cotton
4..... Washington State, 1931 Rose
4..... Stanford, 1935 Rose
4..... Texas, 1948 Sugar
4..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
4..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
4..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
4..... Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
4..... Washington, 1986 Sun
4..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
4..... Ohio State, 1995 Citrus

Opponent Bowl Records Team Bests (continued)

Fewest Fumbles

- 0.....Syracuse, 1953 Orange
- 0.....Texas, 1973 Cotton
- 0.....Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
- 0.....Texas, 1982 Cotton
- 0.....Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
- 0.....Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
- 1.....Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
- 1.....Washington, 1926 Rose
- 1.....California, 1938 Rose
- 1.....Rice, 1954 Cotton
- 1.....Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
- 1.....Penn State, 1975 Sugar
- 1.....Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
- 1.....Illinois, 1982 Liberty
- 1.....USC, 1985 Aloha
- 1.....Army, 1988 Sun
- 1.....North Carolina, 1993 Gator
- 1.....Iowa State, 2001 Independence
- 1.....Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
- 1.....Colorado, 2007 Independence
- 1.....Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
- 1.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

Most Fumbles Lost

- 6.....Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
- 5.....Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
- 4.....Washington State, 1931 Rose
- 4.....Stanford, 1935 Rose
- 4.....Penn State, 1959 Liberty
- 4.....Nebraska, 1966 Orange
- 4.....Baylor, 1981 Cotton
- 3.....USC, 1946 Rose
- 3.....Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
- 3.....SMU, 1983 Sun

Fewest Fumbles Lost

- 0.....California, 1938 Rose
- 0.....Syracuse, 1953 Orange
- 0.....Rice, 1954 Cotton
- 0.....Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
- 0.....Texas, 1973 Cotton
- 0.....Penn State, 1975 Sugar
- 0.....Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
- 0.....Penn State, 1979 Sugar
- 0.....Texas, 1982 Cotton
- 0.....Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
- 0.....Army, 1988 Sun
- 0.....Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
- 0.....Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
- 0.....Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
- 0.....Iowa State, 2001 Independence
- 0.....Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
- 0.....Colorado, 2007 Independence
- 0.....Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
- 0.....Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship
- 0.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

PENALTIES

Most Penalties

- 11.....Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
- 11.....Minnesota, 2004 Music City
- 11.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 10.....Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
- 10.....Michigan, 2000 Orange
- 10.....Texas Tech, 2006 Cotton
- 10.....Utah, 2009 Sugar
- 9.....Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
- 8.....Rice, 1954 Cotton

- 8.....Nebraska, 1966 Orange
- 8.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty
- 8.....Penn State, 1979 Sugar
- 8.....Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
- 8.....Michigan State, 2011 Capital One

Fewest Penalties

- 0.....Texas, 1973 Cotton
- 1.....Washington, 1926 Rose
- 1.....Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
- 1.....Duke, 1945 Sugar
- 1.....Texas, 1948 Sugar
- 1.....Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
- 1.....Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
- 1.....Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
- 1.....Washington, 1986 Sun
- 1.....Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
- 1.....North Carolina, 1993 Gator

Most Penalty Yards

- 115.....Michigan, 2000 Orange
- 95.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 94.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty
- 91.....Utah, 2009 Sugar
- 89.....Rice, 1954 Cotton
- 87.....Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
- 86.....Nebraska, 1966 Orange
- 84.....Minnesota, 2004 Music City
- 83.....Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton
- 77.....Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
- 77.....Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
- 77.....Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship

Fewest Penalty Yards

- 0.....Texas, 1973 Cotton
- 5.....Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
- 5.....Duke, 1945 Sugar
- 5.....Texas, 1948 Sugar
- 5.....Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
- 5.....Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
- 11.....Boston College, 1943 Orange
- 15.....Washington, 1926 Rose
- 15.....USC, 1946 Rose
- 15.....Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
- 15.....Arkansas, 1980 Sugar
- 15.....Washington, 1986 Sun
- 15.....North Carolina, 1993 Gator

SCORING

Most Points

- 47.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty
- 45.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 42.....Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
- 38.....Nebraska, 1972 Orange
- 38.....Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
- 35.....Missouri, 1968 Gator
- 35.....Michigan, 2000 Orange
- 34.....Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
- 34.....Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
- 33.....Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar

Fewest Points

- 0.....Washington State, 1931 Rose
- 0.....Oklahoma, 1963 Orange
- 0.....LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
- 2.....Baylor, 1981 Cotton
- 3.....Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet
- 3.....Arkansas, 1962 Sugar
- 3.....USC, 1985 Aloha
- 6.....Syracuse, 1953 Orange
- 6.....Penn State, 1975 Sugar
- 6.....UCLA, 1976 Liberty
- 6.....Ohio State, 1978 Sugar
- 6.....Washington, 1986 Sun

Most Points in Any Quarter

- 25.....Louisville, 1991 Fiesta (1st)
- 21.....Missouri, 1968 Gator (4th)
- 21.....Michigan, 2000 Orange (3rd)
- 21.....Colorado, 2007 Independence (2nd)
- 21.....Utah, 2009 Sugar (1st)

Most Points – First Quarter

- 25.....Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
- 21.....Utah, 2009 Sugar
- 14.....Boston College, 1943 Orange
- 14.....Nebraska, 1972 Orange
- 14.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 10.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty

Most Points – Second Quarter

- 21.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty
- 17.....Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
- 17.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 14.....Rice, 1954 Cotton
- 14.....Texas, 1965 Orange
- 14.....Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
- 14.....Nebraska, 1972 Orange
- 14.....Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
- 14.....Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
- 14.....Colorado, 2007 Independence
- 14.....Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Most Points – Third Quarter

- 21.....Michigan, 2000 Orange
- 14.....Army, 1988 Sun
- 14.....Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
- 14.....Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Most Points – Fourth Quarter

- 21.....Missouri, 1968 Gator
- 16.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty
- 15.....Nebraska, 1966 Orange
- 14.....Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
- 14.....USC, 1946 Rose
- 14.....Texas, 1982 Cotton
- 14.....Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
- 14.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 13.....Texas, 1948 Sugar
- 10.....Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence

Most Points In Any Half

- 31.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty (1st)
- 31.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 28.....Nebraska, 1972 Orange (1st)
- 28.....Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City (2nd)
- 25.....Louisville, 1991 Fiesta (1st)
- 24.....Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence (1st)
- 22.....Ohio State, 2015 Sugar (2nd)
- 21.....Boston College, 1943 Orange (1st)
- 21.....Texas, 1965 Orange (1st)
- 21.....Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet (1st)
- 21.....Utah, 2009 Sugar (1st)
- 21.....Nebraska, 1966 Orange (2nd)
- 21.....Missouri, 1968 Gator (2nd)
- 21.....Michigan, 2000 Orange (2nd)

Most Points – First Half

- 31.....Colorado, 1969 Liberty
- 31.....Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
- 28.....Nebraska, 1972 Orange
- 25.....Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
- 24.....Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
- 21.....Boston College, 1943 Orange
- 21.....Texas, 1965 Orange
- 21.....Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet
- 21.....Utah, 2009 Sugar
- 20.....Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
- 20.....Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Opponent Bowl Records Team Bests (continued)

Most Points – Second Half

28..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
22..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
21..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
21..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
21..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
20..... Texas, 1948 Sugar
16..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
16..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
15..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
14..... Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
14..... USC, 1946 Rose
14..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
14..... Texas, 1982 Cotton
14..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
14..... Army, 1988 Sun
14..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

Fewest Points in a Win

7..... Penn State, 1959 Liberty
13..... California, 1938 Rose
13..... Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
14..... Texas, 1982 Cotton
17..... Texas, 1973 Cotton

Most Points in a Loss

28..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
28..... Army, 1988 Sun
25..... Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
24..... Colorado, 2007 Independence
21..... Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
21..... Boston College, 1943 Orange
21..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
19..... Washington, 1926 Rose

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Total Touchdowns

6..... Colorado, 1969 Liberty
6..... Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
5..... Missouri, 1968 Gator
5..... Nebraska, 1972 Orange
5..... Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
5..... Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
5..... Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
5..... Michigan, 2000 Orange
5..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
4..... Duke, 1945 Sugar
4..... Texas, 1948 Sugar
4..... Rice, 1954 Cotton
4..... Nebraska, 1966 Orange
4..... Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
4..... Army, 1988 Sun
4..... Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
4..... Utah, 2009 Sugar

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goals Made

2..... Penn State, 1975 Sugar
2..... Washington, 1986 Sun
2..... Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
2..... Michigan, 1997 Outback
2..... Iowa State, 2001 Independence
2..... Minnesota, 2004 Music City
2..... Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
2..... Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship
2..... Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Alabama Bowl Records Individual Bests

RUSHING

Most Rushing Attempts

28..... Derrick Lassic vs. Miami (Fla.), 1993 Sugar
28..... Bobby Humphrey vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
28..... Ricky Moore vs. SMU, 1983 Sun
27..... Sherman Williams vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
27..... Bobby Humphrey vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
27..... Johnny Musso vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet

Most Yards Rushing

166 Sherman Williams vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
161 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
159 Bobby Humphrey vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
149 Bobby Humphrey vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
145 Eddie Lacy vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship Game
138 Johnny Musso vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet

Most Touchdowns Rushing

3..... Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
2..... Mark Ingram vs. Texas, 2010 BCS
2..... Trent Richardson vs. Texas, 2010 BCS
2..... Mark Ingram vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
2..... Eddie Lacy vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One

Longest Rushing Touchdown

67 Dixie Howell vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
64 Bobby Humphrey vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
62 Eddie Lacy vs. Michigan State, 2011 Capital One
50 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
49 Trent Richardsion vs. Texas, 2010 BCS
46 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
43 Monk Campbell vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose
43 Derrick Henry vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

PASSING

Most Pass Attempts

52 David Smith vs. Army, 1988 Sun
43 Gary Hollingsworth vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
40 Jeff Dunn vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
37 Jay Barker vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
37 Scott Hunter vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
37 Joe Namath vs. Texas, 1965 Orange
36 Blake Sims vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Most Pass Completions

33 David Smith vs. Army, 1988 Sun
27 Gary Hollingsworth vs. Miami (Fla.), 1990 Sugar
23 Jeff Dunn vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
23 AJ McCarron vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
22 Blake Sims vs. Ohio State 2015 Sugar

Most Yards Passing

412 David Smith vs. Army, 1988 Sun
387 AJ McCarron vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
317 Jay Barker vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
296 Steve Sloan vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
269 Jeff Dunn vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
264 AJ McCarron vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship Game
256 John Parker Wilson vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
255 Joe Namath vs. Texas, 1965 Orange

Best Completion Percentage

1.000... Tyler Watts vs. Michigan (6-6), 2000 Orange
1.000... Harry Gilmer vs. Duke (8-8), 1945 Sugar
.833 Richard Todd vs. Penn State (10-12), 1975 Sugar

Alabama Bowl Records

Individual Bests (continued)

Longest Pass Completion

67 AJ McCarron to DeAndrew White vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
63 AJ McCarron to DeAndrew White vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
61 Johnny Cain to John Suther vs. Washington, 1931 Rose
61 AJ McCarron to Derrick Henry vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
59 Dixie Howell to Don Hutson vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
59 Grant Gillis to Johnny Mack Brown vs. Washington, 1926 Rose
55 Ned Hayden to Griff Langston vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty
55 Richard Todd to Ozzie Newsome vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar

RECEIVING

Most Receptions

9 Amari Cooper vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
9 Amari Cooper vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
9 Marco Battle vs. Army, 1988 Sun
9 Greg Payne vs. Army, 1988 Sun
8 Shaun Alexander vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
8 Sherman Williams vs., Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
8 Joe Curtis vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange

Most Yards Receiving

178 Ray Perkins vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar
155 Sherman Williams vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
139 DeAndrew White vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
126 Russ Schamun vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange
121 Amari Cooper vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
105 Amari Cooper vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship Game

Most Touchdowns Receiving

2 Don Hutson vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose
2 Ray Perkins vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange
2 Amari Cooper vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS National Championship Game
2 Amari Cooper vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

359* Sherman Williams (116 Rush, 155 Rec, 38 KOR) vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
223 Bobby Humphrey (149 Rush, 34 Rec, 21 KOR) vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
207 Javier Arenas (134 KOR, 73 PR) vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
197 Bobby Humphrey (159 Rush, 43 Rec, 14 KOR) vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
182 Shaun Alexander (161 Rush, 21 Rec.) vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
* NCAA Record

TOTAL OFFENSE

382 David Smith (412 Pass, -30 Rush) vs. Army, 1988 Sun
344 AJ McCarron (387 Pass, -43 Rush) vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
315 Jay Barker (317 Pass, -2 Rush) vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
296 Steve Sloan (296 Pass, 0 Rush) vs. Nebraska 1966 Orange
280 John Parker Wilson (256 Pass, 24 Rush) vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
273 AJ McCarron (264 Pass, 9 Rush) vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS
266 Blake Sims (237 Pass, 29 Rush) vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
261 Jeff Dunn (269 Pass, -8 Rush) vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame

SCORING

Most Points Scored

19 Bobby Luna vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange (2 TDs, 7 PATs)
18 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange (3 TDs)
18 Bobby Humphrey vs. Washington, 1986 Sun (3 TDs)
15 Jeremy Shelley vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship (5 FGs)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

7 Christian Jones vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
7 Sherman Williams vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
6 Steve Williams vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
5 Javier Arenas vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

Most Kickoff Return Yards

146 Sherman Williams vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
134 Javier Arenas vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
122 Steve Williams vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
104 Christian Jones vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar
102 Christian Jones vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Longest Kickoff Return

62 Lou Ikner vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
61 Joey Jones vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton

PUNT RETURNS

Most Returns

6 David Palmer vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
5 David Palmer vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
5 Willie Shelby vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Sugar
4 Freddie Milons vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
4 Willie Shelby vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar
4 Robert McKinney vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange

Most Punt Return Yards

108 Freddie Milons vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange (1 TD, 62 yards)
86 Javier Arenas vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence (1 TD, 86 yards)
95 Sherman Williams vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
74 David Palmer vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster
73 Javier Arenas vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar (1 TD, 73 yards)

Longest Punt Return

86 Javier Arenas (TD) vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence
80 Cecil Ingram (TD) vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
78 Sherman Williams (TD) vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
73 Javier Arenas (TD) vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
72 Jimmie Nelson (TD) vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton
62 Freddie Milons vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange

PUNTING

Most Punts

10 Woody Umphrey (388 yards) vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
10 Frank Mann (419 yards) vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
9 Patrick Morgan (310 yards) vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange
9 Chris Mohr (412 yards) vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
8 Tank Williamson (322 yards) vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta
8 Bill Smith (306 yards) vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
7 JK Scott (385 yards) vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar

Most Punting Yards

419 Frank Mann (10 punts) vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator
412 Chris Mohr (9 punts) vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
388 Woody Umphrey (10 punts) vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar
385 JK Scott (7 punts) vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
322 Tank Williamson (8 punts) vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta

Best Punting Average

55.0 JK Scott (7 for 385) vs. Ohio State, 2015 Sugar
49.2 Cody Mandell (4 for 197) vs. Notre Dame, 2013 BCS
46.5 Hayden Stockton (6 for 279) vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
46.3 Greg Gantt (6 for 278) vs. Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar
45.7 Chris Mohr (9 for 412) vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
45.5 Chris Mohr (4 for 182) vs. Army, 1988 Sun
45.0 P.J. Fitzgerald (4 for 180) vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
44.5 Bryne Diehl (6 for 267) vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar
44.3 Cody Mandell (3 for 133) vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
43.5 Greg Gantt (7 for 303) vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange
43.5 Daniel Pope (4 for 174) vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City
43.5 Cody Mandell (4 for 174) vs. Oklahoma, 2014 Sugar

Alabama Bowl Records Individual Bests (continued)

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goal Attempts

- 7.....Jeremy Shelley vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
- 5.....Tim Davis vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
- 3.....Leigh Tiffin vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
- 3.....Leigh Tiffin vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
- 3.....Michael Proctor vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus
- 3.....Philip Doyle vs. Army, 1988 Sun
- 3.....Peter Kim vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton

Most Field Goals Made

- 5.....Jeremy Shelley vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
- 4.....Tim Davis vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
- 3.....Leigh Tiffin vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
- 3.....Philip Doyle vs. Army, 1988 Sun
- 3.....Peter Kim vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton

Longest Field Goal Made

- 52.....Leigh Tiffin vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar
- 51.....Philip Doyle vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame
- 50.....Greg Gantt vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton
- 48.....Van Tiffin vs. Southern Cal, 1985 Aloha
- 48.....Tim Davis vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
- 46.....Tim Davis vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar
- 45.....Philip Doyle vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar
- 44.....Jeremy Shelley vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship
- 43.....Jon Brock vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
- 42.....Peter Kim vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton
- 41.....Leigh Tiffin vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence
- 41.....Jeremy Shelley vs. LSU, 2012 BCS National Championship

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions

- 3.....Jeremiah Castille vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty
- 2.....Javier Arenas vs. Texas 2010 BCS
- 2.....Kermit Kendrick vs. Washington, 1986 Sun
- 2.....Steve Wade vs. Texas, 1973 Cotton

Longest Interception Return

- 88.....Dwayne Rudd (TD) vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback
- 75.....Hugh Morrow (TD) vs. Duke, 1945 Sugar
- 60.....Buster Hill (TD) vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange
- 49.....Mark McMillian vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster

Opponent Bowl Records Individual Bests

Rushing Attempts

- 37.....Marion Barber III, Minnesota (2004 Music City)
- 35.....Bob Anderson, Colorado (1969 Liberty)
- 32.....Vic Bottari, California (1938 Rose)
- 29.....Laurence Maroney, Minnesota (2004 Music City)
- 28.....Jim Grisham, Oklahoma (1963 Orange)
- 27.....Tom Davis, Duke (1945 Sugar)
- 27.....Greg Cook, Missouri (1968 Gator)
- 25.....Roosevelt Leaks, Texas (1973 Cotton)
- 24.....Ernie Koy, Texas (1965 Orange)
- 24.....Wayne Bullock, Notre Dame (1975 Orange)

Rushing Yards

- 265.....Dicky Moegle, Rice (1954 Cotton)
- 254.....Bob Anderson, Colorado (1969 Liberty)
- 234.....Jamie Morris, Michigan (1988 Hall of Fame)
- 230.....Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State (2015 Sugar)
- 187.....Marion Barber III, Minnesota (2004 Music City)
- 179.....Greg Cook, Missouri (1968 Gator)
- 177.....Ben Barnett, Army (1988 Sun)
- 157.....Mike Holovak, Boston College (1943 Orange)
- 134.....George Wilson, Washington (1926 Rose)
- 133.....Ernie Koy, Texas (1965 Orange)
- 130.....Vic Bottari, California (1938 Rose)
- 125.....Ennis Haywood, Iowa State (2001 Independence)
- 120.....Roosevelt Leaks, Texas (1973 Cotton)
- 120.....Jeff Atkins, SMU (1983 Sun)
- 117.....Alan Lowry, Texas (1973 Cotton)
- 114.....George Clark, Duke (1945 Sugar)
- 112.....Dantrell Savage, Oklahoma State (2006 Independence)
- 111.....Jim Bratten, Colorado (1969 Liberty)
- 111.....Leon Crosswhite, Oklahoma (1970 Bluebonnet)
- 107.....Jim Grisham, Oklahoma (1963 Orange)
- 105.....Laurence Maroney, Minnesota (2004 Music City)
- 102.....Theotis Brown, UCLA (1976 Liberty)

Rushing Touchdowns

- 3.....Mike Holovak, Boston College (1943 Orange)
- 3.....Dicky Moegle, Rice (1954 Cotton)
- 3.....Terry McMillan, Missouri (1968 Gator)
- 2.....George Clark, Duke (1945 Sugar)
- 2.....Ernie Koy, Texas (1965 Orange)
- 2.....Greg Pruitt, Oklahoma (1970 Bluebonnet)
- 2.....Alan Lowry, Texas (1973 Cotton)
- 2.....Lamont Pegues, Virginia Tech (1998 Music City)
- 2.....Marion Barber III, Minnesota (2004 Music City)
- 2.....Keith Toston, Oklahoma State (2006 Independence)
- 2.....Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State (2015 Sugar)

Opponent Bowl Records

Individual Bests (continued)

Passing

Attempts

56	.....	Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.) (1993 Sugar)
55	.....	Tony Eason, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
46	.....	Tom Brady, Michigan (2000 Orange)
44	.....	Trevor Knight, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)
43	.....	Chris Chandler, Washington (1986 Sun)
42	.....	Seneca Wallace, Iowa State (2001 Independence)
41	.....	Brian Johnson, Utah (2009 Sugar)
40	.....	Garret Gilbert, Texas (2010 BCS National Championship)
39	.....	Kevin Scanlon, Arkansas (1980 Sugar)
39	.....	Cody Hawkins, Colorado (2007 Independence)

Completions

35	.....	Tony Eason, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
34	.....	Tom Brady, Michigan (2000 Orange)
32	.....	Trevor Knight, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)
27	.....	Brian Johnson, Utah (2009 Sugar)
25	.....	Seneca Wallace, Iowa State (2001 Independence)
24	.....	Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.) (1993 Sugar)
24	.....	Cody Hawkins, Colorado (2007 Independence)
22	.....	Kevin Scanlon, Arkansas (1980 Sugar)
21	.....	Everett Golson, Notre Dame (2013 BCS National Championship)
21	.....	Brian Griese, Michigan (1997 Outback)

Passing Yards

451	.....	Browning Nagle, Louisville (1991 Fiesta)
423	.....	Tony Eason, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
369	.....	Tom Brady, Michigan (2000 Orange)
348	.....	Trevor Knight, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)
336	.....	Brian Johnson, Utah (2009 Sugar)
322	.....	Cody Hawkins, Colorado (2007 Independence)
287	.....	Brian Griese, Michigan (1997 Outback)
284	.....	Seneca Wallace, Iowa State (2001 Independence)
278	.....	Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.) (1993 Sugar)
270	.....	Everett Golson, Notre Dame (2013 BCS National Championship)

Touchdown Passes

4	.....	Tom Brady, Michigan (2000 Orange)
4	.....	Trevor Knight, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)
3	.....	Bob Churchich, Nebraska (1966 Orange)
3	.....	Craig Erickson, Miami (Fla.) (1990 Sugar)
3	.....	Cody Hawkins, Colorado (2007 Independence)
3	.....	Brian Johnson, Utah (2009 Sugar)

Interceptions Thrown

5	.....	Derace Moser, Texas A&M (1942 Cotton)
4	.....	Tony Eason, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
4	.....	Garret Gilbert, Texas (2010 BCS National Championship)
3	.....	Kris Jenner, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
3	.....	Browning Nagle, Louisville (1991 Fiesta)
3	.....	Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.) (1993 Sugar)

Receiving

Receptions

12	.....	Freddie Brown, Utah (2009 Sugar)
10	.....	David Terrell, Michigan (2000 Orange)
10	.....	Jordan Shipley, Texas (2010 BCS National Championship)
9	.....	Corey Holliday, North Carolina (1993 Gator)
9	.....	Tyson DeVree, Colorado (2007 Independence)
8	.....	Mike Martin, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
8	.....	Joey Galloway, Ohio State (1995 Citrus)
7	.....	Oliver Williams, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
7	.....	Gary Anderson, Arkansas (1980 Sugar)
7	.....	Donnie Little, Texas (1982 Cotton)
7	.....	Craig Campbell, Iowa State (2001 Independence)
7	.....	T.J. Jones, Notre Dame (2013 BCS National Championship)
7	.....	Sterling Shepard, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)
7	.....	Brennan Clay, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)
7	.....	Michael Thomas, Ohio State (2015 Sugar)

Receiving Yards

150	.....	David Terrell, Michigan (2000 Orange)
146	.....	Joey Galloway, Ohio State (1995 Citrus)
142	.....	James Sterling, Texas A&M (1942 Cotton)
127	.....	Mike Martin, Illinois (1982 Liberty)
125	.....	Corey Holliday, North Carolina (1993 Gator)
125	.....	Freddie Brown, Utah (2009 Sugar)
122	.....	Jordan Shipley, Texas (2010 BCS National Championship)
115	.....	Davaris Daniels, Notre Dame (2013 BCS National Championship)
113	.....	Clarence Williams, Michigan (1997 Outback)
110	.....	Ken McKay, Louisville (1991 Fiesta)
109	.....	Craig Campbell, Iowa State (2001 Independence)
105	.....	LaColtan Bester, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)

Receiving Touchdowns

3	.....	David Terrell, Michigan (2000 Orange)
2	.....	Tony Jeter, Nebraska (1966 Orange)
2	.....	Joey Galloway, Ohio State (1995 Citrus)
2	.....	Tyson DeVree, Colorado (2007 Independence)
2	.....	Jordan Shipley, Texas (2010 BCS National Championship)
2	.....	Jalen Saunders, Oklahoma (2014 Sugar)

1926 ROSE BOWL

Alabama 20, Washington 19

PASADENA, Calif. (Jan. 1, 1926) — Trailing 12-0 at halftime, Coach Wallace Wade's Alabama team battled back in the second half to capture a thrilling 20-19 win over Washington in the Crimson Tide's first bowl outing. It was a game that was long remembered as one of the best contests in Rose Bowl history and Alabama's victory brought new and permanent national respect for Southern football.

Washington's great halfback, George Wilson, lived up to his pregame billing. He rushed for 134 yards and completed five passes for 77 yards and two touchdowns. But injuries put him out of the game for 22 minutes. It was during those 22 minutes that the Crimson Tide scored all of its points.

During the 38 minutes that Wilson was healthy and on the field, the Huskies scored three touchdowns and gained 300 yards. During the 22 minutes he was on the sidelines nursing an injury, Washington gained just 17 yards and failed to score, giving up all three scores that Alabama would need to win in the third quarter in what many considered the greatest Rose Bowl Game played to that point.

"As George Wilson went, so went Washington," wrote famed sportswriter Damon Runyan. "If there was ever a one-man football team, George was it. When Wilson was on the field it was a ball game."

Wilson was named the game's most outstanding player, but his greatness was not enough to prevent an Alabama victory. Alabama had some stars of its own as quarterback "Pooley" Hubert and halfback Johnny Mack Brown wreaked havoc on the Washington defense, especially when Wilson was not on the field.

"He is a great football player, this George Wilson - one of the very greatest," Runyan wrote. "His brief absence probably made a big difference to Washington, but, still 'Pooley' Hubert was always on hand for Alabama. It was a great team that the South sent to California to take its part in the Tournament of Roses, probably the greatest that ever came out of the South."

Wilson missed the third quarter, and that's when Alabama scored its 20 points, all in seven minutes. First it was Hubert scoring from the one with Bill Buckler kicking the point after. After holding Washington and forcing a punt, Grant Gillis faded back from his own 41 and found Johnny Mack Brown at the Husky 25, who eluded one tackler and continued untouched on a 59-yard touchdown pass and run.

A fumble gave Alabama another chance at the Washington 30. On first down Hubert told Brown to run as fast as he could for the goal. "When I reached the three, I looked around," said Brown. "Sure enough, the ball was coming down over my shoulder. I took it in stride, used my stiff arm on one man and went over carrying somebody. The place was really in an uproar."

Washington scored a final time in the fourth quarter, but couldn't overcome the Alabama lead.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	0	20	0	-	20
Washington.....	6	6	0	7	-	19

Attendance: 55,000 (capacity: 57,000). Weather: Fair; 71 degrees.

Team	Score UA-UW	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Washington	0-6	1		Harold Patton 1-yard run (kick failed).
Drive:				
Washington	0-12	2		John Cole 20-yard pass from George Wilson (kick failed).
Drive:				
Alabama	7-12	3		Pooley Hubert 1-yard run (Bill Buckler kick).
Drive:				
Alabama	14-12	3		Johnny Mack Brown 59-yard pass from Grant Gillis (Buckler kick).
Drive:				
Alabama	20-12	3		Brown 30-yard pass from Pooley Hubert (Buckler kick failed).
Drive:				
Washington	20-19	4		Guttormsen 27-yard pass from Wilson (Gene Cooke kick).
Drive:				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Washington
First Downs	15	13
Rushes-Yards	38-209	40-222
Passes - A-C-I	14-4-3	16-7-2
Passing Yards	141	94
Total Plays	58	60
Total Offense	361	314
Punts-Avg.	5-40.8	6-37.5
Fumbles	1	1
Penalty Yards	0	15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Washington: George Wilson 15-134; Harold Patton 11-43; George Guttormsen 8-34; Elmer Tesreau 6-11.

Alabama: Pooley Hubert 15-97; Johnny Mack Brown 12-76; Red Barnes 11-36.

PASSING

Washington: George Wilson 5-14-2, 77 yards, 2 TDs.

Alabama: Pooley Hubert 4-14-3, 141 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Red Barnes 4-141.

Washington: Elmer Tesreau 3-54 yards.

1927 ROSE BOWL

Alabama 7, Stanford 7

PASADENA, Calif. (Jan. 1, 1927) — Alabama head coach Wallace Wade's Crimson Tide was invited to return for the 1927 renewal after another perfect season. His great backs of 1925 were gone and he was not wealthy in reserves. But it was a team wealthy with colorful nicknames: "Lovely" Barnes, "Goofy" Bowdoin, "Snake" Vines and "Rosy" Caldwell.

The game matched two of college football's legendary coaches: Wallace Wade of Alabama and Glenn "Pop" Warner of Stanford. As usual, the Rose Bowl stadium was packed with record crowd of 57,417. Gross receipts were \$218,047 — the highest ever. Approximately \$100,000 was refunded.

Both teams entered the game undefeated and would end the game there, as well, with Stanford finishing 10-0-1 and Alabama 9-0-1 and sharing the national championship. Stanford was the No. 1 team in the nation under the Dickinson System, and awarded the Rissman Trophy, while Alabama was No. 1 in the Helms System (The Associated Press poll would not begin until 1936).

For Stanford, it was All-American Ted Shipkey doing most of the damage against the Crimson Tide. Stanford dominated the game statistically (305 total yards to 98) but played "stale" as one writer described it throughout. Fumbles were frequent and Stanford missed on two chances to score inside the 10-yard line. Stanford scored first on a 20-yard pass play from George Bogue to end Ed Walker, who ran the final 15 yards for the touchdown. Bogue, who had missed an 18-yard field goal earlier in the first period, then kicked the point-after and Stanford had a 7-0 lead that would last until the game's final moments.

After scoreless second and third quarters, it appeared Stanford was on its way to a shutout but Alabama center Clarke "Babe" Pearce blocked a punt by Stanford's Frankie Wilton, giving Alabama the ball on the 14-yard line. Into the game went 170-pound Jimmy Johnston at halfback. A dislocated shoulder had prevented him from playing much that season, but he had been regarded as one of the finest backs in the South prior to the injury.

Wu Winslett started the march with a run for three yards, then Johnson raced forward for seven to the Stanford four-yard line. Winslett smashed for three yards to the one. Then Johnson banged into right guard, the resistance crumpling under his charge. It was 7-6 now and a ruse was coming up next.

As the teams lined up for the crucial extra point attempt with the crowd respectfully hushed, captain Emile Barnes barked signals. Suddenly, someone shouted "signals off." Stanford's line stood at ease in anticipation of another signal sequence. At that moment center Gordon Holmes snapped the ball to Winslett, who touched it down. Unrushed and with plenty of time. Herschel Caldwell smoothly kicked it through the posts and over the bar.

The 7-7 game ended three plays later.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	0	0	7	-	7
Stanford.....	7	0	0	0	-	7

Attendance: 57,417 (capacity: 57,000). **Weather:** Sunny; 78 degrees.

Team	Score		Play
	UA-SU	Qtr.	
Stanford	0-7	1	Ed Walker 20-yard pass from George Bogue (George Bogue kick).
Alabama	7-7	4	Jimmy Johnston 1-yard run (Herschel Caldwell kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 14 yards.			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Stanford
First Downs	6	12
Net Yards Rushing	31-89	27-130
Passes A-C-I	7-1-2	16-12-1
Passing Yards	9	175
Total Plays	38	43
Total Yards	98	305
Punts-Avg.	13-31.7	7-30.3
Fumbles	2	3
Penalty Yards	5	60

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Red Barnes 11-31; Tolbert Brown 7-28.
Stanford: Cliff Hoffman 18-47; George Bogue 16-37; Richard Hyland 6-23; Ted Shipkey 2-23.

PASSING

Alabama: Red Barnes 1-7-2, 9 yards.
Stanford: Laurence Lewis 12-16-1, 175 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Jimmy Johnston 1-9.
Stanford: Ed Walker 6-84, 1 TD; Ted Shipkey 4-76; Richard Hyland 2-15.

1931 ROSE BOWL

Alabama 24, Washington State 0

PASADENA, Calif. (Jan. 1, 1931) — Head Coach Wallace Wade's last Alabama team before he left for Duke typified the personality of the coldly efficient strategist. Alabama crushed Washington State, 24-0, before a crowd of 60,000. Wade announced on New Year's Eve that he planned to start his second team. The sportswriters were incredulous. But Wade, who felt Alabama was two touchdowns better, meant it and, in fact, did open with his second unit.

The Cougars entered the field dressed completely in red from head to toe. Their helmets, jerseys, pants, socks and shoes were red. The play seemed to work early on, as the Cougars held the upper hand most of the first quarter but didn't come close to scoring.

Late in the period Wade inserted his first string and things began to pop. The Crimson Tide rushed for 21 points in the second quarter — much like its 20-point third quarter in 1926 that spelled defeat for a stunned Washington team — and another field goal in the third to win, 24-0. Much of the damage was done in a wild, six-minute stretch.

After 13 straight plays on the ground, from its own 39, Alabama left end Jimmy Moore returned and sped into his own backfield when the march reached the WSU 43-yard line. He received the ball from fullback Johnny Cain, took a few steps and spiraled a long pass downfield. Left halfback John "Flash" Suther gathered it in full stride on the Washington State 22 and raced untouched to the end zone to complete the 43-yard scoring play.

Crimson Tide center Jess Eberdt intercepted a Cougar pass on the WSU 47. From the WSU 41, Moore again passed, hitting end Ben Smith on the Cougar one where he outfought three Cougar defenders to make the catch. "Monk" Campbell powered in for the score from a yard out on the next play.

Lightning struck quickly the next time Alabama got the ball. Campbell, on a beautifully setup fake to Moore, shot through left guard, wriggled free of a State man's clutches and bolted 43 yards to score. In that quick stretch, the Crimson Tide had settled the issue for the day.

Wade's second team was on the field in the third quarter when the final points were registered. Guard J. B. "Ears" Whitworth, later head coach at Alabama, kicked a 30-yard field goal for the game's final points.

It was a dominant victory for the Crimson Tide. Alabama ran for 232 yards and passed for 101 for a total of 333 yards of total offense. Washington State only mustered 204 total yards and only once seriously threatened to score, fumbling its only real scoring chance on the Alabama 1-yard line.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	21	3	0	-	24
Washington State	0	0	0	0	-	0

Attendance: 60,000 (capacity: 83,000). **Weather:** 57 degrees.

Team	Score		Play
	UA-WSU	Qtr.	
Alabama	7-0	2	John Henry Suther 61-yard pass from Jimmy Moore (Monk Campbell kick).
Alabama	14-0	2	Monk Campbell 1-yard run (Campbell kick).
Alabama	21-0	2	Monk Campbell 43-yard run (Campbell kick).
Alabama	24-0	3	J.B. Whitworth 30-yard field goal.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Washington State
First Downs	6	11
Net Yards Rushing	43-232	18-140
Passes A-C-I	8-2-0	17-6-3
Passing Yards	101	64
Total Plays	51	35
Total Yards	333	204
Punts-Avg.	11-36.5	10-36.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-4
Penalties-Yards	5-53	3-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Monk Campbell 13-114.

Washington State: Porter Lainhart 7-68; Elmer Schwartz 11-44.

PASSING

Alabama: Jimmy Moore 2-8-0, 101 yards.

Washington State: Oscar Jones 6-17-3, 64 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: John Henry Suther 2-101 yards, 1 TD.

Washington State: George Sander 3-51; Stanley Shaw 1-13.

1935 ROSE BOWL

Alabama 29, Stanford 13

PASADENA, Calif. (Jan. 1, 1935) — “Dixie Howell, the human howitzer from Hartford, Ala., blasted the Rose Bowl dreams of Stanford today with one of the greatest all-around exhibitions football has ever known,” was the lead written by legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice. Alabama blasted Stanford, 29-13, with Howell teaming with the incomparable pass catching end, Don Hutson, to electrify the crowd of 84,474 with a 22-point second quarter explosion.

Stanford’s “Vow Boys,” named for their vow as freshmen to never lose again to USC after a loss to the freshman team in 1932, were now juniors. They’d lost to Columbia, 7-0, the previous year in one of the biggest upsets in Rose Bowl history when Columbia used a trick play that year for the only score of the game. In contrast, there was nothing tricky about Alabama’s game this day – the Crimson Tide relied on the lethal, immortal connection of Howell and Hutson to pass for 214 yards.

In the entire calendar year of 1934 – including the 1934 Rose Bowl game – this Stanford team had given up a total of 21 points. In the 13 minutes before halftime in the 1935 Rose Bowl game, Alabama scored 22. In those 15 minutes, Alabama completed eight of nine passes for 150 yards and gained another 106 yards on the ground. Howell himself gained 96 yards in the air on four completions to Hutson and three more to end Paul “Bear” Bryant. Howell also had a sensational 67-yard sprint for a touchdown.

Alabama had the ball for four plays in the first quarter and made four yards. Stanford actually opened the scoring. Recovering a fumble on the Alabama 29-yard line, Stanford – carried by Bobby Grayson, “Bones” Hamilton and “Buck” Van Dellen – thundered through the Alabama defense and marched straight to a 7-0 lead. Then came the Crimson Tide’s reinforcements.

Howell completed a 17-yard pass to Hutson, then threw completions of 12 and 15 yards to other receivers before Howell scored from the five early in the second quarter to tie the game. As rules allowed in those days, Stanford chose to kickoff as if to show Alabama’s score was a fluke. Howell started the ensuing possession with a 25-yard pass to Hutson, then passed to Bryant for 18 and then back to Hutson for five more. On fourth down with the ball on the Stanford six, Hutson held while Riley Smith kicked a 22-yard field goal for a 9-7 Alabama lead. Still not convinced, Stanford stubbornly kicked off again.

On the second play following the kickoff, Howell swung to his right and swerved for the sidelines and raced 67 yards for a touchdown that sent the crowd to its feet, agog at this masterly piece of running. Alabama now led, 16-7.

Joe Riley replaced Howell at quarterback, but the results were similar. He hit Hutson with a 54-yard pass for a touchdown on Alabama’s next possession to end the half and seal the verdict with a 22-7 Crimson Tide lead.

The Howell to Hutson battery remained dormant until early in the fourth quarter. From the Alabama 41, the duo struck again. Hutson caught Howell’s long spiral on the Stanford 30 and sprinted in from there for his second touchdown, this one spanning a total of 59 yards to close the scoring.

When Howell left the game in the fourth quarter after a 52-yard punt, he had accounted for 239 yards of total offense (71 yards rushing, 160 yards passing) while completing nine of 12 pass attempts, had punted six times for an average of 43.8 yards, and had returned four kickoffs for 74 yards. All told, he amassed 313 all-purpose yards (rushing, passing, and return yards). Hutson finished the day with eight catches for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

“No team in the history of football, anywhere, anytime, has passed the ball as Alabama passed it today,” wrote Ralph McGill in the Atlanta Constitution. “And no man ever passed as did Dixie Howell, the swift sword of the Crimson attack.”

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	22	0	7	-	29
Stanford.....	7	0	6	0	-	13

Attendance: 84,474 (capacity: 83,000). **Weather:** 68 degrees.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Play
Stanford	0-7	1	Bobby Grayson 1-yard run (James “Monk” Moscrip kick).
Alabama	7-7	2	Dixie Howell 5-yard run (Riley Smith kick).
Alabama	10-7	2	Riley Smith 27-yard field goal.
Alabama	16-7	2	Howell 67-yard run (Smith kick failed).
Alabama	22-7	2	Don Hutson 54-yard pass from Joe Riley (Don Hutson kick failed).
Stanford	22-13	3	Buck Van Dellen 12-yard run (Moscrip kick failed).
Alabama	29-13	4	Hutson 59-yard pass from Howell (Smith kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Stanford
First Downs	12	14
Net Yards Rushing	23-167	43-204
Passes A-C-I	13-10-1	23-5-4
Passing Yards	216	86
Total Plays	36	66
Total Yards	383	290
Punts-Avg.	6-43.5	6-37.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-4
Penalties-Yards	4-40	4-40

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Stanford: Bobby Grayson 16-98, 1 TD; Buck Van Dellen 14-49, 1 TD; Robert Hamilton 12-50; Frank Alustiza 1-7.

Alabama: Dixie Howell 16-111, 2 TDs; Jimmy Angelich 4-23; Young Boozer 2-22; Joe Domnanovich 1-11.

PASSING

Stanford: Frank Alustiza 5-23-4; 92 yards.

Alabama: Dixie Howell 9-12-1, 163 yards; Joe Riley 1-1-0, 53 yards.

RECEIVING

Stanford: Monk Moscrip 5-92.

Alabama: Don Hutson 8-164, 2 TDs; Paul Bryant 2-33; Ralph Gandy 4-9; Jimmy Angelich 1-10.

1938 ROSE BOWL

(2) California 13, (4) Alabama 0

PASADENA, Calif. (Jan. 1, 1938) — Head Coach Frank Thomas' 1937 Alabama team was not one of his best, but none was better coached or accomplished quite so much with what it had. After four previously victorious trips to Pasadena, Alabama finally faced the other side of the outcome in its fifth Rose Bowl appearance as the Golden Bears of California dominated the Crimson Tide, 13-0.

This Crimson Tide team had experienced several close calls in the season on the way to this Rose Bowl berth. Sandy Sanford literally kicked his team to Pasadena, winning two crucial games with field goals. In the Tulane game, Sanford booted a 32-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter when Alabama had only six men on the line of scrimmage. The illegal formation was undetected by officials and the Tide won, 9-6. Later in the season, Sanford beat Vanderbilt, 9-7, with another late-game field goal. In the Rose Bowl, however, there was no opportunity for Sanford's heroics.

California, coached by Leonard B. "Stub" Allison, demonstrated too much power and speed, better balance, and some exceptionally skilled and rugged players in center Bob Herwig, end Perry Schwartz, quarterback Johnny Meek, guard Vard Stockton, and halfback Sam Chapman, the latter soon to become a major league outfielder.

But the star of the game was Vic Bottari, a junior tailback who started his career as a virtual nonentity on the Golden Bear squad. Bottari scored both touchdowns against Alabama on almost identical plays in the second and third quarters, quick, well-escorted trips around right end of three and five yards, respectively. Bottari rushed for 137 yards and both touchdowns in the game.

The scoring started soon after California's Sam Chapman punted to Alabama's safety, who was hit so hard by end Perry Schwartz that the ball squirted to the turf, and Schwartz recovered. California punched over the first touchdown to culminate a 63-yard, 13-play land march. Alabama couldn't check driving, brutal power smashes accompanied by paralyzing blocking. Bottari scored from four yards out to give the Golden Bears a lead they would never lose.

The second scoring drive, this one in the third quarter, was an uncanny resemblance of the first. California took over on Alabama 48-yard line, and Chapman and Bottari led another hard-charging ground march that took nine plays (no passes) to reach paydirt. Bottari again punched it in, this time from 5 yards out. Chapman missed the extra point, but it wouldn't matter.

Alabama threatened twice in the game, reaching the Bears' 2- and 7-yard lines, but they fumbled both times. In fact, because of the four fumbles Alabama lost, the Cal victory was criticized as one wrought with bad breaks for the Tide that, inversely, were good breaks for the Bears. But the consensus was that those "breaks" were actually forced fumbles caused by strong, hard tackling by the Cal defenders.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	0	0	0	-	0
California	0	7	6	0	-	13

Attendance: 89,650 (capacity: 87,677). **Weather:** 73 degrees.

Team	Score		Play
	UA-UC	Qtr.	
California	0-7	2	Vic Bottari 4-yard run (Sam Chapman kick).
Drive: 13 plays, 63 yards.			
California	0-13	3	Bottari 5-yard run (Chapman kick failed).
Drive: 9 plays, 48 yards.			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	California
First Downs	10	11
Rushing	7	10
Passing	2	1
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Yards	39-142	53-201
Passes A-C-I	12-3-4	9-2-2
Passing Yards	22	22
Total Plays	51	62
Total Yards	164	223
Punts-Avg.	8-40.3	10-39.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	3-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

California: Vic Bottari 32-130; Sam Chapman 12-49; Dave Anderson 9-22.
Alabama: Charlie Holm 14-59; Joe Kilgrow 16-40; Herschel Mosley 4-24; George Zivich 3-10; Tex Shoemaker 1-7; Erin "Tut" Warren 1-2.

PASSING

California: Vic Bottari 2-9-2, 22 yards.
Alabama: Joe Kilgrow 3-3-2, 22 yards; Herschel Mosley 0-1-2, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Tex Shoemaker 2-12; Vic Bradford 1-10.

1942 COTTON BOWL

(20) Alabama 29, (9) Texas A&M 21

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 1, 1942) — It was the early days of World War II, so the nation's attention certainly wasn't focused on football, but what the crowd at the Cotton Bowl Stadium witnessed on the first day of 1942 would be long remembered as one of the most unlikely football games ever played. Alabama's opportunistic Crimson Tide whipped Texas A&M, 29-21, under very bizarre circumstances.

The Crimson Tide made only one first down while A&M had 13. Alabama gained only 75 yards total offense, as opposed to 309 for the Aggies. The Tide completed just one pass while A&M completed 13 and Alabama ran just 33 plays, as opposed to 81 by the Aggies. Yet the Tide led 29-7 midway in the fourth quarter, and held off an Aggie rush at the end to wind up with what remains to this day one of the most amazing bowl wins in history.

In spite of all the statistical anomalies previously noted, the only significant statistics were seven Alabama pass interceptions and five fumble recoveries, for a total of 12 turnovers by A&M. Perhaps only one fact made the difference in this game — Alabama had Jimmie Nelson while the Aggies didn't. Almost single-handedly, Nelson was the difference in the game.

The Aggies scored first. Leo Daniels set up the touchdown on his first play in the game by returning a punt 44 yards to the Alabama 18-yard line. Three plays later — on the second play of the second quarter — Daniels pitched a pass to end Herman Cowley for a 12-yard touchdown. Jake Webster's kick gave A&M a 7-0 lead.

Alabama responded less than three minutes later. Daniels fumbled and Alabama tackle Don Whitmire recovered the ball on the Aggie 25. Nelson connected with Holt Rast on a 17-yard pass to the Aggie 8. On third down, Nelson crossed up the Aggie defense on a beautifully executed reverse as he started to the right, then handed the ball to halfback Russ Craft, who raced to the left to go the eight yards for a touchdown. George Hecht's extra point kick knotted the score at 7-7.

Nelson stopped an Aggie threat with an interception in the end zone at the end of the first half to preserve the tie. Nelson then put the Tide ahead for good on the second half kickoff. He took Derace Moser's low line drive kick at the Alabama 28, slipped off a tackler at the 30, then followed a convoy of blockers to complete a 72-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and a 13-7 Crimson Tide lead. Hecht's try for the extra point was blocked.

Late in the third quarter, Nelson again scored. Daniels fumbled a Nelson punt and Alabama end Sam Sharp recovered at the Aggie 21. On the first play, Nelson started to the right, cut back through the Aggie left tackle and managed to avoid six Leading Tacklers on a 21-yard touchdown run. Hecht's conversion gave the Tide a 20-7 lead.

Early in the fourth quarter, an interception led to a 31-yard field goal by Hecht for a 23-7 Alabama lead. A Nelson punt that rolled dead on the Aggie 4-yard line enabled the Tide to the margin a short time later. Passing from his own 10-yard line, A&M's Moser fired a pass to Aggie end Jake Webster, who tipped it into the hands of Rast, who promptly returned the intercepted pass 12 yards for a touchdown. Hecht's conversion kick was blocked.

The Aggies managed to punch over two late touchdowns in the final period, but it was not enough as Alabama claimed its fourth victory in six bowl games. Alabama coach Frank Thomas clearly had his team prepared for the Aggies, the nation's leading passing team. The victory was a typical Alabama bowl victory as the Tide simply wasted few scoring opportunities, seizing every break and making them pay off.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	13	9	-	29
Texas A&M.....	0	7	0	14	-	21

Attendance: 38,000 (capacity: 46,200). **Weather:** Sunny, windy, 38 degrees.

Team	Score		Play
	UA-A&M	Qtr.	
Texas A&M	0-7	2	Harold Cowley 12-yard pass from Leo Daniels (Jake Webster kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 18 yards.			
Alabama	7-7	2	Russ Craft 8-yard run (George Hecht kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 24 yards.			
Alabama	13-7	3	Jimmie Nelson 72-yard kickoff return (Hecht kick blocked).
Alabama	20-7	3	Nelson 21-yard run (Hecht kick).
Drive: 1 play, 21 yards.			
Alabama	23-7	4	George Hecht 31-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 3 yards.			
Alabama	29-7	4	Holt Rast 10-yard interception return (Hecht kick blocked).
Texas A&M	29-14	4	Jake Webster 1-yard run (Webster kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 54 yards.			
Texas A&M	29-21	4	James Sterling 34-yard pass from Derace Moser (Webster kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 74 yards.			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas A&M
First Downs	1	13
Rushing	0	3
Passing	1	6
Penalty	0	4
Rushes-Yards	26-59	39-115
Passes A-C-I	7-1-0	42-13-7
Passing Yards	16	194
Total Plays	33	81
Total Yards	75	309
Punts-Avg.	16-36.3	7-36.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	6-5
Penalties-Yards	8-81	1-5

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Jimmie Nelson 10-48; Russ Craft 1-8; Howard Hughes 3-6; Carl Mims 1-2; Louie Scales 1-2; Don Salls 5-0; Dave Brown 5-(-5).
Texas A&M: Jake Webster 12-52; Derace Moser 16-31; Dennis Andricks 3-16; Marshall Spivey 1-8; Leo Daniels 5-3; Cullen Rogers 1-(-5).

PASSING

Alabama: Jimmie Nelson 1-7-0, 16 yards.
Texas A&M: Derace Moser 25-6-5, 119 yards, 1 TD; Leo Daniels 15-7-1, 75 yards, 1 TD; Dennis Andricks 1-0-1, 0 yards; Jake Webster 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Holt Rast 1-16.
Texas A&M: James Sterling 5-114, 1 TD; Harold Cowley 3-18, 1 TD; Cullen Rogers 3-54; Marshall Spivey 1-8; Leo Daniels 1-0.

1943 ORANGE BOWL

(10) Alabama 37, (8) Boston College 21

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1943) — Stung by two first quarter Boston College touchdowns, Alabama's All-American center Joe Domnanovich called his team into a huddle as they awaited a kickoff. "Don't give up," he said, simply but firmly. "We haven't had a chance to go with the ball yet. We're going to receive and we're going to run them into the ground."

Twenty minutes later, at halftime, Alabama was in front, 22- 21, and won the game, 37-21.

Mike Holovak, the Eagles' swift-striding right halfback, scored on runs of 65 and 35 yards to put Boston College in front early. Then Alabama went to work.

Russ Craft, Dave Brown, Johnny August and Russ Mosley tore off big chunks of turf and the Eagle defense caved in. Bobby Tom Jenkins raced 40 yards for one score. Boston College made a comeback effort and went ahead 21-19 just before halftime, but George Hecht booted a 25-yard field goal to put Alabama on top, 22-21, at intermission. The Tide added 15 more points in the second half.

Wheeler Leeth scored on a 14-yard pass from Mosley, Ted Cook grabbed a 17-yard scoring aerial from August, Jenkins scored twice on runs of 40 and one, and August faked a pass and ran around right end for a 15 yard score. Hecht kicked a field goal and two extra points and Domnanovich even put two points on the board by tackling an Eagle in the end zone for a safety.

Bill Cullingham, a columnist for the *Boston Post*, wrote, "When you're beaten as clearly and as splendidly as was Boston College today, the only thing to do is stand and salute as the victors go by. It was a fine game, played in the truest tradition of sportsmanship, brilliantly won and gallantly lost in a magnificent setting, so in taste with the times that none who saw it will ever forget it."

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	22	6	9	-	37
Boston College.....	14	7	0	0	-	21

Attendance: 30,000 (capacity: 23,330). Weather: Sunny, 62 degrees.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Boston College	0-7	1	13:35	Mike Holovak 65-yard run (Harry Connolly kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 80 yards.				
Boston College	0-14	1		Holovak 33-yard run (Connolly kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 72 yards.				
Alabama	7-14	2		Wheeler Leeth 14-yard pass from Russ Mosley (George Hecht kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 60 yards.				
Alabama	13-14	2		Ted Cook 17-yard pass from Johnny August (kick failed).
Drive: 4 plays, 33 yards.				
Alabama	19-14	2		Bobby Jenkins 40-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 5 plays, 58 yards.				
Boston College	19-21	2		Holovak 2-yard run (Connolly kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 70 yards.				
Alabama	22-21	2		George Hecht 15-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 50 yards.				
Alabama	28-21	3		August 15-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 6 plays, 54 yards.				
Alabama	35-21	4		Jenkins 1-yard run (Hecht kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 68 yards.				
Alabama	37-21	4		Safety - Joe Domnanovich tackled Connolly in end zone.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Boston College
First Downs	13	14
Rushes-Yards	42-246	35-232
Passes A-C-I	15-9-1	20-11-2
Passing Yards	98	170
Total Plays	66	55
Total Yards	341	402
Punts-Avg.	5-42.8	4-33.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-2
Penalties-Yards	4-20	3-11

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Russ Craft 8-80; Bobby Jenkins 9-60, 2 TDs; Johnny August 9-48, 1 TD; Don Salls 4-31; Russ Mosley 5-22; Lou Scales 1-4; Al Sabo 1-1; Dave Brown 4-0; George Gammon 1-0.

Boston College: Mike Holovak 10-157, 3 TDs; Bob Mangene 10-50; Carl Lucas 5-22; Bernard Lanoue 3-15; Ed Doherty 1-2; John Killelea 1-(-4); Harry Connolly 5-(-10).

PASSING

Alabama: Russ Mosley 6-9-0, 40 yards, 1 TD; Johnny August 3-4-0, 60 yards, 1 TD; Monk Mosley 0-2-1, 0 yards.

Boston College: Harold Connolly 9-14-1, 119 yards; Carl Lucas 2-3-0, 51 yards; Bill Boyce 0-2-1, 0 yards; Bill Commene 0-1-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Sam Sharp 3-32; Wheeler Leeth 2-26, 1 TD; James Roberts 1-22; Ted Cook 1-17, 1 TD; Jim McWhorter 1-2; Russ Craft 1-(-1).

Boston College: Chester Lipka 3-38; Charles Furbush 3-35; Don Currivan 2-2; Mike Holovak 1-43; John Killelea 1-43; Walter Boudreau 1-9.

1945 SUGAR BOWL

(11) Duke 29, Alabama 26

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1945) — To say that the 1945 Sugar Bowl game was charged with drama every minute, it wouldn't be much of an exaggeration. The lead changed four times. The outcome was uncertain until the last second.

The heart-throbbing finish pulled 72,000 people out of their seats. In the final analysis, it was the power and experience of Duke's Navy trainees that prevailed over Alabama's inspired wartime civilian group, 29-26.

Harry Gilmer hit the tough Duke line hard for important gains and made many tackles, personally downing the Blue Devils ball carrier after every kickoff. One of Gilmer's passes stood out. Forced far back, Gilmer tripped over one Duke man. Two more Blue Devils got a piece of him. Suddenly, he broke loose for an instant, leaped high, and whipped the ball 41 yards to Ralph Jones, a big end.

On the game's final play, Gilmer fired another long pass to Jones, who just missed scoring a touchdown on a 33-yard gainer to Duke's 25. It was written and said that, at the time, never had one so young performed so brilliantly in a bowl game.

Duke led early, 7-0, but Gilmer's aerial attack set up three Crimson Tide touchdowns before Duke could score again, making it 19-13 at halftime.

Trailing 20-19 early in the fourth quarter, Alabama threw back the Blue Devils on the Tide 12. But the Crimson Tide surged forward again, this time with Hugh Morrow intercepting a Cliff Lewis pass and running 78 yards for the score.

Duke took the kickoff and drove to the Alabama 1-yard line before the Crimson Tide held on a goal-line stand, getting the ball back on downs.

With three minutes remaining, Alabama coach Frank Thomas took a calculated risk and sent in orders to give up two points through an intentional safety. Thomas hoped for a long, high punt from the 20 by John Wade, who would have plenty of time.

The strategy backfired. The punt sailed 40 yards. Duke's George Clark returned it 20 yards to Alabama's 40, from where the Blue Devils cracked the Tide defense for the winning touchdown in two inspired runs.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Duke.....	7	6	7	9	-	29
Alabama	12	7	0	7	-	26

Attendance: 72,000 (capacity: 72,000). **Weather:** Sunny and cold.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Duke	0-7	1	12:35	George Clark 15-yard run (Harold Raether kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 67 yards.				
Alabama	6-7	1		Norwood Hodges 1-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 6 plays, 64 yards.				
Alabama	12-7	1		Hodges 1-yard run (kick blocked).
Drive: 7 plays, 97 yards.				
Alabama	19-7	2		Ralph Jones 12-yard pass from Harry Gilmer (Hugh Morrow kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards.				
Duke	19-13	2		Tom Davis 2-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 4 plays, 63 yards.				
Duke	19-20	3		Davis 1-yard run (Raether kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 64 yards.				
Alabama	26-20	4		Hugh Morrow 78-yard interception return (Morrow kick).
Duke	26-22	4		Safety, intentional grounding in end zone.
Duke	26-29	4		Clark 20-yard run (Raether kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 40 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Duke
First Downs	8	21
Rushes-Yards	31-101	64-315
Passes A-C-I	8-8-0	8-4-1
Passing Yards	145	46
Total Plays	39	72
Total Yards	246	361
Punts-Avg.	6-40.7	4-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	1-1	1-7

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Harry Gilmer 11-36; Norwood Hodges 11-30, 2 TDs.

Duke: George Clark 14-114, 2 TDs; Tom Davis 27-93, 2 TDs; Cliff Lewis 11-53; Jim LaRue 2-36; Gordon Carver 2-31; Lee Spears 4-5; Clarke Jones 1-(-1); Cliff Haggerty 1-(-7); Team 2-(-9).

PASSING

Alabama: Harry Gilmer 8-8-0, 145 yards, 1 TD.

Duke: Cliff Lewis 3-7-1, 40 yards; Tom Davis 1-1-0, 6 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ralph Jones 4-138, 1 TD; Hal Self 2-6; Hugh Morrow 2-1.

Duke: Gordon Carver 3-33; Harold Raether 1-13.

1946 ROSE BOWL

(3) Alabama 34, (11) Southern California 14

PASADENA, Calif. (Jan. 1, 1946) — This was Alabama's sixth trip to the Rose Bowl and, although the Crimson Tide had enjoyed great success against the West Coast powers, a lot of that region's news media and fans had always said, "You've never played Southern Cal." There wasn't much of that commentary after the outcome of this one as Alabama won, 34-14.

At halftime, Alabama led 20-0. Troy's 21 plays had resulted in a net loss of 24 yards. Not until the score was 27-0 in the third quarter did Southern California make a first down.

Alabama's "wooden horse" toppled the men of Troy like no team ever before. USC had won eight straight Pasadena battles since 1923. Fortunately, Alabama head coach Frank Thomas was merciful. For Thomas it was his last bowl trip as a coach. His health began to fail in 1946 and he was forced to give up coaching in 1947. He died May 10, 1954.

Alabama outgained USC 351 to 41. Troy's running offense netted just six yards.

Harry Gilmer, the Crimson Tide's extraordinary passer, threw only 11 times, resulting in one touchdown. But he ran for 116 yards on 16 carries. Hal Self scored twice, sneaking over from the one and on a 24-yard Gilmer pass. Gilmer went over from the one, and Lowell Tew hit left guard from the two for points and Norwood Hodges scored up the middle on a one-yard plunge. Hugh Morrow kicked four extra points.

The resounding victory assured Thomas a place among the all-time coaching greats. Some 15 years later, Alabama team captain Tom Whitley remarked: "Coach Thomas's system would go today. He used innovations no scout could capture with notes and against which no defense could be surely set."

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	13	7	7	-	34
Southern California.....	0	0	0	14	-	14

Attendance: 94,000 (capacity: 87,677). **Weather:** 76 degrees, Sunny.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-SC	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1			Hal Self 1-yard run (Hugh Morrow kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 15 yards.					
Alabama	14-0	2			Harry Gilmer 5-yard run (Morrow kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 68 yards.					
Alabama	20-0	2			Lowell Tew 2-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 4 plays, 64 yards.					
Alabama	27-0	3			Norwood Hodges 1-yard run (Morrow kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 39 yards.					
Alabama	34-0	4			Hal Self 24-yard pass from Harry Gilmer (Morrow kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 78 yards.					
USC	34-7	4			Harry Adelman 26-yard pass from Verl Lillywhite (Jerry Bowman kick).
Drive: 1 plays, 26 yards.					
USC	34-14	4			Chick Clark 28-yard blocked punt return (Lillywhite kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	USC
First Downs	18	3
Rushes-Yards	62-292	33-6
Passes A-C-I	12-4-1	11-2-2
Passing Yards	59	35
Total Plays	74	44
Total Yards	351	41
Punts-Avg.	4-19.3	6-47.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	6-3
Penalties-Yards	5-35	3-15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Harry Gilmer 16-116, 1 TD; James Corbitt 8-48; Lowell Tew 12-42, 1 TD; Gordon Pettus 6-37; Norwood Hodges 9-21, 1 TD; Louis Scales 2-13; James Robertson 3-11; Harold Self 2-4, 1 TD.

USC: Ted Tannehill 7-15; Robert Morris 5-8; Clarence Harvey 2-8; Lawrence 2-7; Ragan 1-4; McNutt 1-3; Cole 1-2; Joe Scott 1-(-5); Jerry Bowman 4-(-8); Verl Lillywhite 3-(-28).

PASSING

Alabama: Harry Gilmer 12-4-1, 59 yards, 1 TD.

USC: Verl Lillywhite 6-1-1, 26 yards, 1 TD; Jerry Bowman 5-1-1, 9 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Hal Self 1-24, 1 TD; James Corbitt 1-19.

USC: Harry Adelman 1-26, 1 TD.

1948 SUGAR BOWL

(5) Texas 27, (6) Alabama 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1948) — It is a peculiar fact that some of the most celebrated backs in the Southeastern Conference came to grief in New Orleans in their final game. Names coming to mind of those so ill-fated are Billy Cannon (1960), Johnny Majors (1957), Hank Lauricella (1952), and Harry Gilmer (1948).

Three years before, Gilmer, the Alabama sharpshooter, had heard the multitudes' roar of applause in the Sugar Bowl. It was a far cry from the reaction of 72,000 fans who saw Texas thwart Gilmer and the Crimson Tide, 27-7. He completed only three of his 11 passes and ran for a mere five yards. Loudest cheers went to Texas quarterback Bobby Layne. He sent the ball aloft 24 times and made connections ten times for 183 yards.

Both ground attacks were virtually ineffective as Alabama rushed for 41 yards and Texas to 59.

The Tide was not outplayed to the extent the score would indicate. The difference could have been a touchdown. The first half ended in a 7-7 standoff. Texas' last three touchdowns were achieved by defensive alertness. Or, to say it another way, Alabama committed three expensive errors — having a punt blocked, having a pass intercepted and run back for a touchdown, and fumbling deep in its own territory.

The left side of the Longhorns' line swarmed into the backfield when Norman Mosley tried to punt from Alabama's 25 in the third quarter. Left tackle George Petrovich blocked the kick and left guard Vic Vasicek recovered in the end zone for a touchdown.

Alabama appeared to wilt after that but displayed the heart to stall Texas drives twice within its 10. Then, with six minutes left and the Tide gambling to tie or win, Gilmer was rushed hard and threw desperately over oncoming Longhorns' upraised arms. End Lewis Holder intercepted the soft, short, high pitch. He raced for the red flag at the corner of the field 18 yards away, just making it in.

A few plays after that, Holder pounced on a Gilmer fumble five yards from another touchdown. Layne scored that one on a sneak.

In addition to the times they reached the promised land the Longhorns, in writing a brilliant finale to Blair Cherry's first season as head coach, missed the boat on several other occasions. In the second quarter Texas went from the Alabama 46 to the 12 where Rebel Steiner knocked down Layne's fourth down pass intended for Billy Pyle, who was a great back all afternoon.

Again in the third quarter, Texas went from the Alabama 45 to the 27 where another passing attack died. But the Steers came back knocking and went to the seven before bogging down. Layne finally attempted a field goal from the 15, but it was partially blocked. Texas also missed a third score in the fourth period when a 65-yard drive carried all the way to within one foot of the Crimson Tide goal. But there the center of the Crimson forward wall rose up and smacked down Jimmy Canady on a try through the middle.

The result was a shock to Alabama followers who expected the large senior contingent, stars of freshman and sophomore appearances in bowl games, to finish in grand fashion. Texas was faster, more powerful, and deserved to win.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Texas	7	0	7	13	-	27
Alabama	0	7	0	0	-	7

Attendance: 72,000 (capacity: 72,000). **Weather:** 44 degrees, Sunny.

Team	Score	Time	Play
	UA-UT	Qtr.	Left
Texas	0-7	1	Ralph Blount 4-yard pass from Bobby Layne (Frank Guess kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 71 yards.			
Alabama	7-7	2	Ed White 8-yard pass from Harry Gilmer (Hugh Morrow kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 41 yards.			
Texas	7-14	3	Vic Vasicek blocked punt recovery in end zone (Guess kick).
Texas	7-20	4	Lewis Holder 18-yard pass interception return (kick failed).
Texas	7-27	4	Layne 1-yard run (Guess kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 5 yards.			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas
First Downs	7	14
Rushes-Yards	28-41	50-59
Passes A-C-I	17-4-2	24-10-0
Passing Yards	62	183
Total Plays	45	74
Total Yards	103	242
Punts-Avg.	8-38.6	6-33.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	3-15	1-5

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Red Noonan 5-20; Lowell Tew 7-17; Bill Cadenhead 4-11; Charley Davis 1-9; Norman Mosley 1-2; Harry Gilmer 10-(-18).

Texas: James Canady 16-24; Billy Pyle 10-22; Tom Landry 8-15; Byron Gillory 2-3; Paul Campbell 1-(-1); Bobby Layne 12-(-2), 1 TD; Randall Clay 1-(-2).

PASSING

Alabama: Harry Gilmer 11-3-2, 35 yards, 1 TD; Norman Mosley 1-0-0, 0 yards.

Texas: Bobby Layne 24-10-0, 183 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ed White 2-19, 1 TD; Charley Davis 1-27; Rebel Steiner 1-16.

Texas: Ralph Blount 3-32, 1 TD; James Canady 3-20; Billy Pyle 2-79; Max Bumgardner 2-52.

1953 ORANGE BOWL

(9) Alabama 61, (14) Syracuse 6

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1953) — New Year's Day 1953 was the first on which football fans could see, through the medium of television, bowl games in Pasadena, Dallas, New Orleans, and Miami. Receipts increased greatly with bigger checks for competing schools and their conference brethren.

Meanwhile, Alabama crushed Syracuse, champion of the East, 61-6, in the Orange Bowl. Many in the crowd of 66,280 left in the third quarter so they could see more of other bowl games on TV at home.

Because the game was lasting so long, an Orange Bowl committee man reportedly approached the timekeeper and suggested the game, nearly three hours old at the time, might be sped up because it was about to be cut off the network.

Fifteen records were set in the fiasco, televised nationally by CBS. Even the deepest Alabama substitutes among the 46 Crimson Tide players were record-minded. "We didn't want to leave any still standing," explained tackle Van Marcus.

Alabama rushed for 286 yards and passed for 300. Its total offense of 586 yards and the sum of 818 for both teams were Orange Bowl records.

It was a close contest for a quarter when Alabama led, 7-6. After two periods the score was 20-6. And in the second half, "I just couldn't stop them," said Coach Harold (Red) Drew, a native of Maine who came to Alabama as end coach under Frank Thomas and developed Don Hutson, Paul Bryant, and Holt Rast, among others.

Soon after the game the Orange Bowl committee signed contracts with the Big Eight (then Big Seven) and the Atlantic Coast Conference. Their representatives met for the next five years.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	14	20	20	-	61
Syracuse	6	0	0	0	-	6

Attendance: 66,280 (capacity: 64,552). **Weather:** 67 degrees; Sunny; Wind from the North at 10 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-SU	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	8:13		Bobby Luna 27-yard pass from Clell Hobson (Bobby Luna kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 39 yards.					
Syracuse	7-6	1	2:45		Joe Szombathy 15-yard pass from Pat Stark (kick failed).
Drive: 11 plays, 78 yards.					
Alabama	14-6	2	13:11		Bobby Marlow 1-yard run (Luna kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 78 yards.					
Alabama	21-6	2	4:40		Corky Tharp 50-yard pass from Hobson (Luna kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 69 yards.					
Alabama	28-6	3	13:05		Luna 38-yard run (Luna kick).
Drive: 1 play, 38 yards.					
Alabama	35-6	3	10:00		Tommy Lewis 1-yard run (Luna kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 39 yards.					
Alabama	41-6	3			Lewis 30-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 3 plays, 51 yards.					
Alabama	47-6	4	14:50		Joe Cummings 21-yard pass from Bart Starr (kick blocked).
Drive: 16 plays, 79 yards.					
Alabama	54-6	4			Hootie Ingram 80-yard punt return (kick failed).
Alabama	61-6	4			Marvin Hill 60-yard interception return (Luna kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Syracuse
First Downs	25	15
Rushes-Yards	45-286	30-75
Passes A-C-I	34-22-2	34-17-5
Passing Yards	300	157
Total Plays	67	64
Total Yards	586	232
Punts-Avg.	3-30.0	8-35.0
Punt Returns	5-168	1-2
Kickoff Returns	2-16	8-23
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-45	5-42

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Tommy Lewis 11-77, 2 TDs; Corky Tharp 7-62; Bobby Luna 4-51, 1 TD; Bobby Marlow 10-32, 1 TD; Clell Hobson 4-27; Bart Starr 1-13; Bill Stone 1-10; Bill Kilroy 2-6; Bob Conway 4-6; Charles Malcolm 1-2.
Syracuse: Bob Leberman 14-36; Mark Hoffman 4-16.

PASSING

Alabama: Clell Hobson 22-14-2, 207 yards, 2 TDs; Bart Starr 12-8-0, 93 yards, 1 TD.
Syracuse: Pat Stark 34-17-5, 157 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Joe Curtis 8-65; Joe Cummings 2-61, 1 TD; Corky Tharp 2-54, 1 TD; Charles Malcolm 2-47; John McBride 2-18; Bobby Marlow 2-1; Bobby Luna 1-28, 1 TD; Bob Conway 1-12; Hirle Ivy Jr. 1-8; Bill Kilroy 1-6.
Syracuse: Joe Szombathy 5-45, 1 TD; Mark Hoffman 5-43; Bob Leberman 3-23; Don Ronan 1-16; Carl Karilivacz 1-15; Bill Wetzel 1-11; Art Troilo 1-4.

1954 COTTON BOWL

(6) Rice 28, (13) Alabama 6

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 1, 1954) — Rice's Dicky Moegle rolled back the Crimson Tide with one of the greatest exhibitions of football history, scoring touchdowns on on runs of 79, 95 and 34 yards while gaining a total of 265 yards as the Owls swamped Alabama, 28 to 6, in the Cotton Bowl.

On Moegle's second touchdown run, one of the weirdest events in bowl history occurred when Alabama fullback Tommy Lewis leaped off the bench as Moegle was roaring past, along the 45-yard line, and downed him with a fierce block. At the time, Moegle was steaming along with only one man having a chance — and that a doubtful one — of stopping him.

Rice was leading, 7-6, midway in the second quarter. The Owls were in possession on their own 5. Alabama had just muffed a scoring opportunity. Then, Moegle's signal was called. Taking a handoff from quarterback LeRoy Fenstemaker, he turned right end as his blockers did their job efficiently and headed for the Alabama goal line.

As Moegle approached midfield near the sidelines in front of the Alabama bench, it appeared no player could stop him. No one, that is, except Lewis, who was on the bench, and suddenly ran onto the field bareheaded, and threw his body into Moegle's legs. Moegle was felled on Alabama's 41. Then the alternate captain of the Tide retreated quickly to the spot he had vacated and sat there with his head down in embarrassment as Coach Red Drew stood before him and looked at Lewis in disbelief. Referee Cliff Shaw ruled that Moegle should be credited with a touchdown. The play had started on the Owl 5-yard-line and thus was good for 95 yards.

Although Tide coach Harold (Red) Drew said the Lewis incident had no demoralizing effect on his team, the Southeastern Conference champions were never the same again. A letdown was evident.

It was Lewis who plunged the final foot for a touchdown on a 47-yard advance in the first quarter. Rice went ahead on a 79-yard run by Moegle followed by Fenstemaker's extra point. Moegle scurried 34 yards for another touchdown in the third period as he gained 265 yards of his team's whopping 379 rushing yards. He carried the ball only 11 times, averaging 24.1 yards. After this game, Moegle held four Cotton Bowl records and three all-time major bowl records.

In the third quarter, Moegle sizzled through right tackle and went 34 yards to score. In the final period, he almost did it again as he raced 20 yards down the right side line. Center Ralph Carrigan caught Moegle by a heel to prevent him scoring again. The Owls gained a total of 448 yards to Alabama's 225. Moegle was the difference in the game. Except for his unbridled running, the affair might have been close. Rice was hampered by the early loss of its All-American fullback Kosse Johnson, who went out in the first period when his ailing ankle was sprained again.

The scoring action began when quarterback Bart Starr stole a Rice pass to put the ball in Alabama's possession on the Owl 49. Lewis surged through the middle of the line for 15 yards. On a keeper play, Starr got 12 through left tackle. Lewis got 13 more in two tries to put the ball on the 5. Rice was offside on the next play. With the ball on the 1, Lewis managed to get the ball to within inches of the goal line and then leaped high for the touchdown. The Rice line rolled him back but he had crossed the line with his forward motion. The extra point try of Halfback Bobby Luna was blocked and Alabama led 6 to 0.

After the game, Lewis sorrowfully trudged off the field. "I'm too emotional," he told a reporter. "I kept telling myself, 'I didn't do it. I didn't do it.' But I knew I had. I'm just too full of 'Bama. He just ran too close. I know I'll be hearing about this the rest of my life."

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Rice.....	0	14	7	7	-	28
Alabama	6	0	0	0	-	6

Attendance: 75,504 (capacity: 75,504). **Weather:** 62 degrees; Sunny; Wind from the South-Southwest gusting to 25 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-Rice	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	6-0	1	3:31		Tommy Lewis 1-yard run (kick blocked).
Drive: 7 plays, 49 yards.					
Rice	6-7	2	14:46		Dicky Moegle 79-yard run (Leroy Fenstemaker kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 82 yards.					
Rice	6-14	2	8:34		Moegle 95-yard run (Fenstemaker kick).
Drive: 1 play, 95 yards.					
Rice	6-21	3	4:56		Moegle 34-yard run (Fenstemaker kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 67 yards.					
Rice	6-28	4	14:25		Charles Grantham 7-yard run (Sammie Burk kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Rice
First Downs	11	14
Rushes-Yards	35-188	54-379
Passes A-C-I	16-7-2	10-4-0
Passing Yards	67	59
Total Plays	51	64
Total Yards	255	438
Punts-Avg.	7-42.7	8-25.1
Punt Returns	3-17	4-23
Kickoff Returns	3-77	2-40
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-65	8-89

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Bill Oliver 2-56; Bart Starr 11-54; Tommy Lewis 9-45, 1 TD; Corky Tharp 6-14; Bill Stone 4-11; Bobby Luna 3-8.

Rice: Dicky Moegle 11-265, 3 TDs; Gordon Kellogg 14-32; Mac Taylor 9-20; Robert Garbrecht 3-14; Horton Nestrsta 3-9; Mendel Laviage 3-9; Kosse Johnson 3-8; Charles Grantham 1-7, 1 TD; C. Johnson 2-6; Bill Stone 1-4; Sammie Burk 1-2; Dan Hart 1-2.

PASSING

Alabama: Bart Starr 16-7-0, 67 yards.

Rice: Charles Grantham 5-3-0, 43 yards; Leroy Fenstemaker 4-1-1, 16 yards; Pinky Nisbet 1-0-1, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Joe Cummings 2-37; Bill Stone 2-20; Bill Oliver 1-15; Tommy Lewis 1-3; Hootie Ingram 1-(-8).

Rice: Lamoine Holland 2-28; Blois Bridges 1-16; Robert Garbrecht 1-15.

Bart Starr intercepted 2 passes (21 yards) on defense for Alabama.

1959 LIBERTY BOWL

(12) Penn State 7, (10) Alabama 0

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (Dec. 19, 1959) — Quarterback Galen Hall led Penn State to a 7-0 victory over Alabama in the first Liberty Bowl game. Hall's pass to Roger Kochman on a fake field goal was good for 18 yards and the touchdown on the last play of the second period. Sam Stelletella added the extra point by placement and that was the ball game.

Fumbles plagued both clubs, each team losing the ball four times. In addition, Alabama recovered three of its own. The rash of fumbles was attributed to the 42-degree temperature that seemed colder because of a brisk wind.

Penn State completely dominated the first half, but fizzled on three scoring chances before finally breaking through. The Nittany Lions fumbled and lost the ball on the Alabama eight in the first period. In the second quarter, they got to the one, but Hall's fourth down pass misfired. A field goal attempt by Stelletella from the Alabama 12 was blocked by Billy Richardson.

After a four-yard punt against the stiff wind by Tommy White, Penn State had one more chance on the Alabama 22 with less than a minute to go. They ran off one play, gaining four yards, and then came Hall's scoring pass to Kochman. This was the trickery coach Rip Engle had promised. It was Penn State's first fake field goal of the season.

Hall took over early in the second period after Lucas left the game because of a hip injury. Penn State's talented triple threat quarterback never got back into the ball game. While he was in, Lucas gained 54 yards in nine carries and completed one of four passes for 23 yards. Lucas, however, was the leading ground gainer.

On the fake field goal, Hall appeared to be ready to hold the ball for Stelletella's kick. Instead, he bounced up and pitched to Kochman, who made his way through the startled Alabama defense. It was Alabama's first defeat since its opening loss to Georgia, and Penn State's ninth victory in 11 games.

Two beautiful quick kicks by Gary O'Steen that carried 61 and 64 yards with the help of a following wind, kept Penn State penned up most of the first period. Still the Nittany Lions managed an 89-yard march to the Alabama 1 before Don Cochran, who recovered two fumbles, pounced on a ball jarred loose from Kochman.

Jay Huffman was named the outstanding lineman of the day for his fine center play and excellent linebacking. Engle's Penn State club, which has used a variety of formations in a successful season, leaned heavily to the unbalanced line with both ends on the same side of the center. In the dressing room, Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant had this comment: "We just got a good old sound thrashing."

It was Penn State's first bowl victory in three attempts. In the dressing room, Coach Engle smiled as he said, "We beat them at their own game - defense."

A crowd of 36,211 braved the elements at cavernous Philadelphia Municipal Stadium (later named John F. Kennedy Stadium).

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Penn State.....	0	7	0	0	-	7
Alabama	0	0	0	0	-	0

Attendance: 36,211 (capacity: 100,000). **Weather:** 42 degrees; Partly Cloudy; Wind from the North at 17 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-PSU	Qtr.	Left		
Penn State	0-7	2	0:00		Roger Kochman 18-yard pass from Galen Hall (Sam Stelletella kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 22 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Penn State
First Downs	8	18
Rushing	7	16
Passing	1	2
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	39-109	66-271
Passes A-C-I	8-2-0	11-3-0
Passing Yards	27	45
Total Plays	47	77
Total Yards	131	316
Punts-Avg.	8-34.4	6-29.0
Punt Returns	3-19	2-29
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	7-4	4-4
Penalties-Yards	3-45	5-45

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Pat Trammell 13-37; Scooter Dyess 7-35; W.E. Richardson 7-21; Gary O'Steen 3-13; Charles Allen 1-6; Bobby Skelton 2-0; Leon Fuller 1-0; Jerry Rich 1-(-1); Buddy Wesley 4-(-2).

Penn State: Richie Lucas 8-54; Pat Botula 12-46; Dick Pae 10-40; Sam Sobczak 8-39; Dick Hoak 7-29; Roger Kochman 7-25; Galen Hall 9-22; Jim Kerr 5-16.

PASSING

Alabama: Pat Trammell 4-1-0, 20 yards; Bobby Skelton 4-1-0, 7 yards.

Penn State: Galen Hall 7-2-0, 22 yards, 1 TD; Richie Lucas 4-1-0, 23 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Tommy Brooker 1-20; Norbie Ronsonet 1-7.

Penn State: John Bozick 1-23; Roger Kochman 1-18, 1 TD; Pat Botula 1-4.

1960 BLUEBONNET BOWL

(9) Alabama 3, Texas 3

HOUSTON, Texas (Dec. 17, 1960) - A pair of linemen provided all the scoring as Texas and Alabama battled to a 3-3 deadlock in the second annual Bluebonnet Bowl played in Rice Stadium. A crowd of 68,000 saw Alabama End Tommy Brooker boot a 30-yard field goal in the third period to put the Crimson Tide out front. Then Texas tackle Dan Petty kicked a 20-yard field goal with just 3:44 left to play as the underdog Longhorns tied the score.

Alabama, with a 7-1-1 season record, went into the game as a slim one-point favorite. Except for one strong Alabama threat in the fading seconds of the first period, the game was one of booming punts by Texas' Bobby Nunis and Alabama's Laurien Stapp. The defenses played a mighty role in the game. Texas contained one Alabama drive on the one-yard line, and the Tide blunted Texas' offense and kept the Longhorns bottled up in their own end of the field most of the game.

Alabama got its score midway in the third period. Texas was forced to punt. Nunez' kick was taken on the Tide 40 by Bill Piper, who returned all the way to the Texas 34. Pat Trammel and Mike Fracchia worked to the 28 on two plays. Skelton hit and Norbie Ronsonnet with a pass on the 14. Wilson carried to the 13 and then the Tide lost two downs on incomplete passes.

With fourth down and seven needed for a first down, the Tide elected to try a field goal. The ball was spotted on the 20-yard line and Brooker neatly toed it through the uprights with 7:21 remaining in the period.

Texas took the following kickoff and marched from the 23 to the Alabama 19 and bogged down. Petty came in for a field goal try. The ball was spotted on the 25, but Petty's kick was wide to the left. The big gainer in the Texas march was a 38-yard pass play from Mike Cotten to James Saxton. Texas finally broke into the scoring deep in the last period.

The Longhorns took over on a punt on the 26 and marched to the Tide three in 13 plays. A personal foul against Alabama aided the Texans in a key spot.

Texas pulled a fake field goal on the seven. Petty went in to boot, but instead of kicking, Cotton flipped a pass to Jack Collins on the four. Texas kicked its game-tying field goal on a fourth down and three situation. The ball was spotted on the 10 and Petty kicked good.

Alabama tried to come back via passes, but only got as far as the Texas 35. Texas mustered enough drive to move back into Bama territory and Petty attempted his third field goal try of the day from the 25. The kick was made just as the final gun sounded, but the kick was wide.

Statistics showed Texas had the best offense of the day, picking up 11 first downs to four and outgaining the Tide 124 yards to 65 on the ground. Alabama picked up 151 yards passing to 108 for Texas.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	0	3	0	-	3
Texas	0	0	0	3	-	3

Attendance: 68,000 (capacity: 70,000). **Weather:** 55 degrees; Sunny; Wind from the Northwest at 2 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UT	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	3	7:21		Tommy Brooker 30-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 21 yards.					
Texas	3-3	4	3:44		Dan Petty 20-yard field goal.
Drive: 14 plays, 71 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas
First Downs	4	10
Rushing	2	3
Passing	2	5
Penalty	0	2
Rushes-Yards	30-65	43-118
Passes A-C-I	14-8-0	17-7-1
Passing Yards	90	108
Total Plays	44	60
Total Yards	155	226
Punts-Avg.	7-40.4	8-39.8
Punt Returns	3-34	5-32
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-43
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	2-49	2-20

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Pat Trammell 9-29; Mike Fracchia 6-20; W.E. Richardson 3-11; Leon Fuller 2-6; Ray Abruzzese 1-4; Tommy White 1-4; Butch Wilson 1-1.
Texas: Ray Poage 13-51; James Saxton 13-48; Robert Gurwitz 3-9; Mike Cotton 9-4; Jack Collins 4-1.

PASSING

Alabama: Bobby Skelton 12-8-0, 90 yards; Pat Trammell 2-0-0, 0 yards.
Texas: Mike Cotton 11-5-1, 79 yards; Jack Collins 4-2-0, 39 yards; Johnny Genung 2-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ray Abruzzese 3-15; Bill Rice 1-49; Norbie Ronsonet 1-14; Leon Fuller 1-10; Tommy White 1-1; Jerry Spruiell 1-1.
Texas: Jack Collins 4-41; James Saxton 1-38; Larry Cooper 1-15; James Fults 1-14.

1962 SUGAR BOWL

(1) Alabama 10, (9) Arkansas 3

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1962) - Alabama's defense proved to be the difference once again as the national collegiate football champs carved out a 10-3 victory over stubborn Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl classic.

Alabama wasted no time in lighting up the scoreboard. With only eight minutes gone in the opening period, the Crimson Tide moved 79 yards, with Fullback Mike Fracchia's 43 yard dash to the Porker's 12 highlighting the march. Quarterback Pat Trammell, who called a near perfect game, carried the remainder of the way on a rollout.

A record crowd of 82,910 watched as Tim Davis booted a 32-yard field goal in the second period to put Alabama out in front, 10-0.

Coach Frank Broyles' Razorbacks, finding it hard to puncture Bama's granite like defense, cut the Tide's lead to seven points when Mickey Cissell split the uprights with a 23 yard field goal in the third period. Alabama Head Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, who guided the Crimson Tide to a perfect season (11-0), was bubbling with joy.

"I thought it was a great game," Bryant said with a smile. "I'm as proud of them as if the score had been 100-0. Wee came to play. Our boys rose up real well and stopped them on the big plays."

"Fracchia didn't let them catch their breath with his shots up the middle and Trammell, like always, did whatever he had to do. Our boys did a good job stopping Lance Alworth. He's a good competitor, but we just didn't give him a chance today. If we had, it could have been a different ball game."

Trammell, the Southeastern Conference total offensive leader in 1961, repeatedly picked up yardage with his seemingly slow style of running. However, the decisive factor was the hot pursuit of the Alabama line. The Crimson Tide, champions of the SEC, showed why they had the best defensive record in the country in 1961. They swarmed into the Arkansas backfield all afternoon. At the end of the first half, Alabama halted a Razorbacks drive on its own 10 and in the third period, halted the Hogs on the seven.

"We knew when we went into the game that we were going to have trouble grinding out yardage against this team," Broyles said. "But, we never thought it would be this hard. We just couldn't get our offense going. I guess the main reason was Alabama's great defense. Bama's offense was just what we expected - tough and aggressive. Our boys were tight and uneasy in the first half. That didn't help, but when you're playing the number one team in the nation, you expect that. In the second half, I thought we did a respectable job."

The game ended almost like it started, on a note of high drama. It started when Arkansas surged down the field with Alworth catching a 31-yard pass from quarterback George McKinney on the Alabama 43, only to fumble. After failing to move, Alabama punted to the Razorbacks' 20. Two plays later, Arkansas was the beneficiary of a pass interference call that gave the Razorbacks the ball on the Tide 40. McKinney immediately went to the air again, tossing one that barely eluded Alworth's hands at the goal line.

Alabama knocked down another pass and then Butch Wilson jumped high to intercept a third and stepped out of bounds inches short of the goal. Trammell butted up the middle three times and failed to budge the Razorbacks' line.

"We planned to give them a safety on fourth down," Bryant said after the game. But, it proved unnecessary. Time ran out before the ball could be put into play again.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	3	0	0	-	10
Arkansas	0	0	3	0	-	3

Attendance: 82,910 (capacity: 80,985). **Weather:** 46 degrees; Fair; Cold; Wind from the North at 15-25 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-AR	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	8:32		Pat Trammell 12-yard run (Tim Davis kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 79 yards.					
Alabama	10-0	2	3:19		Tim Davis 32-yard field goal.
Drive: 3 plays, 4 yards.					
Arkansas	10-3	3	3:46		Mickey Cissell 23-yard field goal.
Drive: 8 plays, 38 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Arkansas
First Downs	12	7
Rushing	12	5
Passing	0	1
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	49-234	36-113
Passes A-C-I	10-4-0	12-2-3
Passing Yards	20	55
Total Plays	59	48
Total Yards	254	168
Punts-Avg.	6-23.0	7-33.8
Punt Returns	2-10	1-6
Kickoff Returns	1-19	4-69
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	3-1
Penalties-Yards	5-53	6-34

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Mike Fracchia 20-123; Pat Trammell 18-63; Butch Wilson 5-23; Larry Wall 4-17; Cotton Clark 2-8.

Arkansas: Paul Dudley 6-35; Billy Joe Moody 8-25; Billy Moore 5-17; Lance Alworth 10-15; George McKinney 6-14; Jesse Branch 1-7.

PASSING

Alabama: Pat Trammell 10-4-0, 20 yards.

Arkansas: George McKinney 10-2-3, 55 yards; Billy Moore 1-0-0, 0 yards; Paul Dudley 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Bill Oliver 2-13; Cotton Clark 2-7.

Arkansas: Lance Alworth 2-55.

1963 ORANGE BOWL

(5) Alabama 17, (8) Oklahoma 0

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1963) - In the Alabama dressing room after the Crimson Tide's 17-0 Orange Bowl victory over Oklahoma, a photographer asked Coach Paul Bryant to spell the name of a player whose picture he had just taken.

"That's Namath, son - N-A-M-A-T-H," Bryant said. "But don't worry about it. You'll learn how to spell it in the next couple of years."

If the photographer was unfamiliar with the name, the crowd of 73,380 that attended the 1963 Orange Bowl game - and millions more watching on television - were not.

Long before that game, Bryant said the precocious young man from Pennsylvania was ahead of Babe Parilli (whom he coached at Kentucky) as a sophomore. He rated Namath "potentially the finest quarterback I've ever coached."

Namath piloted his team 61 yards in ten plays for a touchdown in the first quarter. From the Oklahoma 5-yard line, he faked a handoff and a short pass, whirled, and sailed a long pass into end Richard Williamson's hands in the end zone.

A sleight of hand pitch-out to halfback Cotton Clark resulted in a 15-yard scoring sprint in the second period. It was the third play after Billy Piper returned a punt by Joe Don Looney to the Sooners' 34. First, Namath threw a pass to Williamson, good for 20 yards.

Next, and finally, Namath conducted a Tide surge from Oklahoma's 33 to the two-yard line. There, it was fourth down. Tim Davis, Alabama's placekicker, toed a 19-yard field goal. This third quarter opportunity arose when Looney, the nation's leading punter with an average of 43.4 yards, was hurried by guard Frankie McClendon's rush and got off a kick of only seven yards.

Lee Roy Jordan was as fine a linebacker as has ever played in the South. Perhaps no one in college football in 1962 had his almost instinctive ability to seek out the ball carrier so quickly and bring him down so abruptly. It is doubtful if Bryant ever praised a player quite as much.

Jordan finished the game with an Alabama bowl record 31 tackles.

Fifteen seniors finished the best three years (29-2-2) Alabama had ever known to that point in football. Only a matter of a few inches, the distance by which Jack Hurlbut failed to make a two-pointer after the only touchdown against Georgia Tech (Tech won, 7-6), separated the Tide from two straight national championships.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	7	3	0	-	17
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	-	0

Attendance: 73,380 (capacity: 72,000). **Weather:** 71 degrees; 63% humidity; Sunny; Wind from North at 5 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-OU	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	7:34		Richard Williamson 25-yard pass from Joe Namath (Tim Davis kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 61 yards.					
Alabama	14-0	2	6:43		Cotton Clark 15-yard run (Davis kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 34 yards.					
Alabama	17-0	3	2:10		Tim Davis 19-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 30 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Oklahoma
First Downs	15	10
Rushing	10	6
Passing	5	4
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	50-174	52-154
Passes A-C-I	17-9-1	8-4-0
Passing Yards	86	106
Total Plays	67	60
Total Yards	260	260
Punts-Avg.	8-40.5	10-34.0
Punt Returns	3-43	3-37
Kickoff Returns	0-0	4-95
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	1-12	1-5

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Eddie Versprille 14-52; Cotton Clark 9-48; Joe Namath 11-24; Carlton Rankin 5-20; Butch Wilson 4-10; Gary Martin 1-7; Benny Nelson 2-7; Hudson Harris 1-3; Billy Piper 1-1; Jack Hurlbut 2-0.

Oklahoma: Jim Grisham 28-107; Monte Deere 8-26; Paul Lea 2-22; Joe Don Looney 10-6; David Voiles 3-1; Ronnie Fletcher 1-(-8).

PASSING

Alabama: Joe Namath 17-9-1, 86 yards, 1 TD.

Oklahoma: Monte Deere 7-3-0, 50 yards; Ronnie Fletcher 1-1-0, 56 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Richard Williamson 4-58, 1 TD; Bill Battle 2-7; Butch Wilson 2-3; Charles Stephens 1-18.

Oklahoma: John Flynn 2-35; Allen Bumgardner 1-56; Jim Grisham 1-15.

1964 SUGAR BOWL

(8) Alabama 12, (7) Mississippi 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1964) – This was no ordinary Sugar Bowl game. It snowed on the eve of the game and that was just the first of some unusual occurrences.

With junior standout quarterback Joe Namath suspended for disciplinary reasons, sophomore Steve Sloan, showing the poise and savvy of a veteran, guided the Crimson Tide to a 12-7 victory over the heavily favored Mississippi Rebels, but it took four Tim Davis field goals to turn the trick.

Davis's kicks of 31, 46, 22 and 48 yards earned the senior from Columbus, Ga., the Outstanding Player award. His four field goals were a bowl record and his 48-yarder was the longest in bowl history at the time.

It was 3-0 after the first quarter, 9-0 at halftime and 12-0 going into the final quarter. The Rebels finally got on the scoreboard when Larry Smith took a five-yard pass from Perry Lee Dunn. Billy Irwin kicked good and it ended just that way, 12-7, Alabama.

With snow piled on the edge of the playing field, the Tide put on a great display of how to win under adversity. The alert Crimson Tide gobbled up six Rebels fumbles and intercepted three Rebels passes. And while Mississippi piled up more yardage (248 to 194), it was Alabama that controlled the football by running 69 plays to only 48 for the Rebels.

In the final quarter the Tide defense stopped the Rebels on Alabama's 2, 9 and 28-yard lines to seal the verdict.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	3	6	3	0	-	12
Mississippi	0	0	0	7	-	7

Attendance: 80,785 (capacity: 80,985). **Weather:** 42 degrees; Sunny & Clear; 44% humidity; Wind from West at 4 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UM	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	1	1:15		Tim Davis 31-yard field goal.
Drive: 16 plays, 72 yards.					
Alabama	6-0	2			Davis 46-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 1 yard.					
Alabama	9-0	2	0:16		Davis 22-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 10 yards.					
Alabama	12-0	3			Davis 48-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 27 yards.					
Mississippi	12-7	4	11:58		Larry Smith 5-yard pass from Perry Lee Dunn (Billy Carl Irwin kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 74 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Mississippi
First Downs	14	9
Rushing	12	3
Passing	1	6
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Yards	58-165	27-77
Passes A-C-I	11-3-1	21-11-3
Passing Yards	29	171
Total Plays	69	48
Total Yards	194	248
Punts-Avg.	5-36.8	4-44.0
Punt Returns	2-23	2-2
Kickoff Returns	1-20	5-91
Fumbles-Lost	6-3	11-6
Penalties-Yards	3-15	5-45

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Steve Sloan 16-51; Benny Nelson 16-47; Eddie Versprille 10-25; Gary Martin 4-19; Mike Fracchia 6-13; Mickey Andrews 1-7; Jackie Sherrill 3-5; Ray Ogden 1-2; Jack Hurlbut 1-(-4).

Mississippi: Mike Dennis 7-37; Perry Lee Dunn 6-24; Fred Roberts 7-12; Larry Smith 2-7; David Wells 1-4; Frank Kinard 1-0; Jimmy Weatherly 3-(-7).

PASSING

Alabama: Steve Sloan 10-3-1, 29 yards; Jack Hurlbut 1-0-0, 0 yards.

Mississippi: Perry Lee Dunn 10-8-0, 125 yards, 1 TD; Jimmy Weatherly 11-3-3, 46 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Charles Stephens 1-15; Jimmy Dill 1-9; Benny Nelson 1-5.

Mississippi: David Wells 4-76; Mike Dennis 2-29; Larry Smith 2-13, 1 TD; Fred Roberts 1-19; Joe Wilkins 1-19; Joe Pettey 1-11.

1965 ORANGE BOWL

(5) Texas 21, (1) Alabama 17

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1965) – Favoring a knee that he had severely injured earlier in the 1964 season, Alabama quarterback Joe Namath put on a memorable show while nearly pulling out a comeback victory, but the Texas Longhorns rose up to stop Namath inches short of the goal line late in the game to win, 21-17, over the national champion Crimson Tide.

Namath was a shoo-in for the game's Most Valuable Player honors, hitting on 18 of 37 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns. All of this after his knee was hurting so much that he couldn't start the game.

Texas struck first, scoring with just 23 seconds left in the first quarter when big Ernie Koy sped 79 yards. In the second period, Jim Hudson fired a 69-yard bomb to George Sauer to put Texas on top, 14-0.

The Tide battled back, marching 87 yards, with Namath passing seven yards to sophomore Wayne Trimble for the score.

Texas got a couple of breaks for its next score just before halftime. The Longhorns were seemingly stopped and went for a field goal. Alabama's Creed Gilmer raced through to block it and David Ray recovered for the Tide and rambled three yards before fumbling. Texas recovered to regain possession.

On the next play Hudson went back to pass and was dumped by Jim Simmons for a loss, but on the play Alabama was guilty of holding a receiver down field and it gave the Horns a first down on the Tide 13. Three plays later, Koy went around right end from the one and it was 21-7 at halftime.

Namath then put the Tide into motion in the second half. He hit Tommy Tolleson, Wayne Cook and Ray Perkins for passes to move to the Texas 20, then hurled a perfect strike to Perkins for the score. In the fourth quarter, Namath got the offense going again, only to bog down and have to settle for a David Ray field goal to cut it to 21-17.

Jimmy Fuller intercepted a Texas pass in the fourth quarter, then Namath and Steve Bowman moved the ball within inches of the Longhorn goal, but on fourth down, linebacker Tommy Nobis and the Texas line stopped Namath and ended Alabama's hopes.

Moments later, when Alabama swarmed into the offensive again, Pete Lammons, who played a titanic role for Texas on defense, snared a pass on the Texas 32, and that was the ball game. There was less than three minutes to play and time ran out for Alabama.

Koy, son of a former major league baseball player, was the leading ground gainer of the game. He ran for 145 yards in 24 tries for a 5.5 average.

Alabama's leading ground gainer was Bowman, with 23 yards in 10 carries. This gave an indication of the might of the Texas defense, rated fifth best in the country on the ground.

Hudson, the Texas backup quarterback who went into the game when starting signal caller Marvin Kristynik failed to get the team moving, threw 13 times for 101 yards.

Steve Sloan, who started the game at quarterback for Alabama on a fragile knee hurt in the season's final game, threw seven times for 43 yards. He and Namath threw 44 passes between them - an Orange Bowl record at the time.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	7	3	-	17
Texas	7	14	0	0	-	21

Attendance: 72,647 (capacity: 72,000). **Weather:** 72 degrees, Clear night, Wind 5 mph from North.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UT	Qtr.	Left		
Texas	0-7	1	0:23		Ernie Koy 79-yard run (David Conway kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 80 yards.					
Texas	0-14	2	9:51		George Sauer 69-yard pass from James Hudson (Conway kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards.					
Alabama	7-14	2	4:34		Wayne Trimble 7-yard pass from Joe Namath (David Ray kick).
Drive: 14 plays, 97 yards.					
Texas	7-21	2	0:27		Koy 1-yard run (Conway kick).
Drive: 17 plays, 72 yards.					
Alabama	14-21	3	9:25		Ray Perkins 20-yard pass from Namath (Ray kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 63 yards.					
Alabama	17-21	4	14:54		David Ray 26-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 36 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas
First Downs	18	15
Rushing	4	8
Passing	14	4
Penalty	0	3
Rushes-Yards	26-49	51-212
Passes A-C-I	44-20-2	17-4-1
Passing Yards	298	101
Total Plays	70	68
Total Yards	347	313
Punts-Avg.	5-43.4	9-36.8
Punt Returns	6-40	2-6
Kickoff Returns	2-39	4-92
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-46	3-25

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Steve Bowman 10-23; Les Kelley 6-16; Hudson Harris 2-5; Wayne Trimble 3-5; Larry Wall 1-3; Joe Namath 2-1.

Texas: Ernie Koy 24-133, 2 TDs; Harold Philipp 10-44; Marvin Kristynik 11-29; James Hudson 2-8; Leslie Derrick 1-0; Phil Harris 2-0; Hix Green 1-(-1).

PASSING

Alabama: Joe Namath 37-18-2; 255 yards, 2 TDs; Steve Sloan 7-2-0, 43 yards.

Texas: James Hudson 13-4-0, 101 yards, 1 TD; Marvin Kristynik 3-0-1, 0 yards; Ernie Koy 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ray Perkins 5-85, 1 TD; Ray Ogden 3-69; Tommy Tolleson 3-50; Wayne Trimble 4-44, 1 TD; Wayne Cook 3-35; Steve Bowman 1-13; Hudson Harris 1-2.

Texas: George Sauer 3-96, 1 TD; Pete Lammons 1-5.

1966 ORANGE BOWL

(4) Alabama 39, (3) Nebraska 28

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1966) - The third ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers and the fourth ranked Alabama Crimson Tide both entered their Orange Bowl matchup with longshot aspirations at the National Championship. Things looked up by game time as number one ranked Michigan State was upset by UCLA in the Rose Bowl and number two ranked Arkansas fell victim to LSU in the Cotton Bowl. The scene was set for the winner of the Orange Bowl to claim the national crown.

The Orange Bowl featured two explosive offensive teams with different approaches to their attack. Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide used the accurate throwing arm of quarterback Steve Sloan to rebound from an early season loss to Georgia and a tie with Tennessee, while Bob Devaney's Cornhuskers hit the ground running averaging 290 rushing yards per game and 32.1 points per game.

Alabama took the first lead five and a half minutes into the game. Sloan guided the Tide on a 61-yard drive to score on a 21-yard pass play to Ray Perkins. Perkins grabbed the scoring pass at the 15 and wiggled away from a pair of defenders to skip into the end zone.

The Huskers rallied back early in the second to tie the score. The first Husker tally came on a 33-yard pass from quarterback Bob Churchich to end Tony Jeter. Alabama coach Bear Bryant gave quarterback Steve Sloan the green light to throw on any down who then opened up an offensive onslaught to bury the Huskers by halftime.

Alabama scored two touchdowns and a field goal in the second period to post a 24-7 lead by halftime. The first score followed a 39-yard Sloan to Perkins pass that took the ball down to the NU 13. Leslie Kelley took the ball over from 4 yards out for the touchdown. The second score followed a 93-yard Tide drive, capped by an 11-yard pass from Sloan to Perkins. A David Ray field goal later in the period sent the teams to the locker rooms with the Tide sporting a 17-point lead.

Nebraska pulled back into the game early in the third period on a 49-yard touchdown pass from Churchich to Ben Gregory, but the point-after kick was missed. The Tide lengthened their lead with a 1-yard touchdown run by Steve Bowman and a two point conversion to make the score 32-13 after three periods.

Nebraska wasn't ready to give up in the fourth period. Churchich scored his first touchdown of the day on a 1-yard plunge. Alabama kept the comeback in check later in the period by turning in another Bowman touchdown run, this time from three yards out. Nebraska added a late 14-yard touchdown pass from Churchich to Tony Jeter but it wouldn't be enough as the Crimson Tide claimed the National Championship with a 39-28 Orange Bowl win.

Sloan's 20 for 28 passing performance broke the Orange Bowl pass completion record, set just one year prior by fellow Tide quarterback Joe Namath. Sloan's 296 yards in the air also set a new Orange Bowl standard. Perkins finished his day with 9 completions for 159 yards.

Nebraska was held to 232 yards rushing, almost 60 yards below their average, and were victimized by four fumbles and an intercepted pass. The Huskers finished the season 10-1 and ranked number five in the nation by the Associated Press.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	17	8	7	-	39
Nebraska	0	7	6	15	-	28

Attendance: 74,214 (capacity: 72,000). **Weather:** Clear night; 72 degrees; 71% humidity; Wind 15 mph from East.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UN	Qtr.	Left	Play	
Alabama	7-0	1	9:36		Ray Perkins 21-yard pass from Steve Sloan (David Ray kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 61 yards.					
Nebraska	7-7	2	12:15		Tony Jeter 33-yard pass from Bob Churchich (Larry Wachholtz kick)
Alabama	14-7	2	7:11		Les Kelley 4-yard run (Ray kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards.					
Alabama	21-7	2	1:42		Perkins 11-yard pass from Sloan (Ray kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 93 yards.					
Alabama	24-7	2	0:34		David Ray 18-yard field goal.
Drive: 5 plays, 44 yards.					
Nebraska	24-13	3	10:35		Ben Gregory 49-yard pass from Churchich (pass failed).
Drive: 4 plays, 67 yards.					
Alabama	32-13	3	4:29		Steve Bowman 1-yard run (Perkins pass from Sloan).
Drive: 11 plays, 69 yards.					
Nebraska	32-20	4	14:58		Churchich 1-yard run (Wachholtz kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 45 yards.					
Alabama	39-20	4	8:13		Bowman 3-yard run (Ray kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 55 yards.					
Nebraska	39-28	4	2:50		Jeter 14-yard pass from Churchich (Gregory pass from Churchich).
Drive: 5 plays, 48 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Nebraska
First Downs	29	17
Rushing	14	6
Passing	12	10
Penalty	3	1
Rushes-Yards	57-222	24-145
Passes A-C-I	29-20-2	19-12-1
Passing Yards	296	232
Total Plays	86	43
Total Yards	518	377
Punts-Avg.	5-31.2	3-41.7
Punt Returns	2-34	2-8
Kickoff Returns	2-28	4-130
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-4
Penalties-Yards	8-62	8-86

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Les Kelley 26-118, 1 TD; Steve Bowman 21-85, 2 TDs; Frank Canterbury 7-19; Steve Sloan 3-0.

Nebraska: Ron Kirkland 7-67; Frank Solich 4-27; Harry Wilson 5-18; Fred Duda 2-12; Ben Gregory 2-12; Pete Tatman 1-4; Charlie Winters 1-4; Bob Churchich 2-1, 1 TD.

PASSING

Alabama: Steve Sloan 28-20-2, 296 yards, 2 TDs.

Nebraska: Bob Churchich 17-12-1, 232 yards, 3 TDs; Fred Duda 2-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ray Perkins 9-159, 2 TDs; Wayne Cook 3-34; Jerry Duncan 3-32; Dennis Homan 2-37; Steve Bowman 1-21; Les Kelley 1-8; Tommy Tolleson 1-5.

Nebraska: Freeman White 4-61; Tony Jeter 3-73, 2 TDs; Ben Gregory 2-55, 1 TD; Charlie Winters 2-42; Frank Solich 1-1.

1967 SUGAR BOWL

(3) Alabama 34, (6) Nebraska 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 2, 1967) – Nebraska's hopes for a revenge victory over Alabama's Crimson Tide in the 1967 Sugar Bowl Classic ended abruptly — the first play of the game, to be exact.

The Cornhuskers, 39-28 Alabama victims in the 1966 Orange Bowl, picked the Sugar Bowl for a chance to meet the Tide again, and by doing so became the only Big 8 team to land a spot in the four major bowls. But that was the only satisfaction the Huskers could gain as The Tide struck early and quickly established dominant superiority.

On the first play after the opening kickoff, Tide quarterback Kenny Stabler blazed the ball through the soggy, leaden skies to All America end Ray Perkins sailing full speed at the NU 40. Perkins wasn't hauled down until he hit the Husker 27. Seven plays later Alabama scored and launched the rout that was to see the Tide lead, 17-0 at the quarter, 24-0 at the half and 27-0 before the Huskers could muster a fourth-quarter touchdown and avert a shutout.

It was a convincing display of Alabama speed, quickness and determination as the Tide sought to become the only major unbeaten claimant to the national title.

Stabler's pin-point passing, Perkins' amazing pass catching skills and some fine running by Stabler — he won the Miller-Digby Memorial Trophy as the outstanding player of the game — put the Cornhuskers in a huge hole early and they were never able to regain the initiative.

The heavier Cornhuskers, unable to utilize their ball-control strategy against the lighter, swifter Tide, were forced to play catch-up from the opening gong and simply couldn't master Alabama's rock-ribbed defense until the final period.

Nebraska, led by quarterback Bob Churchich, made a game try — Churchich tied a pass attempt record (34), set a new completion record (21) and passed for 201 yards — but five interceptions (two against Churchich) dashed comeback hopes at every turn.

Alabama's win was bolstered by a solid edge in statistics. The Tide out-rushed Nebraska 157-84, out-passed the Huskers 279-213 and out-downed NU, 19-16.

The Cornhuskers finally broke the scoring ice on the first play of the fourth quarter when Churchich capped a 70-yard, 9-play with a 15-yard, scoring toss to junior fullback Dick Davis. Davis took the ball at the 10 and powered in for the Husker touchdown and Larry Wachholtz kicked the point-after conversion.

Following the game, Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney confirmed what most of the fans were thinking when he said: "The Alabama team today is the best football team I've ever seen - they're No. 1, all right."

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	17	7	3	7	-	34
Nebraska	0	0	0	7	-	7

Attendance: 82,000 (capacity: 80,985). **Weather:** Cloudy & overcast; 54 degrees; 93% humidity; Wind 2 mph from NE.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UN	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	11:05		Les Kelley 1-yard run (Steve Davis kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 72 yards.					
Alabama	14-0	1	7:28		Kenny Stabler 14-yard run (Davis kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 71 yards.					
Alabama	17-0	1	0:26		Steve Davis 30-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 26 yards.					
Alabama	24-0	2	7:02		Wayne Trimble 6-yard run (Davis kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 71 yards.					
Alabama	27-0	3	3:31		Davis 40-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 60 yards.					
Nebraska	27-7	4	14:51		Dick Davis 15-yard pass from Bob Churchich (Larry Wachholtz kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 70 yards.					
Alabama	34-7	4	11:40		Ray Perkins 45-yard pass from Kenny Stabler (Davis kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 70 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Nebraska
First Downs	19	16
Rushing	12	4
Passing	7	12
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	44-157	25-84
Passes A-C-I	26-15-1	38-22-5
Passing Yards	279	213
Total Plays	70	63
Total Yards	436	297
Punts-Avg.	4-35.2	5-38.8
Punt Returns	3-21	2-16
Kickoff Returns	2-26	7-122
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	5-2
Penalties-Yards	1-15	2-30

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Kenny Stabler 9-38, 1 TD; Ed Morgan 10-37; Gene Raburn 3-22; Les Canterbury 7-15; David Chatwood 4-9; Les Kelley 3-8, 1 TD; Wayne Trimble 4-8, 1 TD; Joe Kelley 3-5.

Nebraska: Dick Davis 10-37; Harry Wilson 4-24; Ben Gregory 4-26; Charlie Winters 1-5; Pete Tatman 1-2; Bob Churchich 5-(-10).

PASSING

Alabama: Kenny Stabler 18-12-0, 48 yards, 1 TD; Wayne Trimble 6-2-0, 40 yards; Joe Kelley 2-1-1, 21 yards.

Nebraska: Bob Churchich 34-21-2, 201 yards, 1 TD; Wayne Weber 4-1-3, 12 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ray Perkins 7-178, 1 TD; Dennis Homan 5-36; John David Reitz 1-31; Jerry Duncan 1-13; Kenny Martin 1-21.

Nebraska: Dennis Richnafsky 6-68; Tom Penney 6-62; Ben Gregory 4-19; Harry Wilson 2-35; Dick Davis 1-15, 1 TD; Charlie Winters 1-6; Mick Ziegler 1-4; Miles Kimmel 1-4.

1968 COTTON BOWL

Texas A&M 20, (8) Alabama 16

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 1, 1968) - "The big plays won for us again," said head coach Gene Stallings of Texas A&M as he reviewed his team's 20-16 triumph over Alabama in the Cotton Bowl Monday. Big plays and Alabama mistakes - the kind of mistakes that led Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant to contend earlier in the 1967 seasons that the defense can out-score the offense.

Alabama was making the mistakes and the Aggie defense was cashing in on them. Bryant, who coached Stallings at A&M in the 1950s, took the young man with him to Alabama as an assistant, lamented over his team's mistakes, but spent his time telling Stallings how proud he was that he could bring A&M out of a four-game losing streak to the Southwest Conference championship, then victory in the Cotton Bowl to run his winning string to seven.

Bryant came across the field and carried Stallings around like a football team often does a winning coach. Stallings couldn't help himself - the Bear outweighed him by about 75 pounds. "He sure is strong isn't he?" mused Stallings when Bryant finally let him down.

The Aggies took the field with a 6-4 record compared with proud Alabama's 8-1-1. The Aggies, playing in their first bowl game in 26 years while Alabama was in its 21st, cashed in on a pass interception and a recovered fumble for touchdowns, then saw Wendell Housley, who missed part of last season with a broken foot, smash 33 yards in two runs for the touchdown that sealed the Tide's doom.

Ken Stabler ran for two Alabama touchdowns, and Steve Davis kicked a 36-yard field goal for the Alabama scores. Stabler worried the Aggies throughout with his passing. He had three of his throws intercepted and was smothered repeatedly by the vicious Aggie rush. Alabama scored first on an 80-yard drive with Stabler running the last three yards. A&M's Tommy Maxwell intercepted a Stabler pass to set up the tying touchdown, made by Larry Stegent, who took a 13-yard toss from Hargett.

Davis kicked his field goal opening the second period, and Alabama led 10-7. With only 21 seconds left in the half, the Aggies scored after a 56-yard drive with Hargett throwing for 59, three of which made up for an Aggie loss. His seven-yard toss to Maxwell in the end zone brought the score. Charlie Riggs missed the extra point try when the ball hit the cross bar and A&M led 13-10 at the half.

A 28-yard kick by Davis set the Aggies up on their 48 early in the third period, and A&M, behind the passing of Hargett and the running of Housley, slammed 52 yards for the touchdown that gave A&M victory. Hargett passed for 10 and ran for one and Stegent ran for seven before Hargett turned it over to Housley, who battered the Alabama line for 13 yards and then 20 more and the touchdown.

Alabama came back fighting and surged 83 yards for a touchdown, with David Chatwood running for 28, Ed Morgan chipping in with a six-yard dash and Stabler passing for 41. Stabler got the score with a smash over tackle from the seven. There was no more scoring as the Aggies failed to cash in on a Stabler interception and again fumbled the ball away on what appeared to be another touchdown drive.

The Aggies had pushed to the Alabama 22 when Hargett fumbled and Alvin Samples recovered on the Tide 27. Alabama then started its last desperate drive with Stabler passing all over the place. The Tide was aided by a personal foul against the Aggies that put the ball on the Alabama 44. Stabler pitched to All-American Dennis Homan on the A&M but the Aggies held and took over on their 26.

Hargett, who completed 11 of 22 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns, was named outstanding back. Housley was second in the voting by sports writers covering the game. Bill Hobbs, A&M's All-American line-backer, was selected outstanding lineman.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama.....	7	3	6	0	-	16
Texas A&M.....	7	6	7	0	-	20

Attendance: 75,000 (capacity: 75,504). **Weather:** Cloudy & overcast; 35 degrees; 90% humidity; Wind 5-10 mph from South.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-A&M	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	8:22		Kenny Stabler 3-yard run (Steve Davis kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards.					
Texas A&M	7-7	1	5:22		Larry Stegent 13-yard pass from Edd Hargett (Charlie Riggs kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 43 yards.					
Alabama	10-7	2	14:56		Steve Davis 36-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 56 yards.					
Texas A&M	13-10	2	0:13		Tommy Maxwell 7-yard pass from Hargett (kick failed).
Drive: 8 plays, 56 yards.					
Texas A&M	20-10	3	8:32		Wendell Housley 20-yard run (Riggs kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 52 yards.					
Alabama	20-16	3	3:55		Stabler 7-yard run (run failed).
Drive: 9 plays, 83 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas A&M
First Downs	14	13
Rushing	5	6
Passing	6	7
Penalty	3	0
Rushes-Yards	42-135	44-114
Passes A-C-I	26-16-3	22-11-0
Passing Yards	179	143
Total Plays	68	66
Total Yards	314	257
Punts-Avg.	6-37.5	10-41.0
Punt Returns	5-10	2-27
Kickoff Returns	4-50	3-59
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-37	7-83

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: David Chatwood 12-62; Kenny Martin 5-36; Ed Morgan 6-17; Tommy Wade 5-16; Gene Raburn 2-3; Kenny Stabler 12-1, 2 TDs.
Texas A&M: Wendell Housley 10-59, 1 TD; Larry Stegent 18-56; Bill Sallee 5-10; Edd Hargett 11-(-11).

PASSING

Alabama: Kenny Stabler 26-16-3, 179 yards.
Texas A&M: Edd Hargett 22-11-0, 143 yards, 2 TDs.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Dennis Homan 6-90; Perry Willis 4-39; Hunter Husband 2-19; Danny Ford 1-19; David Chatwood 1-11; Ed Morgan 1-1; Gene Raburn 1-0.
Texas A&M: Larry Stegent 4-51, 1 TD; Barney Harris 2-38; Bob Long 2-18; Tom Buckman 1-21; Bill Sallee 1-8; Tommy Maxwell 1-7, 1 TD.

1968 GATOR BOWL

(16) Missouri 35, (12) Alabama 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Dec. 28, 1968) - Missouri startled Alabama with a newly-installed Power I offense that the Tigers perfected in secret workouts and blunted the Crimson Tide's attack with a vicious defense that swept the Tigers to a 35-10 victory before 68,011 in the 24th annual Gator Bowl.

It was the worst beating a Paul Bryant-coached Alabama team had ever suffered and the statistics told the story. Alabama had minus-45 yards rushing and a total offensive output of just 23 yards. Missouri banged out 402 yards rushing, but didn't complete a single pass although it really wasn't necessary. Alabama made just six first downs to 21 for the Tigers.

McMillan scored three Tiger touchdowns on short runs and baffled Alabama throughout the nationally televised football battle with his deft pitchouts on the option. McMillan never completed a pass, but he never had to. He did have a pair of tosses picked off that gave Alabama its only points. Defensive back Donnie Sutton raced 38 yards with an interception for an Alabama touchdown in the second quarter, and Mike Dean's fourth quarter interception set up his 25-yard field goal.

The Missouri defense, anchored by ends Elmer Benhardt and Bill Schmitt, blunted Alabama's running and passing attack. Crimson Tide quarterbacks were thrown for losses nine times. Alabama, losing three games in a season for the first time since 1958, managed only three first downs in the first three quarters. The Tide stayed in contention until the late minutes only with the help of its two pass interceptions and a pair of Tiger fumbles.

But Roger Wehrli, Missouri's All-American safety, clinched the Tigers' fourth straight bowl triumph with a late interception that set up McMillan's third touchdown, a two-yard run. In the dosing minutes, Greg Cook ran 37 yards from scrimmage and Dennis Poppe raced 47 yards with an interception to pad the margin.

McMillan scored in the first quarter on a four-yard burst, and he gave the Tigers a 14-7 lead in the second period with a five-yard scoring run. The Tigers, who operated from the "regular I" during a 7-3 season, changed their attack during Gator Bowl workouts "to give us stronger running." Missouri head coach Dan Devine said.

The switch paid off with Cook, McMillan, Jim Harrison and Ron McBride all cracking through the Tide line. Missouri gained 404 yards rushing, with Cook collecting 179. Alabama gained only 45 yards on the ground and added but 68 through the air. Quarterback Scott Hunter was so harassed by the Missouri ends that he hit only seven of 25 throws and was thrown for losses totaling 61 yards.

Alabama, a slim favorite after its 8-2 season record, never led. The Tigers took the opening kickoff and McMillan drove the Tigers to a 7-0 lead in 11 plays. Alabama never led although the Tide did roll to a brief tie on Sutton's scoring interception.

Bryant had not lost three times in a season since his first year at Alabama in 1958. The Missouri explosion was particularly surprising because the Tigers rolled without completing a pass against a team that had given up only 104 points during the regular season.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	0	3	-	10
Missouri	7	7	0	21	-	35

Attendance: 68,011 (capacity: 70,000). **Weather:** Clear; 71 degrees; Wind 15-25 mph from SW.

Team	Score	Time	Play
	UA-UM	Qtr.	Left
Missouri	0-7	1	8:51
Terry McMillan 4-yard run (Bill Sangster kick).			
Drive: 11 plays, 71 yards.			
Alabama	7-7	2	11:08
Donnie Sutton 38-yard interception return (Mike Dean kick).			
Missouri	7-14	2	3:03
McMillan 5-yard run (Sangster kick).			
Drive: 13 plays, 57 yards.			
Alabama	10-14	4	
Mike Dean 25-yard field goal.			
Drive: 13 plays, 36 yards.			
Missouri	10-21	4	
McMillan 2-yard run (Sangster kick).			
Drive: 6 plays, 21 yards.			
Missouri	10-28	4	
Greg Cook 36-yard run (Sangster kick).			
Drive: 2 plays, 35 yards.			
Missouri	10-35	4	
Dennis Poppe 47-yard interception return (Sangster kick).			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Missouri
First Downs	6	21
Rushing	3	20
Passing	2	0
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	29-(-45)	82-402
Passes A-C-I	27-7-2	6-0-2
Passing Yards	68	0
Total Plays	56	88
Total Yards	23	402
Punts-Avg.	10-41.9	5-36.4
Punt Returns	0-0	5-44
Kickoff Returns	5-89	4-107
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	1-14	5-29

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Pete Jilleba 5-20; Pete Moore 5-10; Buddy Seay 2-3; Mickey Lee 1-(-1); Neb Hayden 3-(-2); Joe Kelley 1-(-14); Scott Hunter 12-(-61).

Missouri: Greg Cook 27-179, 1 TD; Terry McMillan 18-76, 3 TDs; Ron McBride 18-68; James Harrison 17-58; Jon Staggers 7-19; Tyrone Walls 1-2.

PASSING

Alabama: Scott Hunter 25-7-1, 68 yards.

Missouri: Terry McMillan 6-0-2, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: George Ranager 2-47; Donnie Sutton 2-17; Pete Moore 1-9; Hunter Husband 1-5; Buddy Seay 1-(-1).

Missouri: None.

1969 LIBERTY BOWL

Colorado 47, Alabama 33

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Dec. 13, 1969) - The enthusiastic Liberty Bowl committee wanted a high-scoring football game to enhance its reputation and they certainly got it when they matched Colorado and Alabama.

All-American Bob Anderson rushed for three touchdowns and 254 yards Saturday to lead the University of Colorado to a come-from-behind 47-33 victory over Alabama in the 11th annual Liberty Bowl.

Trailing 33-31 going into the final period, Anderson, who earlier had run four yards for a touchdown, turned in scoring jaunts of two and three yards to carry the Buffaloes to victory.

Alabama's Bear Bryant had told his team "honor and pride" were awaiting them if they could win the post-season game since they had posted the worst regular season record (6-4) in more than a decade.

Colorado jumped off to a 17-0 lead and went to the dressing room at halftime leading 31-19. Colorado scored on the opening drive with Ward Walsh blasting over from the 13 to cap an 80-yard drive in eight plays. Later in the quarter, Dave Haney kicked a 30-yard field goal to extend the Colorado lead to 10-0. The Buffaloes made it 17-0 via the power running of Anderson, who barged over from four yards out to cap an 80-yard march in just eight plays.

But the Tide got in a few surprises of their own, with dropback passer Scott Hunter dashing 31 yards on a surprise run to make it 17-7. Later in the quarter Alabama's George Ranager took a pitchout and got a key block from Johnny Musso to score from the six and it was 17-13, as Alabama went for two and failed.

But it took the Buffaloes only six plays to respond with Walsh popping over from the 15. Alabama wasn't finished, however, and drove 72 yards in seven plays to score with Musso going in from the two. Again, the Tide went for two and failed, but it was 24-19 with just 46 seconds left in the first half. Jim Duke's kickoff was fielded by Bob Mastern on the Buffs' 9, where Mastern handed the ball off to Steve Engle, who raced 91 yards to score for a 31-19 Colorado lead at halftime.

Alabama received to open the second half. On second and 10 from its 45-yard line, Neb Hayden arched a long pass to Griff Langston, who gathered it in and raced home to score, to trim the Colorado lead to 31-26.

Alabama's Steve Williams intercepted a CU pass a few minutes later and the Tide was at it again. Hayden again went to the air and hit Musso with a 10-yard touchdown pass to put the Crimson Tide out in front of the hectic offensive show by a 33-31 margin.

Colorado's Anderson then slid off left tackle from the two to put the Buffs in front for good, 38-33. Alabama's Hayden was caught in the end zone later in the game for a safety to give Colorado a 40-33 lead.

With time running out and Alabama trying to make a last ditch comeback, the Crimson Tide went for it on fourth and 18 from its own 18 and could not convert. Colorado then marched down the short distance with Anderson scoring from the three with just 45 seconds left to make it a 47-33 final score.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Colorado
First Downs	24	29
Rushing	12	24
Passing	8	5
Penalty	4	0
Rushes-Yards	46-155	70-473
Passes A-C-I	34-14-0	16-6-3
Passing Yards	212	90
Total Plays	80	86
Total Yards	367	563
Punts-Avg.	7-41.0	2-37.5
Punt Returns	1-5	2-18
Kickoff Returns	8-127	8-222
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	2-24	8-94

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	19	14	0	-	33
Missouri	10	21	0	16	-	47

Attendance: 50,042 (capacity: 50,160). **Weather:** Clear; 55 degrees; Wind 15 mph from SW.

Team	Score	Time	Play	
	UA-CU	Qtr.	Left	
Colorado	0-7	1	11:36	Ward Walsh 13-yard run (Dave Haney kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards.				
Colorado	0-10	1	4:54	Dave Haney 30-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 62 yards.				
Colorado	0-17	2	12:38	Bob Anderson 4-yard run (Haney kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards.				
Alabama	7-17	2	10:13	Scott Hunter 31-yard run (Oran Buck kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 84 yards.				
Alabama	13-17	2	4:49	George Ranager 6-yard run (pass failed).
Drive: 7 plays, 63 yards.				
Colorado	13-24	2	2:38	Walsh 15-yard run (Haney kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 61 yards.				
Alabama	19-24	2	1:01	Johnny Musso 2-yard run (run failed).
Drive: 5 plays, 62 yards.				
Colorado	19-31	2	0:46	Steve Engel 91-yard kickoff return (Haney kick).
Alabama	26-31	3	13:39	Griff Langston 55-yard pass from Neb Hayden (Buck kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 69 yards.				
Alabama	33-31	3	7:47	Musso 10-yard pass from Hayden (Buck kick).
Drive: 14 plays, 87 yards.				
Colorado	33-38	4	10:57	Anderson 2-yard run (Haney kick).
Drive: 14 plays, 53 yards.				
Colorado	33-40	4	2:48	Safety - Bill Brundige and Herb Orvis tackle Hayden in end zone.
Colorado	33-47	4	0:45	Anderson 3-yard run (Haney kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 11 yards.				

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Johnny Musso 23-107, 1 TD; Buddy Seay 7-53; Scott Hunter 4-7, 1 TD; George Ranager 1-6, 1 TD; Pete Jilleba 1-2; Bubba Sawyer 1-(-5); Neb Hayden 9-(-15).

Colorado: Bob Anderson 35-254, 3 TDs; Jim Bratten 18-111; Ward Walsh 12-59, 2 TDs; Marv Whitaker 1-43; Steve Engel 2-4; Steve Dal Porto 1-2.

PASSING

Alabama: Neb Hayden 24-8-0, 164 yards, 2 TDs; Scott Hunter 13-6-0, 48 yards.

Colorado: Jim Bratten 11-3-3, 49 yards; Bob Anderson 4-3-0, 41 yards; Dick Robert 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: George Ranager 2-47; Donnie Sutton 2-17; Pete Moore 1-9; Hunter Husband 1-5; Buddy Seay 1-(-1).

Missouri: None.

TACKLES

Alabama: Alvin Samples 16; Jim Duke 14; Danny Gilbert 14; Robin Parkhouse 13; Woodie Husband 12; Mike Dean 10.

Colorado: Bill Collins 14; Bill Brundige 13; Rick Ogle 11; Rick Irwin 11.

1970 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Alabama 24, (20) Oklahoma 24

HOUSTON, Texas - (Dec. 31, 1970) - Two offensive-minded football teams battled to a 24-24 deadlock in Houston's Astrodome in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl as Alabama and Oklahoma fought tooth-and-nail down to the wire.

There was a total of 843 yards total offense in the game but, while the defenses weren't anything to brag about, both teams did make some key stops along the way.

Alabama scored first as tight end Randy Moore gathered in a four-yard Scott Hunter pass to cap a 54-yard, eight-play drive. Oklahoma responded with a touchdown drive to tie the game with Joe Wylie scoring from the two. It was 7-7 after one quarter and things were just heating up.

In the second quarter, Alabama marched to within the shadow of the Oklahoma end zone, only to have an interception kill the drive. The Sooners came back with a 58-yard scoring run out from swift Greg Pruitt to go on top, 14-7.

After a missed field goal attempt by Alabama, Oklahoma extended its lead to 21-7 as Pruitt followed a key block from Wylie and dashed 25 yards to score. With the game in danger of getting out of hand, Alabama was able to bounce back just 14 seconds left in the second quarter as Hunter hit David Bailey with a five-yard scoring pass to narrow the deficit to 21-14 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Alabama's Richard Ciemny kicked a 20-yard field goal to narrow the gap to 21-17. That set up an intense fourth quarter.

With 7:36 left and Alabama facing a fourth down at the Sooner 25, running back Johnny Musso took a handoff and started wide to his right. He then stopped and fired a left-handed pass back to quarterback Hunter. That pass caught the Sooners napping, with Hunter making a dash to score. The play gave Alabama the lead, 24-21.

With only 59 seconds left, OU field goal specialist Bruce Derr hit on a 42-yard attempt to tie the game at 24-24. But Alabama was able to mount one final threat. Oklahoma tried an onside kick, but it was recovered by the Tide had it at the OU 40. Musso broke loose for 21 yards to the 19. Dave Brungard got two yards, then Hunter was sacked for a one-yard loss.

With just five seconds left Alabama called time out. Ciemny lined up for a 34-yard field goal try that would win the game, but Oklahoma's John Shelley get a hand on it and deflected the kick to preserve the tie.

Hunter completed 13 of 26 passes for 174 yards as the Crimson Tide rolled up a total offense of 428 yards. Oklahoma, with Leon Crosswhite gaining 111 yards in 20 carries and Pruitt adding 97 in eight carries, finished with a 415 total.

Pruitt took the game's outstanding back award while Alabama linebacker Jeff Rouzie was named the top lineman.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	7	3	7	-	24
Oklahoma	7	14	0	3	-	24

Attendance: 53,822 (capacity: 53,050). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Time	Play
UA-OU	Qtr.	Left	
Alabama	7-0	1	8:29 Randy Moore 4-yard pass from Scott Hunter (Richard Ciemny kick)
Drive: 8 plays, 54 yards.			
Oklahoma	7-7	1	2:42 Joe Wylie 2-yard run (Bruce Derr kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 74 yards.			
Oklahoma	7-14	2	8:11 Greg Pruitt 58-yard run (Derr kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards.			
Oklahoma	7-21	2	3:22 Pruitt 25-yard run (Derr kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards.			
Alabama	14-21	2	0:14 David Bailey 5-yard pass from Hunter (Ciemny kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards.			
Alabama	17-21	3	12:21 Richard Ciemny 20-yard field goal.
Drive:			
Alabama	24-21	4	7:36 Hunter 25-yard pass from Johnny Musso (Ciemny kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards.			
Oklahoma	24-24	4	0:59 Bruce Derr 42-yard field goal.
Drive: 15 plays, 55 yards.			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Oklahoma
First Downs	21	19
Rushing	10	16
Passing	10	3
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Yards	43-229	60-349
Passes A-C-I	27-14-0	7-5-0
Passing Yards	199	66
Total Plays	70	67
Total Yards	428	415
Punts-Avg.	4-37.0	5-37.0
Punt Returns	3-27	2-15
Kickoff Returns	3-113	4-77
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	7-50	3-42

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Johnny Musso 27-138; Dave Brungard 10-67; Scott Hunter 4-16; Terry Davis 1-6; Buddy Seay 1-2.

Oklahoma: Leon Crosswhite 20-111; Greg Pruitt 8-97, 2 TDs; Jack Mildren 16-73; Joe Wylie 16-68, 1 TD.

PASSING

Alabama: Scott Hunter 26-13-1, 174 yards, 1 TD; Johnny Musso 1-1-0, 25 yards, 1 TD.

Oklahoma: Jack Mildren 7-5-0, 66 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: David Bailey 4-86, 1 TD; Randy Moore 3-25, 1 TD; George Ranager 2-33; Dave Brungard 2-19; Scott Hunter 1-25, 1 TD; Jim Simmons 1-9; Buddy Seay 1-2.

Oklahoma: Jon Harrison 2-45; Greg Pruitt 2-(-2); Joe Wylie 1-23.

TACKLES

Alabama: Jim Krapf 11; Terry Rowell 10; Robin Parkhouse 9; Jeff Rouzie 9; Tommy Wade 6; Don Harris 6.

Oklahoma: Steve Aycok 11, Rick Mason 9; Steve Casteel 8; Kevin Grady 6.

1972 ORANGE BOWL

(1) Nebraska 38, (2) Alabama 6

MIAMI, Fla. - (Jan. 1, 1972) - It was billed as the National Championship Game as Nebraska entered the game ranked first with Alabama ranked second. But the Cornhuskers quickly salted away not only the game but the national title with a 38-6 victory that was greatly aided by a mistake-filled effort by the Crimson Tide.

Played before 78,151 in 70-degree weather, the Orange Bowl Classic showed no ill effects from a two-hour downpour that ended just before the game. Nebraska's incomparable Johnny Rodgers' 77-yard punt return in the opening quarter served notice that the Huskers' one touchdown favorite odds were not nearly enough.

But it was the work of the Nebraska defense that was mainly responsible for keeping the Huskers' unbeaten string going up to 32 and winning streak to 23. The Blackshirts held the Crimson Tide to a single touchdown. The unit set up three touchdowns by recovering fumbles and a fourth via an interception returned to the Tide one-yard line.

The Tide led in first downs, 16-15; rushing plays, 57-47; and yards rushing, 241-183. But Nebraska held a total offense advantage of 342 yards to 288 and passing, 159-147, on 11 completions in 20 attempts. Another statistic that revealed a great deal was the 136 yards Rodgers gained returning punts, compared to 36 for the Tide.

With Nebraska clinging to a 6-0 lead eight seconds before the end of the first quarter, the Blackshirts forced a punt by Alabama's Gregg Gantt. It was not the long, driving type of punt, beyond the defensive cover that is Rogers' favorite type. He gambled by picking up a bouncer with enemies in close at his 23. He darted to his right, shaking loose from the first foe. A key block by Jim Anderson allowed the junior sprinter to turn the corner. Another block was supplied by Jerry List, who lost his helmet in the process. From midfield on, it was no contest as Rodgers logged his fourth punt return touchdown of the season and sixth of his career. The 77-yarder was three yards short of the Orange Bowl record.

If that play didn't take the starch out of the Tide, the next play did. Steve Williams was decked by Randy Borg while returning the kickoff. The ball popped free and into the inviting arms of John Peterson 27 yards from the Tide goal. Seven plays later, the Huskers were sitting happily on a 21-0 lead. Tagge's 20-yard pass to Gary Dixon, only the second reception of the year by Dixon, carried it to the nine. Two carries by Dixon netted two yards and Tagge passed to substitute fullback Maury Damkroger, who was jolted out of bounds inches from the end zone. Tagge's fourth-down sneak for the touchdown came with 12:43 left in the half.

Alabama came back in the second half with grit and determination to earn whatever comfort can be found in statistics. The Tide's All-American halfback Johnny Musso gained a much-deserved 79 yards on 15 carries, but he, like so many other highly touted backs, toiled in the shadows of the irresistible Kinney, who rushed for 99 yards on 20 carries.

Alabama's most effective weapon was the option running and draw plays of its quarterbacks, Terry Davis during a third quarter bid and Butch Hobson after Davis was injured in the fourth quarter. After Husker cornerback Joe Blahak punted, Alabama's initial post-intermission threat ended with an end-zone interception, the Tide rolled 55 yards, with Davis stepping 28 and 10 yards before turning the left side on fourth and three and taking Blackshirts Dave Mason and John Dutton into the end zone with him. But that was the extent of Alabama's challenge until the game-ending drive that ended on Nebraska's eight.

Nebraska added three more points on a 21-yard Sanger field goal on the last play of the third quarter and a final touchdown following Anderson's interception. Nebraska's last touchdown was scored by backup quarterback Van Brownson.

That sent up a din of "We're No. 1" that engulfed the Orange Bowl.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	0	6	0	-	6
Nebraska.....	14	14	3	7	-	38

Attendance: 78,151 (capacity: 80,010). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 70 degrees; 65% humidity; Wind 10 mph from SW.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Nebraska	0-6	1	2:01	Jeff Kinney 2-yard run (kick failed)
Drive: 4 plays, 53 yards.				
Nebraska	0-14	1	0:00	Johnny Rodgers 77-yard punt return (Maury Damkroger pass from Jerry Tagge)
Nebraska	0-21	2	12:43	Jerry Tagge 1-yard run (Rich Sanger kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 27 yards.				
Nebraska	0-28	2	8:49	Gary Dixon 2-yard run (Sanger kick)
Drive: 2 plays, 4 yards.				
Alabama	6-28	3	5:49	Terry Davis 3-yard run (run failed).
Drive: 9 plays, 55 yards.				
Nebraska	6-31	3	0:00	Rich Sanger 21-yard field goal.
Drive: 15 plays, 80 yards.				
Nebraska	6-38	4	4:45	Van Brownson 1-yard run (Sanger kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 1 yard.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Nebraska
First Downs	16	15
Rushing	13	9
Passing	3	5
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	58-241	47-183
Passes A-C-I	13-3-2	20-11-0
Passing Yards	47	159
Total Plays	71	67
Total Yards	288	342
Punts-Avg.	7-43.3	5-42.4
Punt Returns	4-36	6-136
Kickoff Returns	7-128	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-58	4-50

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Johnny Musso 15-79; Terry Davis 14-61, 1 TD; Butch Hobson 15-59; Steve Bisceglia 7-20; Joe LaBue 1-11; David Knapp 2-10; Ellis Beck 2-7; Greg Gantt 1-7; Paul Spivey 1-1.

Nebraska: Jeff Kinney 20-99, 1 TD; Bill Olds 2-27; Van Brownson 4-22; Gary Dixon 9-14, 1 TD; Johnny Rodgers 4-10; Maury Damkroger 3-7; Jerry Tagge 5-2, 1 TD.

PASSING

Alabama: Terry Davis 9-3-1, 47 yards; Butch Hobson 3-0-0, 0 yards; Benny Rippetoe 1-0-1, 0 yards.

Nebraska: Jerry Tagge 19-11-0, 159 yards; Van Brownson 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Wayne Wheeler 2-10; David Bailey 1-15; Johnny Musso 0-22 (lateral).

Nebraska: Johnny Rodgers 4-84; Woody Cox 2-22; Jerry List 2-21; Gary Dixon 1-20; Maury Damkroger 1-6; Frosty Anderson 1-6.

TACKLES

Alabama: Terry Rowell 9; Chuck Strickland 6; Robin Parkhouse 6; Jeff Rouzie 6; Tom Surlas 5; Steve Higginbotham 5; John Mitchell 5.

Nebraska: Rich Glover 10; Bob Terrio 8; Willie Harper 6; Bill Kosch 6; John Dutton 6.

1973 COTTON BOWL

(7) Texas 17, (4) Alabama 13

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 1, 1973) - Billed as "The Battle of the Wishbones", this Cotton Bowl clash found Texas storming from behind in the fourth quarter to capture a 17-13 decision on a cold and blustery day in which the Crimson Tide was unable to get it together on offense.

Following Steve Wade's interception for Alabama, the Crimson Tide's Gregg Gantt kicked a Cotton Bowl record 50-yard field goal to give the Tide an early 3-0 lead. After an exchange of punts, Wade grabbed his second interception of the young game and raced 42 yards to the Texas 31. On the next play, Wilbur Jackson took a pitch wide to the right and behind Joe LaBue's clearing block, cruised untouched for the touchdown and Bill Davis quickly added the extra point to make it 10-0.

Texas drove to a field goal of 24 yards by Billy Schott to pull Texas within 10-3. A short time later, with just eight seconds remaining in the first half, Bill Davis banged through a 30-yard field goal for Alabama to push its halftime lead to 13-3.

A short Tide punt in the third quarter gave Texas good field position and the wishbone-driven Horns drove 59 yards in 15 plays. Quarterback Alan Lowry raced in from three yards out and Schott's kick cut the Alabama lead to 13-10.

Alabama reeled off an impressive fourth quarter drive from its 20 to the Texas 34 where on first down Terry Davis went for broke and tried to hit Wayne Wheeler with a touchdown pass, only to have Texas defensive back Terry Melancon intercept in the end zone.

Texas, going to the air behind Lowry, marched to the Tide 34, from where Lowry bootlegged the final 34 yards, tightrope walking the sidelines for the winning touchdown. Television replays and newspaper still photos showed that Lowry may have stepped out of bounds on his winning run, but the play stood and Schott's kick made it 17-13.

The Tide wasn't finished, though, and marched from its 10 to the Texas 43, where Jackson was stopped short on a fourth and one play, Texas taking over and hammering the final nail into the Tide's coffin.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	10	3	0	0	-	13
Texas	0	3	7	7	-	17

Attendance: 72,032 (capacity: 72,032). **Weather:** Cloudy; 48 degrees; 37% humidity; Wind 7 mph from NE.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UT	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	1	10:06		Greg Gantt 50-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 50 yards.					
Alabama	10-0	1	4:49		Wilbur Jackson 31-yard run (Bill Davis kick).
Drive: 1 play, 31 yards.					
Texas	10-3	2	13:34		Billy Schott 24-yard field goal.
Drive: 16 plays, 79 yards.					
Alabama	13-3	2	0:04		Bill Davis 30-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 66 yards.					
Texas	13-10	3	4:43		Alan Lowry 3-yard run (Billy Schott kick).
Drive: 15 plays, 59 yards.					
Texas	13-17	4	4:22		Lowry 34-yard run (Schott kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas
First Downs	15	20
Rushing	8	15
Passing	7	4
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	42-138	69-317
Passes A-C-I	18-11-2	11-5-2
Passing Yards	186	61
Total Plays	60	80
Total Yards	324	378
Punts-Avg.	5-29.4	2-44.0
Punt Returns	2-4	1-11
Kickoff Returns	3-54	4-75
Fumbles-Lost	0-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	0-0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Wilbur Jackson 10-64, 1 TD; Steve Bisceglia 11-30; Terry Davis 9-20; Joe LaBue 4-15; Ellis Beck 5-6; Randy Billingsley 3-3.

Texas: Roosevelt Leaks 25-120; Alan Lowry 16-117, 2 TDs; Tommy Landry 11-37; Donald Ealey 11-24; Steve Fleming 5-18; Jim Moore 1-1.

PASSING

Alabama: Terry Davis 17-10-2, 174 yards; Johnny Sharpless 1-1-0, 12 yards.

Texas: Alan Lowry 11-5-2, 61 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Dexter Wood 5-81; Wayne Wheeler 2-57; Joe LaBue 2-15; Wilbur Jackson 1-21; Terry Davis 1-12.

Texas: Jim Moore 2-24; Pat Kelly 1-20; Julius Whittier 1-16; Donald Ealey 1-1.

TACKLES

Alabama: Wayne Hall 16; Chuck Strickland 12; Mike Dubose 11; Randy Hall 10; John Croyle 9; John Mitchell 8; Steve Wade 7; Mike Raines 6.

Texas: Randy Braband 12; Glen Gaspard 10; Bruce Cannon 10; Doug English 9; Sherman Lee 7; Bill Rutherford 7.

1973 SUGAR BOWL

(3) Notre Dame 24, (1) Alabama 23

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Dec. 31, 1973) – It was the first meeting between two giants of college football – Alabama and Notre Dame. The game was the latest version of “The Game of the Century”, and it certainly lived up to every inch of newspaper space and moment of air time on radio and television.

Notre Dame won, 24-23, in one of the true classics of college football history. The game had everything – six lead changes, outstanding plays in all phases of the game, a tense finish and dramatic play calling. With the close victory, Notre Dame vaulted from third to first in the final Associated Press (AP) rankings. Alabama had finished first in both polls in the regular season and remained the United Press International (UPI) champion as that ranking did not have a post-bowl survey.

Alabama could have put the game away in the third quarter, but couldn't deliver the knockout punch. Notre Dame ran a kickoff back for a touchdown. Notre Dame dominated the early going. Led by quarter back Tom Clements, who shot passes of 19, 26 and 14 yards to split end Pete Demmerle, the Irish offense scored first in the opening period. Fullback Wayne Bullock capped a 64-yard scoring drive with a six-yard run into the end zone.

Alabama responded in the second quarter, producing three long drives that resulted in a pair of scores – the first when Randy Billingsley scored on a six-yard run and Bill Davis added the extra point that put Alabama up by one at 7-6 with 7:30 remaining. On the ensuing kickoff, Notre Dame's Al Hunter stunned the crowd with a dazzling 93-yard return, the longest in Sugar Bowl history. The Irish went for two and converted as Clements hit Demmerle in the end zone for a 14-7 Notre Dame lead.

Alabama moved deep into Notre Dame territory late in the second quarter, but had to settle for a 39-yard field goal by Davis. At the start of the second half, Alabama marched 93 yards to take the lead on Wilbur Jackson's five-yard scoring run. Again Notre Dame charged back, but a 54-yard field goal attempt by Bob Thomas was wide.

A short time later, Notre Dame linebacker Drew Mahalic recovered a Tide fumble in mid-air and took the ball to the Alabama 12-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Eric Penick dashed 12 yards for the score. Thomas's kick gave the Irish a 21-17 lead with 2:30 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth period, the game took a wild turn with three turnovers in 90 seconds. Alabama took charge with a trick play that paid off. With the ball on the Notre Dame 25, second-string quarterback Richard Todd handed off to halfback Mike Stock, then raced to the sidelines where he took a return pass from Stock and went in for the score. But Davis missed the conversion try and Bryant's Tide, which hadn't won a bowl game in its last four appearances, hung on to a slim two-point advantage, 23-21, with 9:33 remaining.

Notre Dame immediately responded by driving 79 yards in 11 plays. Runs by Hunter, Penick and Clements combined with a 30-yard pass from Clements to Dave Casper carried the drive to the Alabama 15-yard line. The Irish reached the Alabama 3-yard line and Thomas entered to kick a field goal. Thomas, who had missed two attempts earlier in the game, kicked a 19-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Fighting Irish and the Irish a 24-23 lead.

With three minutes to play, Alabama punter Greg Gantt booted a 69-yard punt that backed up the Irish to their own one-yard line. However, Gantt was run into on the play and Alabama was entitled to keep the ball with fourth down and five yards to go. But Alabama's Paul “Bear” Bryant elected to decline the penalty, hoping his defense could force an Irish turnover deep in their own territory.

Bryant's strategy almost worked. Notre Dame gained almost nothing on its first two plays, but on third down Clements lofted a 35-yard pass to tight end Robin Weber to get the Irish out of the hole and to salt away the victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	10	7	6	-	23
Notre Dame.....	6	8	7	3	-	24

Attendance: 85,161 (capacity: 80,985). **Weather:** Fair; 55 degrees.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Notre Dame	0-6	1	3:19	Wayne Bullock 6-yard run (kick failed, bad center snap).
Drive: 7 plays, 64 yards.				
Alabama	7-6	2	7:30	Randy Billingsley 6-yard run (Bill Davis kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 52 yards.				
Notre Dame	7-14	2	7:17	Al Hunter 93-yard kickoff return (Pete Demmerle pass from Tom Clements).
Alabama	10-14	2	0:39	Bill Davis 39-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 69 yards.				
Alabama	17-14	3	11:02	Wilbur Jackson 5-yard run (Davis kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 93 yards.				
Notre Dame	17-21	3	2:30	Eric Penick 12-yard run (Bob Thomas kick).
Drive: 1 play, 12 yards.				
Alabama	23-21	4	9:33	Richard Todd 25-yard pass from Mike Stock (kick failed).
Drive: 5 plays, 39 yards.				
Notre Dame	23-24	4	4:26	Bob Thomas 19-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 79 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Notre Dame
First Downs	23	20
By Rushing	15	12
By Passing	7	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Yards	52-190	59-252
Passes A-C-I	15-10-1	12-7-0
Passing Yards	127	169
Total Plays	67	71
Total Yards	317	421
Punts-Avg.	6-46.3	7-35.8
Punt Returns	2-6	1-3
Kickoff Returns	4-59	4-150
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	4-3
Penalties-Yards	3-32	5-45

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Wilbur Jackson 11-62, 1 TD; Randy Billingsley 7-54, 1 TD; Paul Spivey 11-44; Richard Todd 3-32; Mike Stock 3-13; Ellis Beck 2-5; Calvin Culliver 2-5; Willie Shelby 3-1; Gary Rutledge 10-(-25).

Notre Dame: Wayne Bullock 19-79; Tom Clements 15-74; Art Best 12-45; Eric Penick 9-28; Al Hunter 4-26.

PASSING

Alabama: Gary Rutledge 12-7-1, 88 yards; Richard Todd 2-2-0 14 yards; Mike Stock 1-1-0 25 yards, 1 TD.

Notre Dame: Tom Clements 12-7-0, 169 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: George Pugh 2-28; Wilbur Jackson 2-22; Johnny Sharpless 2-22; Richard Todd 1-25; Mike Stock 1-15; Wayne Wheeler 1-13; Randy Billingsley 1-2.

Notre Dame: Dave Casper 3-75; Pete Demmerle 3-59; Robin Weber 1-35.

TACKLES

Alabama: Woodrow Lowe 10; Mike Washington 10; David McMakin 10; Ricky Davis 7; Greg Montgomery 7; Mike Raines 6; Mike Dubose 6; Tyrone King 6; Wayne Hall 6; Chuck Strickland 4; Dick Turpin 4; John Croyle 3; Leroy Cook 2; Conley Duncan 2; David Watkins 1; Lefty Perry 1.

Notre Dame: Greg Collins 20; Gary Potempa 10; Sherm Smith 8; Tim Rudnick 8.

1975 ORANGE BOWL

(9) Notre Dame 13, (2) Alabama 11

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1975) – A rematch of the previous year's national championship showdown produced another painful, close loss for Alabama as Notre Dame once again proved to be the spoiler for Alabama's national championship dreams, upsetting the Crimson Tide, 13-11.

Alabama was ranked first in the nation in the United Press International (UPI) poll and second by the Associated Press (AP) going into the game, with Notre Dame being eighth and ninth. A year before when the two had met with Sugar Bowl as the setting, Notre Dame won, 24-23, and vaulted to the national title. This time Notre Dame only ruined Alabama's chance, giving retiring head coach Ara Parseghian a retirement gift.

Notre Dame built a 13-0 lead in the first half and withstood a furious Alabama rally in the game's final minutes.

The scoring started midway through the first quarter when Alabama fumbled a Notre Dame punt and Al Samuel recovered the ball for the Irish at the Crimson Tide's 16-yard line. Three plays later Notre Dame faced a fourth-and-one play at the Alabama 7-yard line. Wayne Bullock powered his way over the left side for three yards and a first down. On the next play, he powered into the end zone on a four-yard run for the first Irish score. Dave Reeve added the extra point.

With 50 seconds left in the first quarter, the Notre Dame offense took control at its own 23-yard line and quarterback Tom Clements engineered a 77-yard scoring drive in 17 plays taking 7:21 off the clock. The Irish attempted only one pass in the march, rushing 16 times for 68 yards on the drive. The drive was slowed at the Alabama 28-yard line when the Irish faced a fourth-and-four situation, but an offside call on Alabama on a field-goal attempt revived the drive. The Irish made the most of the opportunity, with Mark McLane breaking free of Alabama defenders and going nine yards for the score. Reeve missed the point-after kick but Notre Dame had a 13-0 lead.

A Notre Dame fumble on their next possession gave the Tide the football on the Irish 40-yard line. Alabama went to the air with quarterback Richard Todd hitting Ozzie Newsome for 11 yards and Jerry Brown for 12 yards as the Tide marched to the Notre Dame eight-yard line. The Irish defense held, and Alabama scored on a 21-yard field goal by Danny Ridgeway with 1:45 left before halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter Alabama, which averaged only 11 passes a game during the season, again went to the air. Todd carried the Tide to the Irish 12-yard line but then threw an interception to John Dubenetzky, who returned the ball 16 yards to the 26. The Irish couldn't put together a sustained drive and turned the ball over to Alabama with 4:29 left.

On fourth down needing five yards for a first down, Todd threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Russ Schamun with 3:13 remaining. The Tide added two points on a conversion pass from Todd to George Pugh to close the deficit to 13-11.

With 1:39 left, Alabama got the ball back at its own 38-yard line needing only a field goal to win. Todd tossed to Schamun for a 16-yard gain and hit Randy Billingsley for an eight-yard reception to the Irish 38. But Notre Dame's Reggie Barnett intercepted Todd's next throw to clinch the verdict in favor of the Irish.

For Alabama, linebacker Leroy Cook was the defensive standout while fellow linebacker Ronnie Robertson led in tackles with 11. Alabama out-gained the Irish in total offense, 285 to 204, but had four turnovers. Todd hit 13 of 24 passes, six of them to freshman Ozzie Newsome for 68 yards and five to Schamun for 126 yards.

A crowd of 71,801 watched this New Year's night game, with NBC-TV televising it nationwide.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama.....	0	3	0	8	-	11
Notre Dame.....	7	6	0	0	-	13

Attendance: 71,801 (capacity: 80,010). **Weather:** Fair; 70 degrees.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-ND	Qtr.	Left		
Notre Dame	0-7	1	6:41		Wayne Bullock 4-yard run (Dave Reeve kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 16 yards.					
Notre Dame	0-13	2	8:29		Mark McLane 9-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 17 plays, 77 yards.					
Alabama	3-13	2	1:45		Danny Ridgeway 21-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 36 yards.					
Alabama	11-13	4	3:13		Russ Schamun 48-yard pass from Richard Todd (George Pugh pass from Richard Todd).
Drive: 4 plays, 53 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Notre Dame
First Downs	14	15
By Rushing	3	14
By Passing	11	0
By Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	33-62	66-185
Passes: A-C-I	29-15-2	8-4-2
Passing Yards	223	19
Total Plays	62	74
Total Yards	285	204
Punts-Avg.	7-40.0	6-38.0
Punt Returns	5-34	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-32	3-54
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	1-15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Calvin Culliver 11-60; Willie Shelby 5-25; Richard Todd 9-4; Randy Billingsley 2-3; James Taylor 1-1; George Pugh 1-(-8); Mike Stock 1-(-9); Gary Rutledge 3-(-14).

Notre Dame: Wayne Bullock 24-83, 1 TD; Al Samuel 10-39; Mark McLane 8-30, 1 TD; Tom Clements 11-26; Eric Penick 6-15; Tom Parise 3-4; Ron Goodman 1-2; Frank Allocco 3-(-14).

PASSING

Alabama: Richard Todd 24-13-2, 194 yards, 1 TD; Gary Rutledge 5-2-0, 29 yards.

Notre Dame: Tom Clements 7-4-1, 19 yards; Ron Goodman 1-0-1, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ozzie Newsome 6-68; Russ Schamun 5-126, 1 TD; Randy Billingsley 3-17; Jerry Brown 1-12.

Notre Dame: Pete Demmerle 2-12; Mark McLane 1-9; Ron Goodman 1-(-2).

TACKLES

Alabama: Ronny Robertson 11; Mike Washington 8; Leroy Cook 7; Gus White 7; Ricky Davis 6; Mike Dubose 6; Randy Hall 5; Greg Montgomery 5; Woodrow Lowe 5; Conley Duncan 3; Bob Baumhower 3; Alan Pizzitola 2; Charles Hannah 2; Mark Prudhomme 1; Rich Wingo 1; James Taylor 1; Sylvester Croom 1; Dick Turpin 1.

Notre Dame: Randy Harrison 7; Randy Payne 7; John Dubenetzky 6; Steve Niehaus 6; Tom Eastman 4; Mike Fanning 3; Jim Stock 3; Reggie Barnett 2; Kevin Nosbusch 2; Tony Zappala 1; Steve Sylvester 1; Ron Goodman 1; Pete Demmerle 1; Doug Becker 1.

1975 SUGAR BOWL

(4) Alabama 13, (8) Penn State 6

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Dec. 31, 1975) – Alabama ended its eight-year bowl losing streak in a memorable way with a hard-fought victory over an outstanding team. The Crimson Tide's first bowl victory since January 1, 1967 (a 34-7 victory over Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl) was a 13-6 victory over the Penn State Nittany Lions.

It was the first Sugar Bowl played inside the climate-controlled Louisiana Superdome, matching third-ranked Alabama (10-1) against seventh-ranked Penn State (9-2).

Richard Todd, Alabama's senior quarterback, put on an offensive show, completing 10 of 12 passes for 205 yards. In running the Tide's wishbone offense to near perfection, he was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Todd passed 55 yards to split end Ozzie Newsome to set up the game's only touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Todd, who had suffered a cut finger on Christmas Day, came out with his finger bandaged, and Penn State stacked its defense while daring him to throw. That strategy cost the Nittany Lions dearly in the early going. Joe Dale Harris, a surprise starter, ran a turn-in pattern while Todd released his throw just before being engulfed by the defense.

With State's minimal coverage, Harris broke free and turned the short pass into a 54-yard gain. That play eventually led to a 25-yard field goal by Danny Ridgeway and a 3-0 Alabama lead that held up to the half.

Penn State's Chris Bahr tied the score with a 42-yard field goal in the third quarter, but Todd brought the Tide back quickly. At the Penn State 35 following a timeout, Todd pump faked PSU freshman Bill Crummy and Newsome broke back to the sideline and caught the pass 25 yards downfield, being brought down at the 10. Todd lost four yards recovering a fumble, but Mike Stock swept into the end zone behind a ferocious block by Newsome.

Bahr cut the margin to 10-6 with a 37-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but Ridgeway answered for Alabama with a 28-yard kick for a 13-6 lead. With 3:19 left, Penn State got its last chance. The Nittany Lions inched out to their 39 before Alabama stopped the Nittany Lions on a fourth-and-one play with 1:15 to go.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	3	0	7	3	-	13
Penn State.....	0	0	3	3	-	6

Attendance: 75,212 (capacity: 75,212). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-PSU	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	1	5:33		Danny Ridgeway 25-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 72 yards.					
Penn State	3-3	3	4:33		Chris Bahr 32-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 44 yards.					
Alabama	10-3	3	1:42		Mike Stock 14-yard run (Danny Ridgeway kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards.					
Penn State	10-6	4	11:19		Bahr 37-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 60 yards.					
Alabama	13-6	4	3:19		Ridgeway 18-yard field goal.
Drive: 14 plays, 62 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Penn State
First Downs	14	12
By Rushing	8	8
By Passing	6	4
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	49-106	41-157
Passes: A-C-I	12-10-0	14-8-1
Passing Yards	210	57
Total Plays	61	55
Total Yards	316	212
Punts-Avg.	5-40.8	4-48.5
Punt Returns	4-21	3-26
Kickoff Returns	3-56	3-43
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	3-22

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Willie Shelby 8-45; Johnny Davis 12-32; Mike Stock 9-21; Calvin Culliver 3-14; Jimmy Taylor 1-2; Richard Todd 16-(-8).

Penn State: Steve Geise 8-46; Duane Taylor 12-36; John Andress 5-22; Scott Fitzkee 1-18; Woody Petchel 5-13; Jimmy Cefalo 6-5; Rich Mauti 2-3; Matt Suhey 1-4.

PASSING

Alabama: Richard Todd 12-10-0, 210 yards.

Penn State: John Andress 14-8-1, 57 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Newsome 4-97; Joe Dale Harris 2-69; Mike Stock 2-24; Jerry Brown 1-15; Johnny Davis 1-5.

Penn State: Jimmy Cefalo 2-18; Woody Petchel 2-13; Mickey Shuler 2-11; Dick Barvinchak 1-10; Matt Suhey 1-5.

TACKLES

Alabama: Woodrow Lowe 13; Conley Duncan 10; Leroy Cook 7; Alan Piz-zitola 6; Charles Hannah 6; Dick Turpin 6.

Penn State: Ron Coder 14; Greg Buttle 13; Kurt Allerman 11; John Quinn 7.

1976 LIBERTY BOWL

(16) Alabama 36, (7) UCLA 6

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Dec. 20, 1976) – A Liberty Bowl-record crowd of 52,737 braved freezing temperatures and gusting winds at speeds up to 31 miles per hour at the 18th annual Liberty Bowl. This game, playfully referred to as “The Refrigerator Bowl”, was blown open by the Alabama defense, which stopped the Bruins twice on fourth down plays – once at the Crimson Tide 1-yard line, and another time by an interception on a third down at the Alabama 1.

After Bucky Berrey opened the scoring with a 37-yard field goal midway through the first quarter for a 3-0 Alabama lead, the Crimson Tide defense began asserting its dominance. Alabama sophomore linebacker Barry Krauss, the game’s most valuable player, intercepted a pass and rambled 44 yards for the Tide’s first touchdown. “Our defense was simply magnificent most of the time,” said Alabama head coach Paul “Bear” Bryant. “Not only were we stopping them, our defense put some points on the board, too.”

Late in the first quarter, running back Johnny Davis plunged one yard for the Tide’s first offensive touchdown and a 17-0 Alabama lead. The lone scoring play in the second quarter came about when Alabama used trickery to move the lead to 24-0. Quarterback Jack O’Rear handed off to running back Tony Nathan, who drifted to his right before throwing back to O’Rear on a 20-yard scoring play.

Two more field goals by Berrey in the third quarter – from 25 and 28 yards out – extended the lead to 30-0 early in the fourth quarter. The three field goals by Berrey set a Liberty Bowl record.

After UCLA notched its only score on a 61-yard run by Leotis Brown with 9:32 left in the fourth quarter, Alabama closed the scoring when Rick Watson broke through on a 1-yard run with 22 seconds left in the game for the final 36-6 margin.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama.....	17	7	3	9	-	36
UCLA.....	0	0	0	6	-	6

Attendance: 52,736 (capacity: 50,160). **Weather:** Clear and cold; 34 degrees; 27% humidity; Wind from the NW at 17 mph, gusts to 31 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UCLA	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	1	6:13		Bucky Berrey 37-yard field goal.
Drive: 12 plays, 46 yards.					
Alabama	10-0	1	3:39		Barry Krauss 44-yard interception return (Bucky Berrey kick).
Alabama	17-0	1	1:42		Johnny Davis 2-yard run (Berrey kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 31 yards.					
Alabama	24-0	2	10:06		Jack O’Rear 20-yard pass from Tony Nathan (Berrey kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 64 yards.					
Alabama	27-0	3	8:02		Berrey 25-yard field goal.
Drive: 13 plays, 51 yards.					
Alabama	30-0	4	12:34		Berrey 28-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 87 yards.					
UCLA	30-6	4	9:32		Theotis Brown 61-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 6 plays, 86 yards.					
Alabama	36-6	4	0:22		Rick Watson 1-yard run (pass failed).
Drive: 10 plays, 82 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	UCLA
First Downs	23	17
By Rushing	17	8
By Passing	4	9
By Penalty	2	0
Rushes-Yards	52-268	49-233
Passes: A-C-I	11-8-0	18-10-3
Passing Yards	104	147
Total Plays	63	67
Total Yards	372	380
Punts-Avg.	2-26.5	2-32.5
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-19	8-141
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-29	3-52

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Tony Nathan 9-67; Johnny Davis 11-59, 1 TD; Jack O’Rear 7-45; Rick Watson 11-43, 1 TD; Lou Ikner 3-25; Calvin Culliver 3-15; John Crow 3-9; Jeff Rutledge 5-5.

UCLA: Theotis Brown 16-102, 1 TD; Jeff Dankworth 15-60; Wendell Tyler 17-59; James Owens 1-2.

PASSING

Alabama: Jeff Rutledge 7-5-0, 53 yards; Jack O’Rear 2-1-0, 35 yards; Tony Nathan 2-2-0, 16 yards, 1 TD.

UCLA: Jeff Dankworth 17-10-3, 147 yards; Frank Corral 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Rick Neal 2-45; Jack O’Rear 2-16, 1 TD; Ozzie Newsome 2-13; Tony Nathan 1-22; Thad Flanagan 1-8.

UCLA: Theotis Brown 3-24; Rick Walker 2-44; Wally Henry 2-34; James Sarpy 2-23; Homer Butler 1-22.

TACKLES

Alabama: Barry Krauss 18; Dewey Mitchell 12; Bob Baumhower 10; Murray Legg 9; Charley Hannah 9; Gus White 9; Colenzo Hubbard 8.

UCLA: Jerry Robinson 16; Raymond Burks 13; Pat Schmidt 11; Oscar Edwards 7; Frank Stephens 7; Johnny Lynn 6; Steve Tetrick 6; Raymond Bell 6.

1978 SUGAR BOWL

(3) Alabama 35, (9) Ohio State 6

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 2, 1978) – Alabama had rebounded nicely after an early-season 31-24 loss at Nebraska, racing into its January 2 Sugar Bowl encounter with the Ohio State Buckeyes riding a strong crest of momentum that had set the Crimson Tide up for a shot at a national title if things broke their way in the other New Year's Day bowl games.

Since a thrilling 21-20 upset of top-ranked Southern Cal at Los Angeles in October, the Crimson Tide had been on a roll, winning its sixth Southeastern Conference championship in seven years and climbing to third in the national rankings entering the bowl game. The Sugar Bowl was billed as a match between the nation's two winningest active coaches – Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant and Ohio State's Woody Hayes.

But the game turned into a rout as Alabama won easily, 35-6, and with the upset by fifth-ranked Notre Dame of top-ranked Texas in the Cotton Bowl, it appeared the Crimson Tide were in position to claim another national championship. But in a controversial and tight vote, the Irish vaulted from fifth to first, with Alabama finishing a close second.

Alabama quarterback Jeff Rutledge and the Crimson Tide offense wasted no time in getting the game under their control. On the Tide's second possession, a 10-play, 76 yard march, running back Tony Nathan scored from a one-yard out.

Alabama's offensive line established its dominance from the game's first play. On the game's opening possession, 16 of Alabama's 17 plays were running plays as the Crimson Tide held the ball for eight minutes, gaining 60 yards, before the drive ended when quarterback Jeff Rutledge was stopped on a two-yard pickup on fourth-and-goal from the 5.

A short time later, Rutledge guided Alabama 76 yards on its next possession. A 29-yard pass to Ozzie Newsome, with a 15-yard roughing the passer penalty added on, put the Crimson Tide in scoring range. Tony Nathan ran into the end zone from the 1 after Bruce Bolton's six-yard run on a reverse.

Bolton also figured in the next Alabama touchdown. Rutledge and the Crimson Tide line pushed Ohio State around on an 11-play, 76-yard touchdown drive. The scoring play came when fullback Johnny Davis moved to his right on a fake at the Buckeye 27 while split end Bolton, who had lined up as a right halfback, rolled out of the backfield and raced down the sideline. Anticipating the run, an Ohio State cornerback stepped forward – and Bolton in the clear. Rutledge dropped back and handed the ball to Bolton, who was barely inbounds. The extra point was missed, but with 4:32 left until the half, Alabama led 13-0.

Quarterback Rod Gerald had the Buckeyes in position to get back in the game, guiding Ohio State to the Alabama 3 before the Tide defense held after Ohio State head coach Woody Hayes passed a potential field goal attempt on fourth down.

After the Alabama defense again stopped the Buckeyes at the Crimson Tide 28, Rutledge took the Tide 72 yards for a touchdown. He hit Richard Neal with a three-yard scoring pass for the touchdown and added another pass to Neal on a two-point conversion for a 21-0 lead late in the third quarter.

Ohio State fought back to within 21-6 on the ensuing possession, marching 85 yards in seven plays to score on a 38-yard pass from Gerald to Jim Harrell with 13:34 left in the game. A two-point conversion attempt was stopped by Alabama.

Sophomore quarterback Steadman Shealy assumed control of the Alabama offense in the final quarter and engineered two touchdown drives. The first was an 84-yard march in 14 plays that ended with a 1-yard run by Major Ogilvie with 6:30 left. A short time later, Johnny Davis capped a 24-yard drive in four plays following a Buckeyes turnover by scoring on a 7-yard run with 5:09 left.

Rutledge finished as the game's Most Valuable Player, hitting on 8 of 11 passes for 109 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Johnny Davis, the Tide's bullish senior fullback, led the Alabama ground assault with 95 yards on 24 carries.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	13	8	14	-	35
Ohio State	0	0	0	6	-	6

Attendance: 76,811 (capacity: 76,800). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Alabama	7-0	2	11:31	Tony Nathan 1-yard run (Roger Chapman kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 76 yards.				
Alabama	13-0	2	4:08	Bruce Bolton 27-yard pass from Jeff Rutledge (kick failed).
Drive: 11 plays, 76 yards.				
Alabama	21-0	3	1:13	Rick Neal 3-yard pass from Rutledge (Nathan pass from Rutledge).
Drive: 13 plays, 67 yards.				
Ohio State	21-6	4	13:34	Jim Harrell 38-yard pass from Rod Gerald (run failed).
Drive: 7 plays, 85 yards.				
Alabama	28-6	4	6:30	Major Ogilvie 1-yard run (Chapman kick).
Drive: 14 plays, 84 yards.				
Alabama	35-6	4	5:09	Johnny Davis 7-yard run (Chapman kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 24 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Ohio State
First Downs	25	13
By Rushing	17	8
By Passing	6	5
By Penalty	2	0
Rushes-Yards	68-280	38-160
Passes: A-C-I	11-8-0	17-7-3
Passing Yards	109	103
Total Plays	79	55
Total Yards	389	263
Punts-Avg.	1-33.0	4-37.5
Punt Returns	2-14	1-8
Kickoff Returns	2-51	6-95
Fumbles-Lost	10-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-40

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Johnny Davis 24-95, 1 TD; John David Crow Jr. 5-46; Tony Nathan 11-35, 1 TD; Major Ogilvie 6-29, 1 TD; Mitch Ferguson 6-24; Steadman Shealy 4-23; Kevin Jones 2-14; Bruce Bolton 1-6; John Turpin 1-6; Jeff Rutledge 8-2.

Ohio State: Ron Springs 10-74; Jeff Logan 13-57; Paul Campbell 4-14; Doug Donley 1-12; Jim Harrell 1-2; Rod Gerald 9-1.

PASSING

Alabama: Jeff Rutledge 11-8-0, 109 yards, 2 TDs.

Ohio State: Rod Gerald 17-7-3, 103 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Ozzie Newsome 2-45; Mitch Ferguson 2-28; Bruce Bolton 1-27, 1 TD; Tony Nathan 1-9; Major Ogilvie 1-7; Rick Neal 1-3, 1 TD.

Ohio State: Charles Hunter 2-25; Ron Springs 2-6; Jim Harrell 1-38, 1 TD; Jimmy Moore 1-22; Bill Jaco 1-12.

TACKLES

Alabama: Marty Lyons 11; Rich Wingo 10; Terry Jones 6; Ricky Tucker 6; Barry Krauss 6; Don McNeal 5; Dewey Mitchell 5; Rickey Gilliland 5; Mike Tucker 3; Wayne Hamilton 3; Murray Legg 3; E.J. Junior 2; Donnie Faust 1; Byron Braggs 1; David Hannah 1; John Crow 1.

Ohio State: Tom Cousineau 20; Aaron Brown 16; Dave Adkins 10; Kelton Dansler 8.

1979 SUGAR BOWL

(2) Alabama 14, (1) Penn State 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1979) – One vivid image was permanently etched into the minds of the 76,824 in the Superdome and the millions of television viewers who watched the 45th annual Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day, 1979. Penn State, the nation's No. 1 team, was stopped on two consecutive plays inside the one-yard line by the Alabama defense to preserve a 14-7 victory for Alabama's second-ranked Crimson Tide. The famous goal line stand won a national championship for Paul "Bear" Bryant and the Crimson Tide.

The outcome of this tight defensive battle was determined by a small number of critical decisions and crucial plays in a game in which the nation's top two teams proved to be amazingly evenly matched. The teams battled evenly for the entire first half and appeared headed for a scoreless deadlock as halftime approached.

With the ball at the Alabama 33-yard line in the half's final moments, the Crimson Tide appeared content to run out the clock with 1:11 left. But Penn State called a timeout after two consecutive plays to stop the clock, hoping to get the ball back and set up a field goal. But Alabama senior halfback Tony Nathan countered with runs of 30 and 7 yards down to the Penn State 30-yard line.

Suddenly, Alabama was within range of a score to end the half and had the time to get even closer to the Penn State end zone. Within field goal range, Alabama presumably would position itself for a go-ahead kick in the final seconds of the second quarter. But Penn State coach Joe Paterno's plan backfired enormously when Crimson Tide quarterback Jeff Rutledge dropped back and found split end Bruce Bolton wide open in the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown pass with just eight seconds left in the half. Alan McElroy kicked the extra point to give Alabama a 7-0 halftime lead.

An interception by Penn State's Pete Harris at Alabama's 48-yard line late in the third period set up Penn State's only touchdown. Nittany Lions quarterback Chuck Fusina hit Scott Fitzkee deep in the end zone for a touchdown. Matt Bahr's extra point kick tied the game at 7-7 with 4:25 left in the third quarter.

A few moments later Alabama halfback Lou Ikner ran 62 yards with a Penn State punt before being dragged down at the Nittany Lions' 11-yard line. Three plays later, Major Ogilvie rammed into the corner of the end zone, sprung by a key block by tight end Rick Neal. McElroy kicked the extra point to extend the Alabama lead to 14-7 with 21 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Nittany Lions had a chance to tie the score when the Lions' Joe Lally fell on a misdirected pitchout by Rutledge on an option play at the Tide 19 with 7:57 remaining. Penn State drove to a third down and goal at the Alabama one. But the Alabama defense sealed off its end zone in a tremendous defensive effort, climaxed by Crimson Tide linebacker Barry Krauss stopping Penn State tailback Mike Guman short of the goal line.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	7	0	-	14
Penn State.....	0	0	7	0	-	7

Attendance: 76,824 (capacity: 76,800). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-PSU	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	2	0:08		Bruce Bolton 30-yard pass from Jeff Rutledge (Alan McElroy kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards.					
Penn State	7-7	3	4:25		Scott Fitzkee 17-yard pass from Chuck Fusina (Matt Bahr kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 48 yards.					
Alabama	14-7	3	0:21		Major Ogilvie 8-yard run (McElroy kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 11 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Penn State
First Downs	12	12
By Rushing	8	3
By Passing	3	9
By Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Yards	60-208	38-19
Passes: A-C-I	15-8-2	30-15-4
Passing Yards	91	163
Total Plays	75	68
Total Yards	299	182
Punts-Avg.	10-38.8	10-38.7
Punt Returns	3-64	3-2
Kickoff Returns	1-18	1-11
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	11-75	8-51

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Tony Nathan 21-127; Steve Whitman 11-51; Major Ogilvie 14-40, 1 TD; Billy Jackson 4-4; Lou Ikner 1-9; Steadman Shealy 1-(-6); Jeff Rutledge 8-(-17).

Penn State: Matt Suhey 10-48; Mike Guman 9-22; Booker Moore 9-6; Chuck Fusina 7-(-64); Bob Torrey 2-7; Tom Donovan 1-0.

PASSING

Alabama: Jeff Rutledge 15-8-2, 91 yards, 1 TD.

Penn State: Chuck Fusina 30-15-4, 163 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Bruce Bolton 2-46, 1 TD; Steve Whitman 2-27; Lou Ikner 2-5; Tony Nathan 1-5; Rick Neal 1-8.

Penn State: Mike Guman 5-59; Scott Fitzkee 3-38, 1 TD; Bob Bassett 2-28; Brad Scovill 2-21; Bob Torrey 1-10; Irv Pankey 1-5; Matt Suhey 1-2.

TACKLES

Alabama: Rickey Gilliland 9; Barry Krauss 8; Byron Braggs 7; Wayne Hamilton 7; Murray Legg 6.

Penn State: Lance Mehl 17; Bruce Clark 12; Matt Millen 10; Joe Lally 7; Larry Kubin 7; Tony Petruccio 6.

1980 SUGAR BOWL

(2) Alabama 24, (6) Arkansas 9

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1980) – A tweak in the offensive scheme played a major role as the University of Alabama reached a new pinnacle of success by beating Arkansas, 24-9, in the 46th annual Sugar Bowl. In the process of winning its fifth straight bowl, four of them Sugar Bowls, this unbeaten Alabama team became the first Tide squad in the school's history to win 12 games in a season. A record Sugar Bowl crowd of 77,468 and millions of viewers on national television watched Alabama win.

In the weeks preceding the Sugar Bowl game, Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant installed a double wing with motion off the wishbone formation. The Crimson Tide could run its basic plays off the set, but its real value was in catching the Arkansas players and coaches off-guard.

After the Razorbacks took an early lead on a 34-yard field goal by Ish Ordonez, courtesy of a lost Alabama fumble on the opening kickoff, the Tide showed its new look. The Crimson Tide immediately embarked on a seven-play, 82-yard drive featuring a fullback in motion and plenty of counter-action movement, slowing the aggressive Arkansas defense.

Alabama's Major Ogilvie took a pitchout from quarterback Steadman Shealy and scored from 22 yards out midway through the first quarter, marking the third straight year in which Ogilvie scored a Sugar Bowl touchdown.

On the fourth play after the ensuing kickoff, another Razorback fumble was recovered by Crimson Tide linebacker Thomas Boyd on the Arkansas 22. Four plays later, Ogilvie scored his second touchdown on a one-yard run to put the Tide ahead 14-3 with 3:46 left in the first period. That deficit forced the Arkansas offense into an accelerated passing game.

When the Tide's Alan McElroy kicked a 25-yard field goal for a 17-3 lead at intermission, it appeared that Alabama was content with sitting on its lead and running out the clock.

But Arkansas quarterback Kevin Scanlon, who had been punished throughout the first half, gathered himself and found his touch, guiding the Razorbacks 80 yards to a touchdown after the second half kickoff. Split end Robert Ferrell made an over-the-shoulder catch for a three-yard touchdown, the two-point conversion fell short. Still, the score was now 17-9 and the Razorbacks were back in the game.

The crucial phase of the second half occurred after Arkansas' Mike Burchfield downed a punt on the Crimson Tide eight-yard line in the fourth quarter, Arkansas had a legitimate chance to threaten the lead if they could mount a defensive stand.

But Bryant's troops were at their best when it counted, racing 98 yards in 9 plays to the touchdown. Steve Whitman ran for six yards to start the drive. Ogilvie rushed for seven to the Tide 15. Billy Jackson's 35-yard sprint with a Shealy pitchout keyed the march, reaching the 50-yard line. Jackson came right back on the next play with a 14-yard run up the middle to the Arkansas 36. Ogilvie gained six off guard, then Shealy ran an option keeper for 22 yards at the Arkansas 11.

After two plays and a five-yard penalty on the Tide, Alabama faced third-and-11 at the Arkansas 12-yard line. Offensive coordinator Mal Moore suggested the play, "43 Read", to Shealy, who ran the option play to the right side of the line and handed to Whitman, who raced through the Arkansas defense for the clinching touchdown. The 98-yard drive, Alabama's longest of the season, sealed the outcome.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	14	3	0	7	-	24
Arkansas	3	0	6	0	-	9

Attendance: 77,486 (capacity: 76,800). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-ARK	Qtr.	Left		
Arkansas	0-3	1	12:54		Ish Ordonez 34-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 8 yards.					
Alabama	7-3	1	6:37		Major Ogilvie 22-yard run (Alan McElroy kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 82 yards.					
Alabama	14-3	1	3:46		Ogilvie 1-yard run (McElroy kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 22 yards.					
Alabama	17-3	2	0:25		Alan McElroy 25-yard field goal.
Drive: 5 plays, 22 yards.					
Arkansas	17-9	3	11:34		Robert Farrell 3-yard pass from Kevin Scanlon (run failed).
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards.					
Alabama	24-9	4	8:59		Steve Whitman 12-yard run (McElroy kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 92 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Arkansas
First Downs	18	21
By Rushing	14	6
By Passing	3	13
By Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Yards	53-284	41-97
Passes: A-C-I	7-4-0	40-22-2
Passing Yards	70	245
Total Plays	60	81
Total Yards	354	342
Punts-Avg.	8-36.2	7-36.2
Punt Returns	1-50	3-12
Kickoff Returns	1-21	3-61
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-61	1-15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Billy Jackson 13-120; Major Ogilvie 14-67, 2 TDs; Steve Whitman 6-37, 1 TD; Steadman Shealy 7-28; Charlie Williams 5-18; Mark Nix 3-7; Joe Jones 1-3; Ken Simon 1-3; Jeff Fagan 3-1.

Arkansas: Darryl Boles 15-46; Gary Anderson 6-28; Roland Sales 5-15; James Tolbert 2-8; Gary Stiggers 1-3; Kevin Scanlon 12-(-3).

PASSING

Alabama: Steadman Shealy 7-4-0, 70 yards.

Arkansas: Kevin Scanlon 39-22-1, 245 yards, 1 TD; Tom Jones 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Keith Pugh 3-62; Billy Jackson 1-8.

Arkansas: Gary Anderson 7-53; Gary Stiggers 5-39; Darrell Mason 4-43; Bobby Duckworth 3-59; Robert Farrell 3-51, 1 TD.

TACKLES

Alabama: Randy Scott 12; Thomas Boyd 11; Tommy Wilcox 10; Wayne Hamilton 9; David Hannah 8; Ricky Tucker 7; Byron Braggs 6; Don McNeal 6; Jim Bob Harris 4; Warren Lyles 4.

Arkansas: Jim Howard 10; Teddy Morris 10; Randy Wessinger 8; Steve Douglas 8; Kevin Evans 7; Danny Phillips 7.

1981 COTTON BOWL

(9) Alabama 30, (6) Baylor 2

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 1, 1981) - Alabama capped off a 10-2 season by decking Southwest Conference champion Baylor 30-2 in the 45th Cotton Bowl Classic on New Year's Day 1981. For only the second time since 1971, Alabama had failed to win the Southeastern Conference championship, finishing second behind eventual national champion Georgia. The Tide had been upset by Mississippi State (6-3) to snap the nation's longest winning streak at 28, then fell to old nemesis Notre Dame (7-0).

But against Grant Teaff's Baylor Bears, Paul "Bear" Bryant's Crimson Tide was impressive. The Alabama defense was the primary factor, as the likes of middle guard Warren Lyles, E.J. Junior and Thomas Boyd shut down Baylor's previously unstoppable running tandem of Walter Abecrombie and Dennis Gentry. The pair had combined for nearly 2,000 yards during Baylor's 10-1 regular season, but on this sunny day in Dallas, they were limited to a combined total of 54 yards.

Major Ogilvie, Don Jacobs and Mark Nix scored touchdowns for the Crimson Tide and sophomore Peter Kim added a Cotton bowl record three field goals to send Alabama to its record-tying sixth consecutive bowl victory. Baylor's offense was all but blunted by the swarming Crimson Tide defense, which helped bring Bryant his 306th career coaching victory.

Kim kicked field goals of 29 and 28 yards in the first half and added a 42-yarder in the third quarter. His three field goals equaled a Cotton Bowl record set in 1972 by Penn State's Alberto Vitiello. Ogilvie, who carried 15 times for 74 yards, scored Alabama's first touchdown of the game, going over from the 1 in the second quarter and thus becoming the first person ever to score a rushing touchdown in four consecutive bowl games.

Alabama, which finished with 241 yards on the ground, added a pair of touchdowns in the final quarter on a one-yard run by starting quarterback Don Jacobs and a three-yard run by running back Mark Nix with 1:16 to play. Baylor, shut out 45-0 by Alabama during the 1979 season could manage only a safety, that coming in the second quarter when defensive tackle Tommy Tabor tackled Alabama quarterback Walter Lewis in the end zone as Lewis was trying to throw the ball.

Alabama and Baylor both finished the season with 10-2 records and the game was never a contest after the Bears missed on their only good touchdown opportunity late in first quarter.

The Crimson Tide held only a 6-0 lead and the Bears had moved to the Alabama 15 thanks chiefly to an interference penalty against the Tide. But on first down, running back Dennis Gentry was clobbered by Jim Bob Harris and the resulting fumble was recovered by Randy Scott.

Alabama recovered four fumbles and picked off three passes, two of those interceptions coming from Jeremiah Castille. Two of the Bears' fumbles came on punt returns and both led to Kim field goals.

Two throws by Jacobs, one of 20 yards to Billy Jackson and another of 49 yards to Jesse Bendross, combined with Baylor fumbles at its own 12 and at Alabama's 9 set up the Crimson Tide's 13-2 halftime lead.

Alabama's first drive appeared to have stalled at midfield, but on third-and-9 from the Bears' 47, Jacobs, under a heavy rush, got a pass away to Jackson for 20 yards. That led to Alabama's first field goal and the second one was set up five minutes later by a fumble by Baylor's Gerald McNeil on a punt return at his own 12.

Baylor's next fumble wiped out a chance for the Bears' to go ahead following a 50-yard interference penalty against Alabama. Alabama allowed Baylor to run only 14 plays in the second quarter and produced its first touchdown early in that period after the Jacobs to Bendross 49-yard pass play that carried to the Baylor 4-yard line. Ogilvie scored two plays later.

During the opening two quarters Baylor could manage only 36 total yards, including 12 on the ground in 14 tries. Alabama was penalized for more yards in the first half than Baylor could gain on its own. Junior combined with tackles Byron Braggs and Jackie Cline along with fellow end Gary DeNiro to take away Baylor's outside running game.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama.....	6	7	3	14	-	30
Baylor.....	2	0	0	0	-	2

Attendance: 74,281 (capacity: 72,032). **Weather:** Sunny; 60 degrees; 35% humidity; Wind from NW at 9 mph.

Team	Score	Time	Play	
	UA-BU	Qtr.	Left	
Alabama	3-0	1	8:56	Peter Kim 29-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 49 yards.				
Alabama	6-0	1	3:51	Kim 28-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards.				
Baylor	6-2	1	1:40	Safety - Tommy Tabor tackled Walter Lewis in end zone.
Alabama	13-2	2	13:26	Major Ogilvie 1-yard run (Peter Kim kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards.				
Alabama	16-2	3	4:57	Kim 42-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 0 yards.				
Alabama	23-2	4	6:54	Don Jacobs 1-yard run (Kim kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 57 yards.				
Alabama	30-2	4	1:16	Mark Nix 3-yard run (Georges Mardini kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 66 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Baylor
First Downs	17	13
By Rushing	12	5
By Passing	4	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushes-Yards	67-241	35-54
Passes: A-C-I	12-5-0	27-12-3
Passing Yards	98	104
Total Plays	79	62
Total Yards	339	158
Punts-Avg.	6-37.2	7-35.8
Punt Returns	2-2	4-27
Kickoff Returns	1-16	6-107
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	5-4
Penalties-Yards	5-89	6-59

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Major Ogilvie 15-74, 1 TD; Joe Carter 4-71; Linnie Patrick 12-45; Joey Jones 5-28; Billy Jackson 7-13; Walter Lewis 5-9; Mark Nix 3-7, 1 TD; Ben Orcutt 3-7; Earl Collins 2-6; Mitch Ferguson 1-1; Alan Gray 3-(-2); Jeff Fagan 1-(-4); Don Jacobs 6-(-14), 1 TD.

Baylor: Jay Jeffrey 8-18; Dennis Gentry 11-17; Blake Hall 1-10; Walter Abecrombie 8-9; Alfred Anderson 1-3; David Mangrum 6-(-3).

PASSING

Alabama: Don Jacobs 12-5-0, 98 yards.

Baylor: Jay Jeffrey 19-8-2, 55 yards; David Mangrum 8-4-1, 49 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Jesse Bendross 1-49; Billy Jackson 1-20; Larry Brown 1-20; Tim Clark 1-7; Joey Jones 1-2.

Baylor: Dennis Gentry 5-26; Robert Holt 3-41; Walter Abecrombie 2-4; Mike Lively 1-17; Phillip Ward 1-16.

TACKLES

Alabama: E.J. Junior 10; Warren Lyles 8; Thomas Boyd 7; Eddie Lowe 7; Gary DeNiro 6.

Baylor: Tommy Tabor 15; Charles Benson 15; Vann McElroy 12; Mike Singletary 12; Lester Ward 12.

1982 COTTON BOWL

(6) Texas 14, (3) Alabama 12

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 1, 1982) – Alabama marched into Dallas as the Southeastern Conference co-champion and its head coach, Paul “Bear” Bryant, entered as the winningest man in the history of the game, but Fred Akers’ Texas Longhorns were not impressed.

Five weeks after Bryant had earned his record-breaking 315th head coaching victory against in-state rival Auburn, the Longhorns came from behind to hand Alabama a 14-12 defeat.

The Longhorns overcame a 10-0 deficit with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, then gave the Crimson Tide an intentional safety before weathering a counter-charge. Not only did the victory by Texas keep alive a Longhorns jinx of never having lost to Alabama, but it kept Bryant from winning an NCAA record seventh consecutive bowl game in seven years.

Alabama quarterback Walter Lewis’s six-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Bendross and Peter Kim’s 24-yard field goal gave the Longhorns a big fourth quarter hill to climb.

Texas quarterback Robert Brewer, starting only his fourth game for the Longhorns, raced 30 yards for a touchdown on a tricky draw play. After a punt, Brewer directed the Longhorns 80 yards in 11 plays climaxed by Terry Orr’s eight-yard touchdown run. Included in the drive was a 37-yard completion to tight end Lawrence Sampleton on a third-and 10 play.

Alabama’s Joey Jones returned the ensuing kickoff a Cotton Bowl record 61 yards, but cornerback William Graham intercepted Lewis on the next play at the Texas 1, setting up an ending that was steeped in strategic decisions by both head coaches.

Akers ordered Texas punter John Goodson to take a safety with less than a minute to play. And Texas held Alabama after it got a free punt from its own 20.

The win improved Texas’ record to 10-1-1, while the loss dropped Alabama to 9-2-1. Brewer, who completed 12 of 21 passes on the day for 201 yards, was named the offensive most valuable player and Alabama linebacker Robbie Jones, who had 12 tackles, was the defensive MVP.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	0	5	-	12
Texas	0	0	0	14	-	14

Attendance: 73,243 (capacity: 72,032). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 42 degrees; 55% humidity; Wind from NE at 8 mph.

Team	Score	Time	Play	
	UA-UT	Qtr.	Left	
Alabama	7-0	2	8:49	Jesse Bendross 6-yard pass from Walter Lewis (Peter Kim kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 82 yards.				
Alabama	10-0	4	12:27	Peter Kim 24-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 45 yards.				
Texas	10-7	4	10:22	Robert Brewer 30-yard run (Raul Allegre kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 60 yards.				
Texas	10-14	4	2:05	Terry Orr 8-yard run (Allegre kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards.				
Alabama	12-14	4	0:48	Safety – Texas’ John Goodson steps out of back of end zone.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas
First Downs	15	21
By Rushing	10	11
By Passing	5	10
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	44-163	52-158
Passes: A-C-I	13-8-1	22-12-0
Passing Yards	144	201
Total Plays	57	74
Total Yards	307	359
Punts-Avg.	5-45.2	6-36.8
Punt Returns	1-3	1-4
Kickoff Returns	2-78	2-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-17

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Walter Lewis 24-79; Joe Carter 6-44; Jeff Fagan 5-15; Rickey Moore 4-5; Ken Simon 2-8; Paul Ott Carruth 1-4; Mickey Guinyard 1-2; Alan Gray 1-6.

Texas: Darryl Clark 7-58; A.J. Jones 16-57; John Walker 8-25; Donnie Little 1-13; Terry Orr 3-10, 1 TD; Rodney Tate 1-0; John Goodson 1-(-2); Robert Brewer 15-(-3), 1 TD.

PASSING

Alabama: Walter Lewis 12-7-1, 122 yards, 1 TD; Alan Gray 1-1-0, 22 yards.

Texas: Robert Brewer 21-12-0, 201 yards; Darryl Clark 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Jesse Bendross 5-78, 1 TD; Bart Krout 3-66.

Texas: Donnie Little 7-92; Lawrence Sampleton 2-56; Herkie Walls 2-43; Rodney Tate 1-10.

TACKLES

Alabama: Russ Wood 14; Steve Booker 13; Robbie Jones 12; Tommy Wilcox 11; Warren Lyles 8; Jim Bob Harris 8; Jackie Cline 7; Mike Pitts 6; Randy Edwards 6; Jeremiah Castille 6; Benny Perrin 3; Mike Rodriguez 2.

Texas: Bruce Scholtz 11; Doug Shankle 11; John Haines 9; Bobby Johnson 8; William Graham 8; Ralph Darnell 7; Eric Holle 6; Kiki DeAyala 6; Jeff Leiding 6.

1982 LIBERTY BOWL

Alabama 21, Illinois 15

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Dec. 29, 1982) – The 1982 Liberty Bowl is remembered almost solely as the last football game Alabama played under the direction of legendary head coach Paul “Bear” Bryant, who announced his retirement from coaching just two weeks prior to the game.

At the end of an atypical season, Alabama entered the 1982 Liberty Bowl coming off three straight season-ending losses. Big Ten Conference foe Illinois, 7-4 and boasting a potent offense and in the midst of a resurgence under 46-year-old head coach, Mike White, was appearing in its first bowl in 19-years.

Alabama retired Coach Bryant in proper fashion by registering a 21-15 victory over the Fighting Illini. The win gave Coach Bryant a final record of 323-85-17 – the most wins by any head coach in college football history up to that point.

“Many thanks to the staff for one heck of a job,” he said afterward in a crowded press interview tent. “The players’ preparation and the coaches’ preparation, especially in this circus-type atmosphere, were exceptional. I am thankful to have won my final game. Whether the team likes it or not, they will always be remembered for winning my last game. I am proud they wanted to win this one for me.”

Alabama jumped ahead in the early going as fullback Ricky Moore started the scoring with a four-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. After Illinois closed the gap to 7-6 on a one-yard run by Joe Curtis and failed extra point in the second quarter, the Tide took the lead into the locker room at halftime.

In the third quarter, split end Jesse Bendross ran scored on a reverse from 8 yards out to put Alabama up 14-6. Then, Illinois rallied behind quarterback Tony Eason on a two-yard pass from Eason to wide receiver Oliver Williams to draw within 14-12 after a failed two-point conversion attempt.

The Crimson Tide surged further ahead in the final quarter as Craig Turner scored the last touchdown of the Bryant Era for Alabama on a one-yard run with 7:34 left in the game for a 21-12 lead. Illinois roared back and drew closer on a 23-yard field goal by Mike Bass with 6:12 remaining, but the Fighting Illini could get no closer due to a clutch defensive effort spearheaded by cornerback Jeremiah Castille’s three interceptions. Castille earned Most Valuable Player honors for that performance.

Alabama won the game despite giving up 444 yards of total offense and surviving a Liberty Bowl record, 423 yards of passing from Eason. Alabama’s bruising ground attack plowed for 217 yards while the Tide defense allowed only 21 yards on the ground.

Bryant died on January 26, 1983, less than four weeks following the Liberty Bowl.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	0	7	7	-	21
Illinois	0	6	0	9	-	15

Attendance: 54,123 (capacity: 61,008). **Weather:** Clear; 34 degrees and dropping; Wind from N at 9 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UI	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	8:58		Ricky Moore 4-yard run (Peter Kim kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 76 yards.					
Illinois	7-6	2	1:03		Joe Curtis 1-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 4 plays, 15 yards.					
Alabama	14-6	3	5:07		Jesse Bendross 8-yard run (Kim kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 50 ayrds.					
Illinois	14-12	4	11:53		Oliver Williams 2-yard pass from Tony Eason (pass failed).
Drive: 13 plays, 68 yards.					
Alabama	21-12	4	7:34		Craig Turner 1-yard run (Kim kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 66 yards.					
Illinois	21-15	4	6:12		Mike Bass 23-yard field goal.
Drive: 5 plays, 38 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Illinois
First Downs	19	21
By Rushing	13	3
By Passing	6	18
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	57-217	25-21
Passes: A-C-I	13-7-2	58-35-7
Passing Yards	130	423
Total Plays	70	83
Total Yards	347	444
Punts-Avg.	5-41.6	3-33.3
Punt Returns	2-5	0-0
Kickoff Returns	4-61	4-130
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-14	7-57

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Ricky Moore 13-65, 1 TD; Jeff Fagan 6-38; Craig Turner 11-36, 1 TD; Walter Lewis 12-20; Joe Carter 5-25; Paul Ott Carruth 3-15; Linnie Patrick 3-12; Jesse Bendross 1-8, 1 TD; Ken Coley 1-3; Paul Fields 2-(-5).
Illinois: Joe Curtis 7-13; 1 TD; Richard Ryles 4-10; Tony Eason 10-(-10); Thomas Rooks 2-3; Dwight Beverly 1-6; Mitchell Brookins 1-(-1).

PASSING

Alabama: Walter Lewis 13-7-2, 130 yards.
Illinois: Tony Eason 55-35-4, 423 yards, 1 TD; Kris Jenner 3-0-3, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Jesse Bendross 3-15; Joey Jones 2-60; Ricky Moore 1-13; Darryl White 1-6.
Illinois: Mike Martin 8-127; Oliver Williams 7-84, 1 TD; Tim Brewster 6-55; Dwight Beverly 4-40; Joe Curtis 2-35; Miguel DeOliver 2-23; Mike Murhpy 2-20; Thomas Rooks 2-18; Kirby Wilson 1-14; Cam Benson 1-7.

TACKLES

Alabama: Eddie Lowe 13; Mike Pitts 12; Rocky Colburn 9; Jeremiah Castille 8; Tommy Wilcox 8; Scott McRae 7; Robbie Jones 7; Stan Gay 6; Al Blue 3; Tom McCrary 3; John Elias 3; Venson Elder 2; Josh Henderson 2.
Illinois: Don Thorp 10; Mike Johnson 9; Mike Weingrad 8; Clinton Haynes 8; David Edwards 7; Archie Carter 7.

*Alabama’s Jeremiah Castille had 3 interceptions of Illinois passes in the game.

1983 SUN BOWL

Alabama 28, (6) SMU 7

EL PASO, Texas (Dec. 24, 1983) – Alabama entered the 50th Annual Sun Bowl after a disappointing 7-4 regular season. Playing before the largest crowd (41,412) ever to witness an event in El Paso, Texas, sports history up to that point, the Crimson Tide football team gave the fans their money's worth by shocking sixth-ranked Southern Methodist (SMU), 28-7. That crowd braved wind gusts of up to 35 miles per hour and temperatures in the 20s.

Fullback Ricky Moore ran for two first-period touchdowns and Walter Lewis riddled the nation's second best defense with his passing to lead Alabama to its most impressive victory of the season. The 235-pound Moore, who carried 28 times for 113 yards and his sixth consecutive 100-yard effort, capped early drives of 59 and 51 yards with touchdown runs of 1 yard and 11 yards to give the Crimson Tide a 14-0 lead after one period. It was the first time SMU trailed by 14 points since the 10th game of the 1980 season. Lewis, who completed nine of 14 passes for 148 yards and was named the game's most valuable player, scored from a yard out to end an 86-yard drive midway through the second quarter. He lofted a 19-yard touchdown pass to split end Joey Jones 43 seconds before halftime to make it 28-0.

Alabama's first half domination was evident in more ways than the scoreboard showed. The Crimson Tide piled up 303 yards in the first two periods against a team which had yielded an average of 256.1 in 11 regular-season games while allowing only 105 yards for the Mustangs while building a 17-4 edge in first downs.

SMU won the pregame coin toss and elected to take the wind. But there was no stopping Alabama in the first half as the Crimson Tide scored twice into the wind and twice with the gusts at its back. Following Greg Richardson's 13-yard punt return, the Tide covered 59 yards in seven plays for the first touchdown. The key plays were an 11-yard pass from Lewis to flanker Jesse Bendross and a 35-yard run by freshman tailback Kerry Goode. Three plays later, Moore took a pitchout, broke two tackles and powered across the goal line for a 7-0 lead.

SMU quarterback Lance McIlhenny fumbled a snap from center on the Mustangs' first possession and Alabama cornerback Sammy Hood, who was blitzing, recovered at the Tide 19. Alabama needed only 64 seconds and three plays to make it 14-0. Lewis passed 32 yards to Richardson, scrambled for eight and flipped a pitchout to Moore, who started right, cut back sharply and scored from the 11 without a hand being laid on him.

The Crimson Tide went 86 yards in 6:22 for its third touchdown. Reserve tailback Linnie Patrick started it with a 14-yard run and Lewis whipped passes of 18 yards to tight end Preston Gothard and 17 to Jones. He also ran twice on third down for the necessary yardage and fired an 8-yard pass to Bendross on another third-down situation. On third-and-goal at the one, Lewis fooled the SMU defense with a fake to Moore up the middle, hesitated for a second and then darted around right end to score easily. Freshman Van Tiffin's conversion made it 21-0.

Alabama strong safety Ricky Thomas recovered a fumble by Atkins at the SMU 49, but Lewis fumbled the ball back at the 15 eight players later. However, free safety Freddie Robinson intercepted a McIlhenny pass at the Alabama 38 with 1:09 left in the half and Lewis needed only four plays and 26 seconds to make it 28-0. After an incomplete pass, he gained 13 yards on a quarterback draw and passed to tight end Thornton Chandler for 25. One play later, Lewis found Jones in the rear of the end zone behind cornerback Fred Nichols for Alabama's final touchdown. SMU, which turned the ball over three times on fumbles and twice on interceptions, finally scored with 3:41 left in the third period, going 78 yards in three plays with freshman Jeff Atkins bolting 58 yards to the Alabama 15 and McIlhenny tossing a touchdown pass to split end Marquis Pleasant, another freshman, on the next play.

After SMU's third period score, the Mustangs threatened on two other occasions. But tailback Reggie Dupard fumbled the ball away at the Tide 21 with 4:16 left in the third period and McIlhenny threw an incomplete pass on fourth down from the Alabama nine with 7:02 remaining.

It was Alabama's 37th bowl game and 25th in a row, both national records, but the first since head coach Ray Perkins succeeded the late Paul "Bear" Bryant as head coach. The victory enabled the Crimson Tide to snap a two-game losing streak which had dropped them out of the Top 20 rankings and wind up 8-4 in Perkins' first season, the same record as Bryant's final team a year earlier. It also was Alabama's 20th bowl victory against 14 losses and three ties, equaling Southern California's mark of 20 bowl wins.

SMU, the nation's winningest team over the span of 1981-82 with a 31-2-1 record before the Sun Bowl debacle, finished the season with a 10-2 record. The Mustangs two setbacks in that three-year stretch were by two and three points to Texas.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	14	14	0	0	-	28
SMU	0	0	7	0	-	7

Attendance: 41,412 (capacity: 51,500). **Weather:** Sunny; 24 degrees; Wind from E at 15 mph, gusting to 35.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-SMU	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	4:50		Ricky Moore 1-yard run (Van Tiffin kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 59 yards.					
Alabama	14-0	1	1:14		Moore 11-yard run (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 51 yards.					
Alabama	21-0	2	7:16		Walter Lewis 1-yard run (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 16 plays, 91 yards.					
Alabama	28-0	2	0:43		Joey Jones 19-yard pass from Walter Lewis (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 62 yards.					
SMU	28-7	3	11:19		Marquis Pleasant 15-yard pass from Lance McIlhenny (Jeff Harrell kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 78 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	SMU
First Downs	23	13
By Rushing	13	6
By Passing	7	7
By Penalty	3	0
Rushes-Yards	62-251	32-174
Passes: A-C-I	14-9-0	27-14-2
Passing Yards	148	148
Total Plays	76	59
Total Yards	399	322
Punts-Avg.	6-40.6	4-41.3
Punt Returns	2-21	1-6
Kickoff Returns	1-34	3-43
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	3-25	7-45

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Ricky Moore 28-113, 2 TDs; Kerry Goode 7-59; Walter Lewis 17-39, 1 TD; Linnie Patrick 6-34; Joe Carter 4-6.

SMU: Jeff Atkins 9-120; Reggie Dupard 13-51; Michael Charles 3-6; Russell Carter 1-5; Ron Morris 1-1.

PASSING

Alabama: Walter Lewis 14-9-0, 148 yards, 1 TD.

SMU: Lance McIlhenny 27-14-2, 148 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Joey Jones 2-36; Thornton Chandler 2-34; Preston Gothard 2-27; Jesse Bendross 2-19; Greg Richardson 1-32.

SMU: Ron Morris 5-63; Reggie Dupard 4-10; Marquis Pleasant 3-67, 1 TD; Norm Revis 1-5; Albert Reese 1-3.

TACKLES

Alabama: Emanuel King 10; Venson Elder 5; Mike Rodriguez 4; Sammy Hood 4; Jon Hand 4; Stan Gay 3; Ricky Thomas 3; Scott McRae 3; Curt Jarvis 3; Randy Edwards 3; Cornelius Bennett 3.

SMU: Mitch Willis 9; Dwayne Anderson 8; Tom Linebarger 8; Anthony Beverly 7; Kit Case 7; Doug Hollie 6; Reggie Phillips 5; Fred Nichols 5; Russell Carter 5; Larry Cox 5; Clarence McDade 5.

1985 ALOHA BOWL

(15) Alabama 24, Southern California 3

HONOLULU, Hawaii (Dec. 28, 1985) – Alabama dominated the second half to hand Southern California a 24-3 defeat in the fourth annual Aloha Bowl in Honolulu to end the 1985 season with a 9-2-1 record. Before a crowd of 35,183, the Crimson Tide victory tied USC with the most bowl victories (21) as the traditional football powers met for only the second time in bowl competition.

The first half was a defensively-dominated sloppy affair that ended in a 3-3 tie. Alabama was whistled for 68 yards on seven penalties in the first half. The Tide scored on its first possession, driving 54 yards from its own 15-yard line to the USC 31 where Van Tiffin kicked a 48-yard field goal. Early in the second quarter, USC tied the score on a 24-yard field goal by Don Shafer with 9:36 left in the half after UA stopped the Trojans at the eighth yard line on a drive that started from the USC 37.

The charged up Crimson Tide scored a touchdown on its second possession in the third quarter. Greg Richardson returned a punt 14 yards to the Trojans 42. Ten plays later, fullback Craig Turner dove into the end zone from the one. Tiffin converted the extra point for a 10-3 lead.

Moments later, Kermit Kendrick intercepted a USC pass and returned it 16 yards to the Trojans 44. Five plays later, Alabama quarterback Mike Shula hit wide receiver Clayton Whitehurst in the end zone for a 24-yard touchdown pass. Tiffin converted for a 17-3 lead with 13:25 left in the fourth quarter.

Alabama forced USC to punt on its next possession and Richardson called for a fair catch on the Trojans 44. Seven plays later, flanker Albert Bell ran a reverse around the left side for a 14-yard touchdown with 8:25 remaining. Tiffin kicked the extra point for the 24-3 final score.

Alabama freshman running back Gene Jelks gained 79 yards on 17 carries and was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player. Junior All-American linebacker Cornelius Bennett had nine tackles, broke up one pass, and pressured opposing passers throughout the game to earn the Most Valuable Defensive Player honor. The game was televised nationally by Innovative Sports TV.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	3	0	7	14	-	24
USC	0	3	0	0	-	3

Attendance: 35,183 (capacity: 50,000). **Weather:** Cloudy; 78 degrees; 66% humidity; Wind from NE at 10-20 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-USC	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	1	6:05		Van Tiffin 48-yard field goal.
Drive: 14 plays, 54 yards.					
USC	3-3	2	9:36		Don Shafer 24-yard field goal.
Drive: 8 plays, 55 yards.					
Alabama	10-3	3	4:03		Craig Turner 1-yard run (Van Tiffin kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 43 yards.					
Alabama	17-3	4	13:25		Clayton Whitehurst 24-yard pass from Mike Shula (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 44 yards.					
Alabama	24-3	4	8:25		Al Bell 14-yard run (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	USC
First Downs	18	10
By Rushing	14	3
By Passing	3	6
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	55-205	26-61
Passes: A-C-I	16-8-0	26-16-2
Passing Yards	112	136
Total Plays	71	52
Total Yards	317	197
Punts-Avg.	6-41.5	6-37.3
Punt Returns	2-13	2-19
Kickoff Returns	2-35	5-95
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-93	5-30

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Gene Jelks 17-79; Bobby Humphrey 14-55; Craig Turner 16-53, 1 TD; Al Bell 1-14, 1 TD; David Smith 1-9; Doug Allen 1-5; Chester Braggs 1-0; Don Horstead 1(-2); Mike Shula 1(-8).

USC: Ryan Knight 16-40; Rodney Peete 6-13; Aaron Emanuel 3-4; Kennedy Pola 1-4.

PASSING

Alabama: Mike Shula 15-8-0, 112 yards, 1 TD; Gene Jelks 1-0-0, 0 yards.

USC: Rodney Peete 17-10-1, 65 yards; Kevin McLean 9-6-1, 71 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Craig Turner 4-40; Al Bell 2-39; Clayton Whitehurst 1-24; Gene Jelks 1-9.

USC: Ken Henry 4-83; Joe Cormier 4-21; Erik McKee 3-19; Lonnie White 2-18; Ryan Knight 2-2; Zeph Lee 1(-7).

TACKLES

Alabama: Cornelius Bennett 9; Wayne Davis 9; Curt Jarvis 7; Jon Hand 7; Derrick Thomas 6; Greg Gilbert 6; Freddie Robinson 4; Todd Roper 4; Joe Godwin 4; Rory Turner 2; Vernon Wilkinson 2.

USC: Tim McDonald 14; Keith Davis 13; Sam Anno 11; Marcus Cotton 11; Matt Johnson 9; Brent Moore 9.

1986 SUN BOWL

(13) Alabama 28, (12) Washington 6

EL PASO, Texas (Dec. 25, 1986) – Alabama’s memorable 1986 senior class went out in impressive style with a dominant 28-6 victory over Pac-10 Conference runner-up Washington. The win gave the Crimson Tide a 10-3 record against one of the nation’s toughest schedules. Alabama head coach Ray Perkins’ final team at the Capstone opened the season 7-0, only to lose three of its final five regular season games to finish with a 9-3 record.

Senior All-American linebacker Cornelius Bennett was selected the game’s most valuable player. He led the defense that allowed Washington’s high powered offense just 62 yards on the ground, and 241 yards total offense. The Tide didn’t allow a touchdown.

After a scoreless first quarter, All-American halfback Bobby Humphrey broke loose on a 64-yard sprint for the game’s first score with 13:55 left in the second quarter. The Huskies’ kicker, Jeff Jaeger, booted a 31-yard field goal with 5:55 left and added a 34-yarder with 44 seconds remaining as Alabama took a 7-6 halftime lead.

Midway through the third quarter, Alabama’s Freddie Robinson recovered a Washington fumble on the Huskies’ 47-yard line. In six plays, quarterback Mike Shula sharply guided the Crimson Tide to a touchdown, completing two passes to Humphrey and a 32-yard scoring strike to Greg Richardson. All-American placekicker Van Tiffin converted his second point-after kick of the day with 6:24 remaining in the period and Alabama led, 14-6.

On the Crimson Tide’s next possession, Humphrey ran three plays for 15 yards. Then Shula hit Angelo Stafford for 27 yards, Richardson for 25 and Humphrey for an 18-yard touchdown pass. The six-play, 83-yard drive took but 2:11 off the clock and with Tiffin’s conversion kick, Alabama was in charge 21-6.

Alabama scored again on its next possession, covering 92 yards in 16 plays. Humphrey ran in the score from three yards out after gaining 48 yards on ten carries and catching three passes for 30 yards from Shula on the drive. Tiffin converted at the 7:16 mark in the last quarter for the final 28-6 margin.

Shula, starting his 27th consecutive game for Alabama, completed 15 of 26 passes for 176 yards with two touchdown passes in his final collegiate game. Humphrey ended a sensational year with three touchdowns and his 159 yards rushing gave him eight 100-yard rushing games for the season.

A crowd of 48,722 witnessed the game and CBS televised it nationally.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	14	7	-	28
Washington.....	0	6	0	0	-	6

Attendance: 48,722 (capacity: 51,500). **Weather:** Cloudy; 45 degrees; Wind from NW at 4 mph.

Team	Score	Time	Play	
	UA-UW	Qtr.	Left	
Alabama	7-0	2	13:45	Bobby Humphrey 64-yard run (Van Tiffin kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 72 yards.				
Washington	7-3	2	5:55	Jeff Jaeger 31-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 48 yards.				
Washington	7-6	2	0:44	Jaeger 34-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 47 yards.				
Alabama	14-6	3	6:24	Greg Richardson 32-yard pass from Mike Shula (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 47 yards.				
Alabama	21-6	3	0:13	Humphrey 18-yard pass from Shula (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 83 yards.				
Alabama	28-6	4	7:16	Humphrey 3-yard run (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 16 plays, 92 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Washington
First Downs	13	16
By Rushing	8	6
By Passing	4	9
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	41-201	36-62
Passes: A-C-I	26-15-0	43-20-2
Passing Yards	176	189
Total Plays	67	79
Total Yards	391	251
Punts-Avg.	9-45.7	8-35.6
Punt Returns	3-24	5-68
Kickoff Returns	1-21	5-107
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	1-15	1-15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Bobby Humphrey 28-159, 2 TDs; Bo Wright 4-32; Gene Jelks 2-5; David Smith 2-3; Doug Allen 2-3; Mike Shula 3-(-1).

Washington: Vince Weathersby 9-28; Rick Fenney 11-19; Steve Jones 6-11; Tony Covington 1-6; Chris Chandler 7-2; Aaron Jenkins 2-2.

PASSING

Alabama: Mike Shula 26-15-0, 176 yards, 2 TDs.

Washington: Chris Chandler 43-20-2, 189 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Bobby Humphrey 5-43, 1 TD; Doug Allen 4-24; Greg Richardson 2-59, 1 TD; Angelo Stafford 2-35; Albert Bell 2-27.

Washington: Lonzell Hill 5-77; Vince Weathersby 5-45; Rick Fenney 4-12; Rod Jones 3-19; Brian Slater 1-24; Darryl Franklin 1-13; Steve Jones 1-9.

TACKLES

Alabama: Cornelius Bennett 11; Ricky Thomas 8; Greg Gilbert 8; Cliff Thomas 6; Freddie Robinson 5; Vantriese Davis 4; Derrick Slaughter 4; Willie Shepherd 4; Britton Cooper 3; Wayne Davis 3; George Bethune 3; Joe Godwin 3; Lee Ozmint 3.

Washington: Tom Erlandson 12; David Rill 9; Tim Peoples 7; Brian Habib 7; Darryl Hall 6; Reggie Rogers 6.

1988 HALL OF FAME BOWL

Michigan 28, Alabama 24

TAMPA, Fla. (Jan. 2, 1988) - In a battle of two traditional football powers, Alabama and Michigan met for the first time in the second Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla., and the Wolverines won, 28-24, on a fourth down play in the game's final minute.

NBC televised the game nationally and 60,156 fans looked on as Alabama head coach Bill Curry faced Michigan assistant head coach Gary Moeller, who replaced head coach Bo Schembechler, who had suffered a heart attack three weeks prior to the game.

A 51-yard Philip Doyle field goal at 8:43 in the first quarter gave the Crimson Tide a 3-0 lead. Michigan's All-American halfback Jamie Morris, who finished with a career-high 234 rushing yards on the day, proceeded to score three unanswered touchdowns. Two came in the second quarter from 25 and 14 yards out, enabling Michigan to build a 14-3 lead at half-time. On Michigan's second possession of the third quarter, Morris broke through the left side of his line for a 77-yard touchdown sprint with 9:36 remaining.

Down 21-3, Alabama came to life and scored three touchdowns for the lead. With 4:55 left in the third quarter, tight end Howard Cross took a 16-yard scoring strike from quarterback Jeff Dunn to complete a 72-yard drive but the Tide failed on a two-point conversion. On Alabama's next possession, the team put together an 85-yard drive with All-American tailback Bobby Humphrey leaping over from the one yard line.

After forcing Michigan to punt on its next two possessions, the passing of Dunn and the running of Humphrey completed a 79-yard drive with Humphrey scoring on a determined 17-yard run. Dunn completed a two-point play to Clayton Whitehurst for a 24-21 lead with 4:49 remaining to play.

Starting from its own 38-yard line after the kickoff, Michigan quickly moved to Alabama's 20-yard line where the Wolverines faced a fourth-and-three situation. From there, quarterback Demetrius Brown completed a beautifully executed touchdown pass to flanker John Kolesar with 50 seconds left in the game to give the Wolverines a 28-24 victory. Kolesar, who beat Alabama cornerback John Mangum, jumped high into the air on the play to catch the winning pass, his only reception of the day.

Dunn completed 23 of 40 passes for 269 yards and Humphrey rushed for 149 yards on 27 attempts to lead Alabama offensively.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama.....	3	0	6	15	-	24
Michigan.....	0	14	7	7	-	28

Attendance: 60,156 (capacity: 60,000). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 78 degrees; Wind from S at 5-10 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UM	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	1	8:43		Philip Doyle 51-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 42 yards.					
Michigan	3-7	2	5:21		Jamie Morris 25-yard run (Philip Doyle kick).
Drive: 1 play, 25 yards.					
Michigan	3-14	2	0:47		Morris 14-yard run (Mike Gillette kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 76 yards.					
Michigan	3-21	3	9:36		Morris 77-yard run (Gillette kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 80 yards.					
Alabama	9-21	3	4:55		Howard Cross 16-yard pass from Jeff Dunn (Doyle kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 72 yards.					
Alabama	16-21	4	12:54		Bobby Humphrey 1-yard run (Doyle kick).
Drive: 15 plays, 85 yards.					
Alabama	24-21	4	3:45		Humphrey 17-yard run (Clay Whitehurst pass from Dunn).
Drive: 11 plays, 79 yards.					
Michigan	24-28	4	0:50		John Kolesar 20-yard pass from Demetrius Brown (Gillette kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 62 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Michigan
First Downs	28	12
By Rushing	10	8
By Passing	18	3
By Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	49-191	32-278
Passes: A-C-I	40-23-1	17-6-0
Passing Yards	269	68
Total Plays	89	49
Total Yards	460	346
Punts-Avg.	4-42.5	6-42.5
Punt Returns	1-6	1-3
Kickoff Returns	5-75	5-94
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	1-5

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Bobby Humphrey 27-149, 2 TDs; Kerry Goode 6-14; Jeff Dunn 7-13; Pierre Goode 4-7; Doug Allen 3-6; Bo Wright 2-2.

Michigan: Jamie Morris 23-234, 3 TDs; Jarrod Bunch 3-16; Michael Taylor 3-11; Demetrius Brown 2-1; Leroy Hoard 1-16.

PASSING

Alabama: Jeff Dunn 40-23-1, 269 yards, 1 TD.

Michigan: Demetrius Brown 13-4-0, 72 yards, 1 TD; Michael Taylor 4-2-0, -4 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Clay Whitehurst 6-85; Howard Cross 6-81, 1 TD; Bobby Humphrey 5-34; Angelo Stafford 2-21; Pierre Goode 2-20; Bo Wright 1-18; Doug Allen 1-10.

Michigan: Jamie Morris 2-(-4); Greg McMurtry 1-31; John Kolesar 1-20, 1 TD; Chris Calloway 1-14; Jeffrey Brown 1-7.

TACKLES

Alabama: John Mangum 6; Randy Rockwell 5; Lee Ozmint 4; Vantreise Davis 4; Greg Gilbert 4; Derrick Thomas 3; Robert Stewart 3.

Michigan: Allen Bishop 19; J.J. Grant 10; Erik Campbell 8; Doug Mallory 6.

1989 SUN BOWL

(20) Alabama 29, Army 28

EL PASO, Texas (Dec. 24, 1988) – Resilient Alabama, behind a record-setting performance by senior quarterback David Smith, rallied to defeat upset-minded Army 29-28 in the 55th annual Sun Bowl Classic. Smith shattered passing records set by such esteemed Alabama greats as Steve Sloan and Joe Namath in guiding the Crimson Tide to the win on a near perfect day in El Paso.

A 51-yard run by Army fullback Ben Barnett set up the first score of the game, a one-yard run by Mike Mayweather, with less than three minutes elapsed.

Alabama cut the lead to 7-3 in the first quarter on a 37-yard field goal by Philip Doyle but, early in the second period, the Cadets took a 14-3 lead when quarterback Bryan McWilliams capped a 69-yard, six-play drive with a 30-yard touchdown run on a wishbone option play. Alabama settled for another Doyle field goal, this time from 22 yards out, to draw within 14-6.

The end of the first half brought some of the game's most pivotal moments. While the Alabama defense was trying to figure out the intricacies of the Black Knights' wishbone, Army went to the air on a halfback pass, but passer Calvin Cass overshot a wide open Otto Leone for what would have been an easy score. Instead, Army had to settle for a field goal attempt from the Alabama 24 yard line. The Crimson Tide's Derrick Thomas blocked the kick, keeping Army from adding to its lead.

David Smith rapidly drove Alabama 76 yards in 1:12 for a score. With only 35 seconds left in the first half, Doyle converted the extra point to narrow the lead to 14-13. Five plays later and with only a few ticks left on the clock, Army lined up for another field goal try, this time from the Alabama 27-yard line. Keith Walker's 44-yard attempt was blocked, again by the omnipresent Thomas.

Trailing 28-20, the Crimson Tide and Smith did not panic, driving to the Army two-yard line where the Army defense stiffened and Doyle was called on to kick a 32-yard field goal with 7:25 left.

Now behind 28-23, Alabama surged to the winning touchdown. A 19-yard pass from Smith to Todd Richardson and a 16-yard run by Wayne Shaw led to senior David Casteal leaping into the end zone for the winning score.

Smith, the game's Most Valuable Player, completed 33 of 52 passes for 412 yards and two touchdowns, setting Alabama bowl records for attempts, completions and yardage. Thomas was voted the game's best lineman.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	3	10	7	9	-	29
Army	7	7	14	0	-	28

Attendance: 48,719 (capacity: 51,500). **Weather:** Sunny; 50 degrees; Wind from SW at 15-20 mph.

Team	Score	Time	Play
UA-Army	Qtr.	Left	
Army	0-7	1	12:04 Mike Mayweather 1-yard run (Keith Walker kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 70 yards.			
Alabama	3-7	1	1:25 Philip Doyle 37-yard field goal.
Drive: 14 plays, 65 yards.			
Army	3-14	2	14:02 Bryan McWilliams 30-yard run (Walker kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 69 yards.			
Alabama	6-14	2	7:33 Doyle 22-yard field goal.
Drive: 12 plays, 67 yards.			
Alabama	13-14	2	0:35 Marco Battle 7-yard pass from David Smith (Philip Doyle kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 76 yards.			
Alabama	20-14	3	4:23 Greg Payne 23-yard pass from Smith (Doyle kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 69 yards.			
Army	20-21	3	1:22 Mayweather 3-yard run (Walker kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 69 yards.			
Army	20-28	3	0:07 O'Neal Miller 57-yard interception return (Walker kick).
Alabama	23-28	4	7:25 Doyle 32-yard field goal.
Drive: 12 plays, 48 yards.			
Alabama	29-28	4	4:01 David Casteal 2-yard run (run failed).
Drive: 5 plays, 54 yards.			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Army
First Downs	29	19
By Rushing	5	17
By Passing	23	1
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	36-95	61-350
Passes: A-C-I	52-33-1	6-0-1
Passing Yards	412	0
Total Plays	88	67
Total Yards	507	350
Punts-Avg.	4-45.5	5-39.2
Punt Returns	3-32	1-14
Kickoff Returns	5-119	4-76
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	4-32

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Murry Hill 12-57; Wayne Shaw 7-38; David Casteal 7-14, 1 TD; Kevin Turner 2-9; Robert Stewart 2-6; Pierre Goode 1-1; David Smith 5-(-30).

Army: Ben Barnett 14-177; Mike Mayweather 19-80; Bryan McWilliams 19-62, 1 TD; Calvin Cass 8-34; Sean Jordan 1-(-3).

PASSING

Alabama: David Smith 52-33-1, 412 yards, 2 TDs.

Army: Bryan McWilliams 5-0-1, 0 yards; Calvin Cass 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Greg Payne 9-107, 1 TD; Marco Battle 9-99, 1 TD; Prince Wimbley 3-50; Lamonde Russell 3-41; Todd Richardson 2-37; Kevin Turner 2-18; Wayne Shaw 2-17; Murry Hill 1-19; David Casteal 1-13; Howard Cross 1-11.

Army: None.

TACKLES

Alabama: Keith McCants 13; Derrick Thomas 6; John Mangum 6; Kermit Kendrick 5; Willie Shephard 5; Charles Gardner 4; Lee Ozmint 4; William Amelong 4; Steve Webb 4; Spencer Hammond 3; Greg Gilbert 3; George Thornton 3.

Army: Troy Lingley 9; Earnest Boyd 8; Darryl Scherb 7; Pat Davie Jr. 7; Josh Haines 6; Mike Thorsen 5.

1990 SUGAR BOWL

(2) Miami 33, (7) Alabama 25

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1990) – On the first day of the 1990s, Miami clinched the 1989 National Championship with a 33-25 victory over seventh-ranked Alabama in a game that was Bill Curry's last as head coach of the Crimson Tide.

Miami struck early, moving ahead 7-0 with 4:55 left in the first quarter on a three-yard run by fullback Stephen McGuire. The Tide had held the Hurricanes on downs and forced a field goal attempt by Carlos Huerta but Alabama was offside, giving Miami a first down at the three-yard line to set up McGuire's touchdown run.

Two series later, a short punt and a 10-yard return by Gene Jelks which put Alabama within striking range from the Miami 36. It took nine plays to move that distance against the Miami defense, but a four-yard reception of a Gary Hollingsworth pass by Marco Battle scored the Tide touchdown and tied the score at 7-7.

But the Hurricanes answered quickly by going 78 yards in five plays with Miami quarterback Craig Erickson and Wesley Carroll connecting on three completions for 50 yards, including an 18-yarder for the score. Carlos Huerta's extra point was blocked by Alabama's Mike Ramil, leaving the score at 13-7.

The second quarter fireworks continued with Tide freshman Antonio London recovering a fumbled Miami punt to set up an eventual 45-yard field goal by Philip Doyle. Nine plays later, the Hurricanes went up 20-10 after Alex Johnson scored from three yards out. But once again, the Tide struck back with its most impressive drive of the night, covering 80 yards in 11 plays and scoring on a seven-yard pass from Hollingsworth to Lamonde Russell with 40 seconds left in the half.

Alabama was back in business seconds later when senior Lee Ozmint intercepted an Erickson toss and ran it back 23 yards to the Miami 19. Three plays later, after two runs and an incompleting, Doyle tried a 40-yard field goal on the final play of the first half. Doyle had the distance to hit it from better than 60 yards, but the kick sailed to the left and the halftime score read Miami 20, Alabama 17.

Both teams came out slow in the second half, and failed to score in a conservative third quarter. The fourth quarter, however, began with the Hurricane offense in high gear, as Erickson hit tight end Rob Chudzinski for an 11-yard score. Only minutes later, Erickson found his other tight end, Randy Bethel, from 12 yards out to give Miami a commanding 33-17 lead.

Late in the game, Alabama made a heroic comeback effort as Hollingsworth hit Miami native Prince Wimbley with a scoring pass from nine yards out with 2:53 left. A Hollingsworth to Russell two-point conversion pass pulled the Tide within eight, 33-25. However, Alabama's on-side kick attempt failed and the Hurricanes had little trouble running out the clock and claiming not only the Sugar Bowl crown but the unanimous No. 1 ranking in the nation as well.

Miami's Dennis Erickson became only the second coach in college football history to win the national championship in his first season at a school, and Craig Erickson was named the game's Most Outstanding Player. For Alabama, Hollingsworth threw for 214 yards and three touchdowns. On defense, Alabama was led by defensive backs Lee Ozmint and Efrum Thomas, both of whom had a team-leading nine tackles.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	17	0	8	-	25
Miami	7	13	6	7	-	33

Attendance: 77,452 (capacity: 76,800). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score UA-UM	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Miami	0-7	1	4:55	Stephen McGuire 3-yard run (Carlos Huerta kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 66 yards.				
Alabama	7-7	2	14:02	Marco Battle 4-yard pass from Gary Hollingsworth (Philip Doyle kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 36 yards.				
Miami	7-13	2	12:10	Wesley Carroll 19-yard pass from Craig Erickson (kick blocked).
Drive: 5 plays, 78 yards.				
Alabama	10-13	2	8:58	Philip Doyle 45-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 7 yards.				
Miami	10-20	2	5:08	Alex Johnson 3-yard run (Huerta kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 62 yards.				
Alabama	17-20	2	0:40	Lamonde Russell 7-yard pass from Hollingsworth (Doyle kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards.				
Miami	17-26	3	6:45	Rob Chudzinski 11-yard pass from Erickson (pass failed).
Drive: 10 plays, 67 yards.				
Miami	17-33	4	12:35	Randy Bethel 12-yard pass from Erickson (Huerta kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 82 yards.				
Alabama	25-33	4	2:53	Prince Wimbley 9-yard pass from Hollingsworth (L. Russell pass from Hollingsworth).
Drive: 6 plays, 33 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Miami
First Downs	17	24
By Rushing	3	9
By Passing	10	13
By Penalty	4	2
Rushes-Yards	29-38	50-227
Passes: A-C-I	43-27-1	27-17-1
Passing Yards	214	250
Total Plays	72	77
Total Yards	252	477
Punts-Avg.	8-38.3	5-31.4
Punt Returns	2-11	5-13
Kickoff Returns	6-101	4-80
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-24	11-77

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Siran Stacy 9-21; Derrick Lassic 4-13; Martin Houston 4-6; Kevin Turner 6-4; Murry Hill 1-3; Gary Hollingsworth 5(-9).

Miami: Leonard Conley 18-84; Stephen McGuire 17-80, 1 TD; Alex Johnson 9-58, 1 TD; Craig Erickson 6-5.

PASSING

Alabama: Gary Hollingsworth 43-27-1, 214 yards, 3 TDs.

Miami: Craig Erickson 27-17-1, 250 yards, 3 TDs.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Marco Battle 4-42, 1 TD; Prince Wimbley 3-48, 1 TD; Lamonde Russell 3-25; Murry Hill 3-18; Siran Stacy 3-14; Derrick Lassic 2-8; Craig Sanderson 1-10; Pierre Goode 1-9.

Miami: Wesley Carroll 5-88, 1 TD; Randal Hill 4-64; Randy Bethel 2-31; Rob Chudzinski 2-21, 1 TD; Lamar Thomas 2-21; Dale Dawkins 1-23; Leonard Conley 1-2.

TACKLES

Alabama: Lee Ozmint 9; Efrum Thomas 9; John Mangum 6; Keith McCants 6; Vantreise Davis 6; Charles Gardner 5.

Miami: Bernard Clark 9; Richard Newbill 8; Russell Maryland 8; Maurice Crum 7; Darrin Smith 5

1991 FIESTA BOWL

(18) Louisville 34, (25) Alabama 7

TEMPE, Ariz. (Jan. 1, 1991) – The Louisville Cardinals, behind four first-quarter touchdowns, jumped to a 25-0 lead over the Crimson Tide and coasted to a 34-7 victory in the 1991 Sunkist Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona.

The game marked the second time that Louisville head coach Howard Schnellenberger, an assistant coach at Alabama from 1961-65, had faced the Tide as a head coach. Schnellenberger, an assistant under the legendary Paul “Bear” Bryant, helped coach the Tide to an impressive 49-5-1 record, including three SEC and national championships (1961, ‘64 and ‘65).

Offensively, the Tide compiled only 189 yards total offense. Alabama’s vaunted defense, ranked first in passing defense, third in total defense, fourth in scoring defense and sixth in rushing defense, gave up an Alabama bowl-record 458 yards passing. The Cardinals rushed for another 113 yards to set an opponent record for most yards gained in a bowl game (571). The Tide defense was unable to stop the Cardinals’ Browning Nagle, who hit on 20-of-33 attempts for 451 yards and three touchdowns.

The Cardinals jumped ahead with 7:35 left in the first quarter when Nagle hit Latrell Ware for a 70-yard scoring pass with 7:35 left. Ralph Dawkins came back with 3:40 remaining to score on a five-yard burst that capped a six-play, 26-yard drive. After an Alabama punt, Louisville breezed to a 19-0 lead by driving 77 yards in six plays. That march was capped by a 37-yard pass from Nagle to Anthony Cummings. After a misconnection on a two-point conversion pass, the lead remained at 19-0 with 54 seconds left in the first period.

Just 53 seconds later, Louisville blocked an Alabama punt and the Cardinals’ Ray Buchanan recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown. The Cardinals went for two, but George Teague stopped a run by Ralph Dawkins on the one-yard line and the Cardinals’ led, 25-0, with one second left in the first quarter.

The Tide’s only score came when Charles Gardner intercepted a Jeff Brohm pass and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown with 7:32 left in the second quarter.

Louisville rounded out the scoring when Nagle threw 19 yards to Anthony Cummings and Bama quarterback Danny Woodson was called for intentional grounding in the end zone.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	0	0	-	7
Louisville	25	0	7	2	-	34

Attendance: 69,098 (capacity: 71,706). **Weather:** 60 degrees; Wind from W at 3 mph.

Team	Score UA-UL	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Louisville	0-7	1	7:35	Latrell Ware 70-yard pass from Browning Nagle (Klaus Wilmsmeyer kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 73 yards.				
Louisville	0-13	1	3:40	Ralph Dawkins 5-yard run (kick blocked).
Drive: 6 plays, 26 yards.				
Louisville	0-19	1	0:54	Anthony Cummings 37-yard pass from Nagle (pass failed).
Drive: 6 plays, 77 yards.				
Louisville	0-25	1	0:01	Ray Buchanan recovered blocked punt in end zone (pass failed).
Alabama	7-25	2	7:32	Charles Gardner 49-yard interception return (Philip Doyle kick).
Louisville	7-32	3	10:17	Cummings 19-yard pass from Nagle (Ron Bell kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 59 yards.				
Louisville	7-34	4	10:16	Safety – intentional grounding in end zone.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Louisville
First Downs	10	25
By Rushing	5	8
By Passing	4	16
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	33-95	39-113
Passes: A-C-I	35-12-2	39-21-3
Passing Yards	94	458
Total Plays	68	78
Total Yards	189	571
Punts-Avg.	8-40.2	3-41.0
Punt Returns	0-0	7-34
Kickoff Returns	6-88	3-71
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-40	10-87

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Kevin Turner 6-49; Chris Anderson 7-26; Junior Sewell 5-25; Danny Woodson 8-17; Derrick Lassic 1-0; Martin Houston 1-0; Scott Etter 1-(-7); Gary Hollingsworth 4-(-15).

Louisville: Pete Bynm 8-48; Ralph Dawkins 5-38, 1 TD; Curtis Lipsey 9-23; Bobby Hall 2-12; Latrell Ware 3-11; Merle Gardner 2-6; Fred Jones 1-0; Greg Brohm 1-(-2); Jeff Brohm 2-(-3); Browning Nagle 6-(-20).

PASSING

Alabama: Gary Hollingsworth 23-10-1, 59 yards; Danny Woodson 10-2-1, 35 yards; Scott Etter 2-0-0, 0 yards.

Louisville: Browning Nagle 33-20-1; 451 yards, 3 TDs; Curtis Lipsey 1-1-0, 7 yards; Jeff Brohm 3-0-2, 0 yards; Erik Watts 2-0-0, 0 yards

RECEIVING

Alabama: Kevin Turner 4-35; Derrick Lassic 2-35; Martin Houston 2-4; Donnie Finkley 1-15; Lamonde Russell 1-7; Steve Busky 1-3; Junior Sewell 1-(-5).

Louisville: Ken McKay 5-110; Curtis Lipsey 4-65; Anthony Cummings 3-69; Ralph Dawkins 3-32; Fred Jones 2-89; Latrell Ware 1-70, 1 TD; Eric Bloomfield 1-11; Browning Nagle 1-7; Pete Bynm 1-5.

TACKLES

Alabama: Efrum Thomas 10; Stacy Harrison 8; Mark McMillian 6; John Sul-lins 6; Derrick Oden 5; Eric Curry 4; Charles Gardner 4; George Thornton 4.

Louisville: Mike Flores 7; William Blackford 6; Reggie Johnson 6; Ray Buchanan 5; Dan Gangwer 5; Mark Sander 5.

1991 BLOCKBUSTER BOWL

(8) Alabama 30, (15) Colorado 25

MIAMI, Fla.. (Dec. 28, 1991) – Alabama relied on a second half rally and three Jay Barker touchdown passes to come from behind and defeat defending national champion Colorado, 30-25, at Joe Robbie Stadium in South Florida.

This game was marked Colorado's switch to a one-back, pass-oriented offense after the Buffaloes had been primarily a option running team for several years leading up to the contest. But Alabama adjusted quickly and successfully to the scheme.

David Palmer was honored with the "Brian Piccolo Award" as the game's most valuable player and he put the Crimson Tide on the scoreboard first in his usual fashion, a punt return. Palmer took the punt on Alabama's 48-yard line, ran through four Colorado defenders and scooted down the right sideline 52 yards for the score. Matt Wethington's point-after kick gave Alabama a 7-0 lead with 8:49 left in the first quarter.

Colorado's Ron Woolfork blocked an Alabama punt to give the Buffaloes the ball on the Alabama three-yard line and two plays later Scott Phillips ran it in from the one 1 with 1:34 remaining in the opening period. Jim Harper kicked the extra point to tie the game. Two possessions later, Colorado took the lead when linebacker Ted Johnson tackled Alabama running back Martin Houston in the end zone for a safety with 13:15 left in the second quarter.

Neither team could generate much offense, but the Alabama defense provided the necessary boost when Mark McMillian intercepted a Darian Hagan pass on the 50-yard line and ran it back 49 yards to the one. The Tide lost seven yards in three plays and settled for a Wethington field goal. The Buffaloes used the final 43 seconds in the half and kicked a 33-yard field goal as time ran out.

In the second half, the Alabama offense woke up and drove the ball to Colorado's eight. An apparent David Palmer touchdown was called back because of an illegal substitution, but on the next play (third-and-13) Barker and Siran Stacy connected on a 13-yard pass for six points. The two-point conversion failed and Alabama led, 16-12.

The lead didn't last long. The Buffaloes scored just 18 seconds later on a 62-yard pass from Hagan to Michael Westbrook to put CU back in front, 19-16. At this point, both offenses were moving. Alabama marched 75 yards its next possession, scoring on a 12-yard pass from Barker to Kevin Lee. Wethington's conversion kick put the Tide up, 23-19, with 6:55 left in the third quarter.

A 15-play drive in the fourth quarter culminated with a five-yard touchdown pass from Barker to Palmer and gave the Tide a 30-19 lead with 8:10 remaining. But the Buffaloes cut the lead to five on a 13-yard pass from Hagan to Charles Johnson with 3:30 left. Colorado got the ball back with 1:49 left and drove to the Alabama 33-yard line before being stopped on a fourth-and-one play with 40 seconds left.

Statistically, Alabama outgained Colorado, 307-199, running more plays (81-60) and building a 38:10 to 21:50 edge in time of possession. Alabama finished the season with an 11-1 mark, and was ranked fifth in the final rankings while Colorado finished with an 8-3-1 record and a No. 20 final ranking.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Colorado.....	7	5	7	6	-	25
Alabama	7	3	13	7	-	30

Attendance: 52,644 (capacity: 75,192). **Weather:** Cloudy with light rain; 66 degrees; Wind from *W at 5 mph.

Team	Score	Time	Play	
	UA-CU	Qtr.	Left	
Alabama	7-0	1	8:49	David Palmer 52-yard punt return (Matt Wethington kick).
Colorado	7-7	1	1:34	Scott Phillips 1-yard run (Jim Harper kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 3 yards.				
Colorado	7-9	2	13:15	Safety – Colorado's Ted Johnson tackles Alabama's Martin Houston in end zone.
Alabama	10-9	2	2:00	Matt Wethington 25-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, -7 yards.				
Colorado	10-12	2	0:00	Jim Harper 33-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 0 yards.				
Alabama	16-12	3	10:54	Siran Stacy 13-yard pass from Jay Barker (run failed).
Drive: 7 plays, 90 yards.				
Colorado	16-19	3	10:36	Michael Westbrook 62-yard pass from Darian Hagan (Harper kick).
Drive: 1 play, 62 yards.				
Alabama	23-19	3	6:55	Kevin Lee 12-yard pass from Barker (Wethington kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards.				
Alabama	30-19	4	8:10	Palmer 5-yard pass from Barker (Wethington kick).
Drive: 15 plays, 71 yards.				
Colorado	30-25	4	3:30	Charles Johnson 13-yard pass from Hagan (pass failed).
Drive: 4 plays, 56 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Colorado
First Downs	19	8
By Rushing	13	1
By Passing	6	7
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	64-153	30-(-11)
Passes: A-C-I	17-12-1	30-11-1
Passing Yards	154	210
Total Plays	81	60
Total Yards	307	199
Punts-Avg.	7-39.8	12-41.0
Punt Returns	6-74	4-30
Kickoff Returns	3-57	6-113
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-33	6-60

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Siran Stacy 26-111; Kevin Turner 9-43; Derrick Lassic 9-31; David Palmer 6-21; Tarrant Lynch 1-2; Martin Houston 2-1; Chris Anderson 1-(-6); Kevin Lee 1-(-13); Jay Barker 9-(-37).

Colorado: Darian Hagan 14-12; Lamont Warren 6-7; Scott Phillips 3-5, 1 TD; James Hill 4-4; Darnell Brooks 2-(-6); Rick Smith 1-(-33).

PASSING

Alabama: Jay Barker 16-12-1, 154 yards, 3 TDs; Siran Stacy 1-0-0, 0 yards.

Colorado: Darian Hagan 30-11-1, 210 yards, 2 TDs.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Siran Stacy 4-59, 1 TD; Kevin Lee 2-39, 1 TD; David Palmer 2-14, 1 TD; Steve Busky 1-23; Curtis Brown 1-8; Martin Houston 1-7; Craig Harris 1-4.

Colorado: Michael Westbrook 3-87, 1 TD; Charles Johnson 2-38, 1 TD; Mark Henry 2-22; Sean Brown 2-19; James Hill 1-29; Rico Smith 1-15.

TACKLES

Alabama: Lemanski Hall 5; Antonio London 5; George Teague 4; John Sullins 4.

Colorado: Chad Brown 17; Greg Thomas 10; Leonard Renfro 10.

1993 SUGAR BOWL

(2) Alabama 34, (1) Miami 13

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 1993) – All week long Alabama coach Gene Stallings said he did not consider his Crimson Tide an underdog. In front of 76,789 in the Superdome and a national television audience, Alabama proved the skeptics wrong as the Tide handily defeated the No. 1 ranked Miami Hurricanes, 34-13, winning the national championship for the first time since 1979.

Alabama's defensive strategy stifled Miami's rushing game, only allowing the Hurricanes 48 yards on the ground. Gino Torretta passed for 278 yards, but was ineffective. With Alabama leading 13-6 at the half, the defense took control of the game early in the third quarter. On UM's first play from scrimmage in the second half, Torretta was intercepted by Tommy Johnson, who returned the ball to the Miami 20-yard line. Six plays later, Derrick Lassic scored from a yard out to increase UA's lead to 20-6.

Alabama's defense had been giving Torretta problems all day but the one play that virtually spelled the end for Miami came on their next possession. The Tide pulled all 11 players up to line with Torretta operating from the shotgun. His errant pass was snared by George Teague who high-stepped 31 yards for the second Tide touchdown in 16 seconds.

Teague was matched against Miami tailback Jonathan Harris, who was lined up in a slot to the right. Teague jammed Harris as he tried to come off the line of scrimmage. Torretta, who was pressured all night by the Alabama defense, chose to force a throw towards Harris. But Teague stepped in front of Harris, caught the pass at the 31, took off toward the right sideline and high-stepped the last five yards into the end zone for a 21-point lead. This play by Teague would be a big one in the Tide's victory, however, it would not be the only one he would be remembered for in this game.

Trailing 27-6, the Hurricanes offense took the field to mount a successful drive. On Miami's second down and 10 play, Teague made one the biggest defensive plays of the season, although it was null and void because of a five-yard offside penalty called against Alabama. Torretta hit his favorite receiver, Lamar Thomas, who was streaking down the sideline for an apparent six points. Teague streaked down the sideline, ran Thomas down, stripped the ball from him, and proceeded to advance the ball in the other direction for a short gain. The play may not be officially recorded in the record books but it will stand as one of the best defensive plays ever.

The Tide relied on a ground attack to move the ball on offense. Out of the 285 total yards gained, 267 of them came on the ground. Derrick Lassic controlled UA's ground game cutting and weaving his way to 135 yards rushing on 28 carries and two touchdowns. His efforts gained him the Miller-Digby Sugar Bowl Most Valuable Player Award.

Alabama was outgained, 326 yards to 285. Tide quarterback Jay Barker, who led his team to victory for the 17th time in 17 starts, completed just 4 of 13 passes for 18 yards, with two interceptions. Meanwhile, Torretta's decisive mistakes were the result of an overwhelming Alabama defensive effort that all but eliminated Miami's ability to run. Miami was held to 48 rushing yards, 42 of which came during an inconsequential final drive long after a Crimson celebration had begun.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	3	10	14	7	-	34
Miami	3	3	0	7	-	13

Attendance: 76,789 (capacity: 76,800). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Time	Play	
	UA-UM	Qtr.	Left	
Alabama	3-0	1	10:56	Michael Proctor 19-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 22 yards.				
Miami	3-3	1	7:49	Dane Prewitt 49-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 47 yards.				
Alabama	6-3	2	10:48	Proctor 23-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 46 yards.				
Alabama	13-3	2	6:09	Sherman Williams 2-yard run (Michael Proctor kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 31 yards.				
Miami	13-6	2	0:00	Prewitt 42-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 59 yards.				
Alabama	20-6	3	10:12	Derrick Lassic 1-yard run (Proctor kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 20 yards.				
Alabama	27-6	3	9:56	George Teague 31-yard interception return (Proctor kick).
Miami	27-13	4	12:08	Kevin Williams 78-yard punt return (Dane Prewitt kick).
Alabama	34-13	4	6:46	Lassic 4-yard run (Proctor kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 59 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Miami
First Downs	15	16
By Rushing	13	5
By Passing	1	10
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	60-267	18-48
Passes: A-C-I	13-4-2	56-24-3
Passing Yards	18	278
Total Plays	74	75
Total Yards	285	326
Punts-Avg.	6-44.5	5-41.6
Punt Returns	5-52	3-95
Kickoff Returns	3-73	7-146
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	7-46	6-37

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Derrick Lassic 28-135, 2 TDs; Tarrant Lynch 5-39; Martin Houston 6-23; David Palmer 2-22; Jay Barker 7-20; Sherman Williams 7-18, 1 TD; Brian Burgdorf 1-6; Chris Anderson 4-4.

Miami: Donnell Bennett 5-28; Larry Jones 3-26; Stephen McGuire 4-1; Gino Torretta 5-1; Kevin Williams 1-(-8).

PASSING

Alabama: Jay Barker 13-4-2, 18 yards.

Miami: Gino Torretta 56-24-3, 278 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Prince Wimbley 2-11; David Palmer 1-6; Derrick Lassic 1-1.

Miami: Lamar Thomas 6-52; Donnell Bennett 4-17; Carlos Jones 3-64; Kevin Williams 3-49; Horace Copeland 2-21; Jonathan Harris 2-16; Coleman Bell 1-34; Kevin Kirkeide 1-14; Darryl Spencer 1-8; Larry Jones 1-3.

TACKLES

Alabama: Willie Gaston 8; Tommy Johnson 6; Chris Donnelly 5; George Teague 5; Sam Shade 4; Lemanski Hall 4; John Copeland 4.

Miami: Michael Barrow 13; Casey Greer 12; Darrin Smith 7; Jessie Armstead 7; Mark Caesar 7; Darren Krein 6; Terris Harris 5; Rohan Marley 5.

1993 GATOR BOWL

(18) Alabama 24, (12) North Carolina 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Dec. 31, 1993) – A key to this game for Alabama was to stop the Tar Heels' running attack led by 1,000-yard rushers Curtis and Leon Johnson. The Tide would also have to defend against the Tar Heels' passing game, guided by Jason Stanicek (who had completed 139 of 219 attempts for 1,878 yards and 12 touchdowns) whose favorite receiver, Corey Holliday, finished the year with 867 yards and two touchdowns.

A key ingredient for Alabama to win would be the play of back-up quarterback Brian Burgdorf, who was starting for the injured Jay Barker. Also, the Tide defensive backs would be without the services of consensus All-American Antonio Langham, who had been ruled ineligible for the SEC Championship game and the Gator Bowl.

After a scoreless first quarter, Alabama got on the board with a Michael Proctor 22-yard field goal with 11:01 in the second quarter. The Tar Heels answered Alabama's score with a one-yard touchdown carry by William Henderson on the next series giving them a 7-3 lead.

On Alabama's next series, Burgdorf hit three-of-four passing for 27 yards and picked up another 19 himself placing Alabama on the Tar Heels' 33-yard line. On first and 10, Burgdorf ran a draw up the middle for the distance and the touchdown. Proctor's point-after kick gave Alabama a 10-7 lead.

North Carolina tied the game with two seconds left on the clock before the half on a Tripp Pignetti 23-yard field goal.

In the third quarter, Alabama had the first possession and used its rushing attack to drive the length of the field. On second and goal from the Carolina eight-yard line, Burgdorf threw his first pass of the drive to Tarrant Lynch in the middle of the end zone for six points.

Alabama's final score of the game was Chad Key's first career touchdown. The Tide picked up three rushing first downs before Burgdorf hit Key on a 10-yard reception. Proctor's conversion kick gave Alabama a 24-10 lead with 6:34 left with neither team threatening again.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	10	7	7	-	24
North Carolina.....	0	10	0	0	-	10

Attendance: 67,205 (capacity: 62,000). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 51 degrees; Wind from NE at 10 mph.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Alabama	3-0	2	11:01	Michael Proctor 22-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 64 yards.				
North Carolina	3-7	2	9:25	William Henderson 1-yard run (Tripp Pignetti kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards.				
Alabama	10-7	2	6:49	Brian Burgdorf 33-yard run (Michael Proctor kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards.				
North Carolina	10-10	2	0:02	Tripp Pignetti 23-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards.				
Alabama	17-10	3	9:05	Tarrant Lynch 8-yard pass from Brian Burgdorf (Proctor kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 65 yards.				
Alabama	24-10	4	6:34	Chad Key 10-yard pass from Burgdorf (Proctor kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 66 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	North Carolina
First Downs	21	14
By Rushing	14	4
By Passing	6	9
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	46-164	25-42
Passes: A-C-I	23-15-0	35-19-0
Passing Yards	166	225
Total Plays	69	60
Total Yards	330	267
Punts-Avg.	6-40.0	7-30.1
Punt Returns	1-4	4-20
Kickoff Returns	2-20	5-118
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	1-15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Sherman Williams 18-94; Brian Burgdorf 6-48, 1 TD; Brian Steger 6-24; David Palmer 1-13; Chris Anderson 7-11; Freddie Kitchens 1-(-1); Tarrant Lynch 5-(-7); Kevin Lee 5-(-2).

North Carolina: Curtis Johnson 6-27; Leon Johnson 2-24; Jason Stanicek 12-2; William Henderson 4-1, 1 TD; Bucky Brooks 1-(-12).

PASSING

Alabama: Brian Burgdorf 23-15-0, 166 yards, 2 TDs.

North Carolina: Jason Stanicek 35-19-0, 225 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: David Palmer 5-62; Chad Key 3-33, 1 TD; Chris Anderson 3-13; Tony Johnson 2-40; Kevin Lee 1-10; Tarrant Lynch 1-8, 1 TD.

North Carolina: Corey Holliday 9-125; Leon Johnson 3-24; Freddie Jones 2-55; Curtis Johnson 1-6; Bucky Brooks 1-5; William Henderson 1-4; Marcus Wall 1-3; Marc Montoro 1-3.

TACKLES

Alabama: Willie Gaston 7; Tyrell Buckner 7; Michael Rogers 6; Sam Shade 6; Tommy Johnson 5; Darrell Blackburn 4.

North Carolina: Mike Morton 16; Bracey Walker 9; Kerry Mock 7; Austin Robbins 7; Sean Crocker 5; Eddie Mason 5; Ray Jacobs 5; Jimmy Hitchcock 4; Marcus Jones 4.

1995 CITRUS BOWL

(6) Alabama 24, (13) Ohio State 17

ORLANDO, Fla. (Jan. 2, 1995) – The Crimson Tide and the Ohio State Buckeyes met for only the third time in the two schools' great football histories at the 1995 CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl. Alabama, winner of the previous two encounters with the Buckeyes, made its first Citrus Bowl appearance, the school's 13th different bowl.

A scoreless first quarter was highlighted by a four-legged, unwanted visitor. Alabama took possession following a missed field goal and mounted an impressive drive, but the momentum seemed to escape when a stray dog found his way onto the field and caused a lengthy delay in play. After the curious canine was chased off the field and into a portal, the drive stalled and Michael Proctor's 49-yard field goal attempt was blocked.

The Crimson Tide started another drive on its 20-yard line with just over four minutes remaining in the first period. The 16-play, 80-yard drive ended early in the second period and was capped off by Tarrant Lynch's touchdown run from nine yards out.

The lead was short-lived, however, as 13 seconds later, OSU tied the game with a 69-yard bomb from Bobby Hoying to Joey Galloway. The Buckeyes then capitalized on a blocked punt deep in Tide territory, and Hoying hooked up with Galloway again, this time from 11 yards out, to give OSU a 14-7 lead.

Alabama responded with an 11-play, 80-yard drive on the very next possession to tie the game. Sherman Williams finished the drive with a seven-yard scamper and both teams went to the locker room deadlocked at 14-14.

After a scoreless third quarter, Ohio State regained the lead at 17-14 as Josh Jackson connected on a 34-yard field goal with 8:41 to go in the game. Michael Proctor, who had missed a 25-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter, redeemed himself with a 27-yarder that tied the score, 17-17, with 4:29 left to play.

Then, as it had done all season long, Alabama came through with late-game heroics to pull out a win. With less than a minute to play, Jay Barker hit Sherman Williams over the middle and, 50 yards later, the talented tailback had given the Tide a 24-17 win.

Alabama finished the season at 12-1-0, and with the victory, the senior class of 1994 (45-4-1) broke the record for most wins in a four-year period. Sherman Williams was given the Charles Y. McClendon Most Valuable Player Award after rushing for 166 yards, catching eight passes for 155 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	14	0	10	-	24
Ohio State	0	14	0	3	-	17

Attendance: 71,195 (capacity: 70,000). **Weather:** Sunny; 70 degrees; Wind from N at 10 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-OSU	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	2	12:39		Tarrant Lynch 9-yard run (Michael Proctor kick).
Drive: 16 plays, 80 yards.					
Ohio State	7-7	2	12:26		Joey Galloway 69-yard pass from Bobby Hoying (Josh Jackson kick).
Drive: 1 play, 69 yards.					
Ohio State	7-14	2	7:50		Galloway 11-yard pass from Hoying (Jackson kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 22 yards.					
Alabama	14-14	2	3:56		Sherman Williams 7-yard run (Proctor kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards.					
Ohio State	14-17	3	8:41		Josh Jackson 34-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 36 yards.					
Alabama	17-17	3	4:29		Michael Proctor 27-yard field goal.
Drive: 5 plays, 44 yards.					
Alabama	24-17	3	0:42		Williams 50-yard pass from Jay Barker (Proctor kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 63 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Ohio State
First Downs	28	15
By Rushing	13	6
By Passing	13	8
By Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Yards	51-204	32-96
Passes (A-C-I)	37-18-0	27-11-1
Passing Yards	317	180
Total Plays	88	59
Total Yards	521	276
Punts-Avg.	4-24.0	7-36.1
Punt Returns	2-7	1-19
Kickoff Returns	2-38	4-76
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	4-1
Penalties-Yards	4-45	6-43
Time of Possession	32:38	27:22

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Sherman Williams 27-166, 1 TD; Tarrant Lynch 13-35, 1 TD; Dennis Riddle 7-7; Jay Barker 3-(-2); Chad Key 1-(-2).

Ohio State: Eddie George 15-89; Nicky Sualua 6-44; Bobby Hoying 11-(-37).

PASSING

Alabama: Jay Barker 37-18-0, 317 yards, 1 TD.

Ohio State: Bobby Hoying 27-11-1, 180 yards, 2 TDs.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Sherman Williams 8-155, 1 TD; Curtis Brown 4-63; Toderick Malone 3-70; Marcell West 1-20; Tarrant Lynch 1-7; Tony Johnson 1-2.

Ohio State: Joey Galloway 8-146, 2 TDs; Ricky Dudley 2-26; Pepe Pearson 1-8.

TACKLES

Alabama: Dameian Jeffries 5; Michael Rogers 5; Andre Royal 4; Matt Parker 4; Willie Gaston 3; Darrell Blackburn 3; Shannon Brown 3; Tommy Johnson 2; Sam Shade 2; Dwayne Rudd 2; John Walters 2; Ralph Staten 2; Deshea Townsend 1; Cedric Samuel 1; Ozell Powell 1; Tyrell Buckner 1; Tony Johnson 1; John Tanks 1; Fernando Davis 1; Lamont Floyd 1.

Ohio State: Marlon Kerner 9; Lorenzo Styles 7; Craig Powell 6; Tim Patillo 5; Shawn Springs 5; Matt Finkes 5; Mike Vrabel 5.

1997 OUTBACK BOWL

(16) Alabama 17, (15) Michigan 14

TAMPA, Fla. (Jan. 2, 1995) – Head coach Gene Stallings went out a winner in his final game at Alabama as linebacker Dwayne Rudd returned an interception 88 yards for the go-ahead score to give the 16th-ranked Crimson Tide a 17-14 victory over 15th-ranked Michigan in the Outback Bowl at Tampa, Florida.

Stallings, who had announced his resignation in November of 1996, finished his seven-year career at Alabama with wins in his last five bowl games and a national championship in 1992.

Alabama (10-3) appeared in its record 48th bowl game, improving to 28-17-3 in those contests. Michigan (8-4) fell to 13-15 in the postseason.

Alabama used John Brock's 43-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead with 3:42 left in the first quarter, but Michigan grabbed a 6-3 halftime lead on field goals of 44 and 22 yards by Remy Hamilton in the second quarter. After a scoreless third quarter, action heated up in the final period.

Rudd intercepted a pass by Brian Griese in the right flat and raced untouched down the left sideline with 12:13 left in the fourth quarter to give Alabama a 10-6 lead. The return broke the record for the bowl previously held by Georgia's Gary Moss (81 yards) in the 1986 Hall of Fame Bowl. It was also an Alabama bowl record.

"I didn't get a good look at the play," Rudd said. "I looked up and saw the ball and just grabbed it. When I turned around, all I saw was a big field in front of me and I just ran straight for the end zone. It felt sort of good to get in the end zone. I haven't been there all year."

Shaun Alexander scored on a 46-yard run with 2:15 left in the game, increasing the seemingly safe cushion to 17-6. Alexander finished with 99 yards on just nine carries. But the Wolverines rebounded on the ensuing drive as Griese threw a nine-yard scoring pass to Russell Shaw. Chris Floyd's run for the two-point conversion got the Wolverines within 17-14 with 1:16 left, but Chad Goss recovered Michigan's onside kick attempt and Alabama ran out the clock.

Griese was 21-of-37 for 287 yards with one interception and a touchdown. His completions and attempts set new Michigan bowl standards. Alabama used John Brock's 43-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead with 3:42 left in the first quarter, but Michigan grabbed a 6-3 halftime lead on field goals of 44 and 22 yards by Remy Hamilton in the second quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	3	0	0	14	-	17
Michigan.....	0	6	0	8	-	14

Attendance: 53,161 (capacity: 60,000). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 76 degrees; Wind from the ESE at 3 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UM	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	3-0	1	11:18		John Brock 43-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards.					
Michigan	3-3	2	8:03		Remy Hamilton 44-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 43 yards.					
Michigan	3-6	2	0:20		Hamilton 22-yard field goal.
Drive: 8 plays, 30 yards.					
Alabama	10-6	4	12:13		Dwayne Rudd 88-yard interception return (John Brock kick).
Alabama	17-6	4	2:15		Shawn Alexander 46-yard run (Brock kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 77 yards.					
Michigan	17-14	4	1:16		Russell Shaw 9-yard pass from Brian Griese (Chris Floyd run).
Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Michigan
First Downs	13	22
By Rushing	9	10
By Passing	4	11
By Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	35-182	41-124
Passes (A-C-I)	18-9-1	38-22-1
Passing Yards	65	291
Total Plays	53	79
Total Yards	247	415
Punts-Avg.	6-46.5	7-26.1
Punt Returns	0-0	4-68
Kickoff Returns	1-9	1-22
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	8-42	6-47
Time of Possession	25:28	34:32

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Shaun Alexander 9-99, 1 TD; Dennis Riddle 13-58; Warren Foust 5-29; Marcell West 1-4; Freddie Kitchens 7-(-8).

Michigan: Clarence Williams 12-58; Chris Floyd 6-35; Chris Howard 12-27; Brian Griese 10-5; Russell Shaw 1-(-1).

PASSING

Alabama: Freddie Kitchens 18-9-1, 65 yards.

Michigan: Brian Griese 37-21-1, 287 yards, 1 TD; Charles Woodson 1-1-0, 4 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Shaun Alexander 3-4; Michael Vaughn 2-27; Rod Rutledge 1-13; Patrick Hape 1-12; Dennis Riddle 1-6; Calvin Hall 1-3.

Michigan: Russell Shaw 6-84, 1 TD; Clarence Williams 5-113; Marcus Knight 3-41; Charles Woodson 3-25; Tai Streets 2-12; Jerame Tuman 1-6; Aaron Shea 1-6; Brian Griese 1-4.

TACKLES

Alabama: Cedric Samuel 9; Ralph Staten 8; Michael Myers 8; Kevin Jackson 6; Michael Feagin 5; Fernando Bryant 5; Kelvin Sigler 4; Andre Short 4; Paul Pickett 4.

Michigan: Chris Roth 9; Marcus Ray 6; Jarrett Irons 4; Charles Woodson 3; David Bowens 3; Daydrion Taylor 3.

1998 MUSIC CITY BOWL

(24) Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Dec. 29, 1998) – Virginia Tech’s special teams generated 14 points and cornerback Anthony Midget returned an interception 27 yards for a touchdown as the 24th-ranked Hokies routed Alabama, 38-7, in the inaugural Music City Bowl. Already developing a reputation for its ability to block kicks, Virginia Tech got to Alabama punter Daniel Pope twice and also took advantage of cornerback Owen Winston’s muff of a punt to hand Alabama the second-worst bowl defeat in its illustrious history.

Linebacker Phillip Summers also set up a touchdown with an interception for the Hokies, whose defense picked off 24 passes in 1998, the second-highest total in the country. Playing in front of a sellout crowd of 41,600 at Vanderbilt Stadium, the Hokies recorded their first victory over Alabama in 11 tries. Tech quarterback Al Clark ran for a 43-yard touchdown, running back Lamont Pegues added a pair of one-yard scores and running back Shyrone Stith added a four-yard touchdown for Virginia Tech (9-3), which snapped a two-game bowl losing streak. The Hokies were appearing in the postseason for the sixth straight season.

Freshman Andrew Zow and Michael Vaughn hooked up on a five-yard second-quarter touchdown to account for Alabama’s only scoring in a game that began with temperatures hovering around 40 degrees. The conditions worsened as the contest progressed, with freezing rain falling for most of the final three quarters. Alabama’s 31-point setback was surpassed only by a 38-6 loss to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl on New Year’s Day 1972. Alabama (7-5), which was appearing in its 49th bowl game, had its five-game bowl winning streak snapped.

Virginia Tech led 10-7 at halftime, but the Crimson Tide self-destructed in one of Alabama’s worst second halves of the season. On Alabama’s second possession of the third quarter, Zow’s pass over the middle was picked off by Summers at the Tide 3-yard line and Virginia Tech entered the end zone three plays later on Pegues’ first one-yard plunge.

Alabama’s next drive was quickly halted and defensive end Corey Moore broke through the line to block Pope’s kick, giving Virginia Tech possession at the Alabama 29. It took the Hokies four plays to score this time, with Stith’s four-yard scamper making it 24-7. Moore was voted the game’s most valuable player. Winston’s muff late in the third period was recovered by safety Cory Bird at the Alabama 19 and Pegues’ one-yard scoring run 1:29 into the fourth quarter ended any hopes of an Alabama comeback. For emphasis, Midget picked off Zow and sprinted into the right corner of the end zone with 7:33 remaining.

Clark completed 7-of-14 passes for 71 yards and was intercepted once while carrying nine times for 55 yards. Stith added 71 yards on 10 attempts for the Hokies, who needed just 278 total yards to record the blow-out. Zow was 19-of-35 for 224 yards but was picked off three times for Alabama, which was held to 274 yards, including just 50 on the ground. Shaun Alexander carried 21 times for 55 yards and caught eight passes for 87 yards.

Tech began the onslaught on its first possession when Clark faked to Pegues, burst up the middle and outran the Tide secondary for a 43-yard touchdown just 2:35 into the contest. Safety Keion Carpenter blocked Pope’s kick on the ensuing possession, but the Hokies could not capitalize because Clark was picked off in the end zone by Tide cornerback Fernando Bryant. Zow immediately was intercepted by defensive end Ryan Smith, but Shayne Graham pushed a 42-yard field goal attempt wide right.

Alabama tied the game just under six minutes into the second period when Zow found Vaughn in the back of the end zone. But Graham connected from 44 yards moments later to give the Hokies a three-point half-time advantage.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	0	0	-	7
Virginia Tech	7	3	14	14	-	38

Attendance: 41,600 (capacity: 39,790). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 76 degrees; Wind from the ESE at 3 mph.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Virginia Tech	0-7	1	12:25	Al Clark 43-yard run (Shayne Graham kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 56 yards.				
Alabama	7-7	2	9:13	Michael Vaughn 5-yard pass from Andrew Zow (Ryan Pflugner kick).
Drive: 18 plays, 75 yards.				
Virginia Tech	7-10	2	6:41	Shayne Graham 44-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 53 yards.				
Virginia Tech	7-17	3	8:16	Lamont Pegues 1-yard run (Graham kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 2 yards.				
Virginia Tech	7-24	3	5:08	Shyrone Stith 4-yard run (Graham kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 29 yards.				
Virginia Tech	7-31	4	13:31	Pegues 1-yard run (Graham kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 19 yards.				
Virginia Tech	7-38	4	7:33	Anthony Midget 27-yard interception return (Graham kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Virginia Tech
First Downs	15	15
By Rushing	6	7
By Passing	9	6
By Penalty	0	2
Rushes-Yards	32-50	43-207
Passes (A-C-I)	35-19-3	14-7-1
Passing Yards	224	71
Total Plays	67	57
Total Yards	274	278
Punts-Avg.	6-29.0	3-46.7
Punt Returns	1-(-3)	4-30
Kickoff Returns	6-67	1-44
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-94	5-31
Time of Possession	36:17	23:43

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Shaun Alexander 21-55; Dustin McClintock 2-3; Andrew Zow 8-(-8). **Virginia Tech:** Shyrone Stith 10-71, 1 TD; Al Clark 9-55, 1 TD; Lamont Pegues 15-41, 2 TDs; Andre Kendrick 3-27; Angelo Harrison 1-9; Wayne Ward 2-4; Jarrett Ferguson 3-0.

PASSING

Alabama: Andrew Zow 35-19-3, 224 yards, 1 TD. **Virginia Tech:** Al Clark 14-7-1, 71 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Shaun Alexander 8-87; Michael Vaughn 3-55, 1 TD; Quincy Jackson 2-20; Freddie Milons 2-17; Calvin Hall 2-14; Tim Bowens 1-16; Eric Locke 1-15. **Virginia Tech:** Angelo Harrison 2-11; Ricky Hall 1-20; Jarrett Ferguson 1-14; Shyrone Stith 1-9; Lamont Pegues 1-9; Emmett Johnson 1-8.

TACKLES

Alabama: Cornelius Griffin 10; Tony Dixon 7; Marcus Spencer 7; Kenny Smith 5; Travis Carroll 4; Trevis Smith 4. **Virginia Tech:** Jamel Smith 9; Nat Williams 6; Lorenzo Ferguson 5; Ike Charlton 4.

2000 ORANGE BOWL

(8) Michigan 35, (5) Alabama 34

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 2000) – In a meeting between two of college football's most storied programs, Michigan came from behind twice, then held on in overtime to win. Alabama's Ryan Pflugner missed an extra-point attempt by inches on the final play of overtime to give the Wolverines a 35-34 victory over the Crimson Tide in the Orange Bowl.

Michigan's Tom Brady threw for 369 yards and four touchdowns, including three to David Terrell who caught 10 passes for 150 yards, and the Wolverines twice overcame 14-point deficits. After Michigan's Shawn Thompson caught a 25-yard touchdown pass on the first play of overtime, Alabama scored on Andrew Zow's 21-yard pass to Antonio Carter. But Pflugner's extra-point attempt was just wide to the right.

"It was a great football game," Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr said. "It was a shame somebody had to lose. As much I enjoy winning, I hate to see it end the way it did, with a missed extra point."

The Wolverines won even though they lost a fumble at the Alabama 1 in the fourth quarter and had a 36-yard field goal attempt blocked to force the overtime. Shaun Alexander, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns in his final game for Alabama. His scores came on runs of 5, 6 and 50 yards, and teammate Freddie Milons scored on a 62-yard punt return.

The eighth-ranked Wolverines (10-2) managed just one first down in the opening 28 minutes but completed their third consecutive 10-win season. The sixth-ranked Crimson Tide (10-3) lost in their 50th bowl game, an NCAA record.

The Wolverines' first six possessions produced just one first down, which came on a 5-yard gain on a fake punt. The offense finally mustered a first down with 1:18 left in the opening half, then scored two plays later on a 27-yard pass from Brady to Terrell. The Wolverines erased deficits of 14-0 and 28-14 thanks to Terrell, who tied Orange Bowl and Michigan bowl records with three touchdown receptions.

Brady, who was 34-for-46, led Michigan to three touchdowns in a 12-minute span in the third quarter. The comeback wasn't the first by the Wolverines, who rallied from fourth-quarter deficits to win three times during the regular season. Alabama's Phillip Weeks blocked a field-goal attempt by Hayden Epstein as time ran out in the fourth quarter, forcing the overtime. Earlier in the period, Michigan's Anthony Thomas lost a fumble at the Alabama 1.

Attendance based on tickets sold was 70,461, but the actual crowd totaled only about 50,000. The no-shows missed a game filled with penalties and punts but also plenty of big plays and swings in momentum. Alexander turned a third-and-1 run into a 50-yard touchdown, breaking three tackles to give Alabama a 21-14 lead in the third quarter. Less than three minutes later, Milons caught a 51-yard punt, weaved across the field and scored untouched to make it 28-14.

The Wolverines made the score 14-14 on their first series of the second half. Terrell caught a short pass from Brady, eluded cornerback Milo Lewis, and sprinted to the end zone, completing a 57-yard play. Terrell beat Lewis again in the third quarter for a 20-yard score.

Alabama picked up only one first down in the opening quarter, but a 32-yard run by Alexander got the Tide rolling. The play started a 76-yard drive that ended with Alexander's 5-yard touchdown run. Three minutes later, Alabama scored again. Milons' 23-yard punt return and a late-hit penalty gave the Tide the ball at the Michigan 31, and Alexander's 6-yard touchdown run made the score 14-0.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	OT	-	F
Alabama	0	14	14	0	6	-	34
Michigan	0	7	21	0	7	-	35

Attendance: 70,416 (capacity: 71,295). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 73 degrees; 76% humidity; Wind from the NE at 6 mph.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Alabama	7-0	2	9:48	Shawn Alexander 5-yard run (Ryan Pflugner kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards.				
Alabama	14-0	2	6:51	Alexander 6-yard run (Pflugner kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 31 yards.				
Michigan	14-7	2	0:58	David Terrell 27-yard pass from Tom Brady (Hayden Epstein kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 49 yards.				
Michigan	14-14	3	13:03	Terrell 57-yard pass from Brady (Epstein kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 59 yards.				
Alabama	21-14	3	11:00	Alexander 50-yard run (Pflugner kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 72 yards.				
Alabama	28-14	3	8:29	Freddie Milons 62-yard punt return (Pflugner kick).
Michigan	28-21	3	5:42	Terrell 20-yard pass from Brady (Epstein kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 72 yards.				
Michigan	28-28	3	1:01	Anthony Thomas 3-yard run (Epstein kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 59 yards.				
Michigan	28-35	OT	---	Shawn Thompson 25-yard pass from Brady (Epstein kick)
Drive: 1 play, 25 yards.				
Alabama	34-35	OT	---	Antonio Carter 21-yard pass from Andrew Zow (kick failed).
Drive: 2 plays, 25 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Michigan
First Downs	12	18
By Rushing	8	2
By Passing	4	15
By Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	37-184	23-27
Passes (A-C-I)	20-13-0	47-35-0
Passing Yards	121	369
Total Plays	57	70
Total Yards	121	369
Punts-Avg.	9-34.4	8-43.4
Punt Returns	4-108	3-20
Kickoff Returns	4-74	5-95
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	18-132	10-115
Time of Possession	27:52	32:08

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Shaun Alexander 25-161, 3 TDs; Tyler Watts 4-15; Freddie Milons 2-11; Shaun Bohanon 1-4; Dustin McClintock 3-3; Andrew Zow 2-(-10).

Michigan: Anthony Thomas 18-40, 1 TD; Drew Henson 1-8; Ian Gold 1-5; Tom Brady 3-(-16).

PASSING

Alabama: Andrew Zow 14-7-0, 86 yards, 1 TD; Tyler Watts 6-6-0, 35 yards.

Michigan: Tom Brady 46-34-0, 369 yards, 4 TDs; Drew Henson 1-1-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Antonio Carter 4-38, 1 TD; Freddie Milons 4-15; Shaun Alexander 2-21; Tim Bowens 1-22; Terry Jones Jr. 1-16; Shamari Buchanan 1-9.

Michigan: David Terrell 10-150, 3 TDs; Shea Aaron 7-50; Marquise Walker 6-65; Anthony Thomas 4-2; Shawn Thompson 3-47, 1 TD; Marcus Knight 3-28; Bennie Joppru 1-24; DiAllo Johnson 1-3.

TACKLES

Alabama: Saleen Rasheed 8; Marcus Spencer 6; Miguel Merritt 6; Gerald Dixon 5; Kecal Bailey 4; Adam Cox 4.

Michigan: Ian Gold 12; Dhani Jones 9; James Whitley 8; James Hall 6; Cato June 4; Josh Williams 3.

2001 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Alabama 14, Iowa State 13

SHREVEPORT, La. (Dec. 27, 2001) – Andrew Zow, playing with a bruised calf, tossed a 27-yard touchdown pass to Terry Jones with 4:44 remaining as the Crimson Tide ended Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione's first season with a victory as the Crimson Tide trimmed Iowa State, 14-13, before a national television audience on ESPN. The game marked Alabama's 51st bowl appearance and the first for the Tide in the Independence Bowl.

The final score wasn't indicative of the tempo of the game. Iowa State's offense gave the Alabama defense all it wanted and racked up 456 yards of total offense and 23 first downs. But the Tide defense held when it had to and the offense scored when it counted most. Iowa State's defense dominated throughout, but Alabama free safety Wayne Bacon blocked Tony Yelk's punt, giving the Crimson Tide possession at the Cyclones' 29-yard line.

Two plays later, Zow connected with Jones for the winning score, enabling Alabama (7-5) to rally from a 10-0 deficit and finish the season with a winning record. Zow, who was sacked four times, completed 11-of-19 passes for 119 yards with an interception. The Crimson Tide were held to just 150 yards on the ground.

Iowa State (7-5) had a chance to regain the lead in the final minute, but Yelk's 47-yard field goal was wide right with 46 seconds left. It was his third miss of the game. Seneca Wallace drove the Cyclones into field goal range on their final possession. He converted a second-and-25 with a 26-yard completion to Jack Whitver at midfield, then kept the drive alive by hitting Lane Danielson for 14 yards on 4th-and-7 from the Alabama 47. For the game, Wallace completed 25-of-42 passes for 284 yards.

But Yelk's field goal missed the upright by inches and Zow took two snaps to run out the clock. Yelk kicked a 36-yard field goal to open the scoring 1:42 into the contest before Joe Woodley scored on a one-yard touchdown run to make it 10-0 with 14:24 left in the second quarter. Alabama got on the board on Zow's eight-yard touchdown run with 9:19 left in the second and Yelk failed to extend the lead, missing a 25-yard field goal with 26 seconds left in the half.

Yelk converted a 41-yarder to make it 13-7 with 2:11 left in the third period, but kept Alabama within one score by missing a 40-yarder 4:22 into the final period.

Cyclones running back Ennis Haywood rushed for 125 yards on 20 carries, marking the first time Iowa State had lost in 13 games when its leading runner surpassed the century mark. Ahmad Galloway paced Alabama on the ground with 90 yards on 16 carries.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	0	7	0	7	-	14
Iowa State.....	3	7	3	0	-	13

Attendance: 45,627 (capacity: 50,832). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 55 degrees; Wind from the SW at 11 mph.

Team	Score		Time	
	UA-ISU	Qtr.	Left	Play
Iowa State	0-3	1	13:18	Tony Yelk 36-yard field goal.
Drive: 5 plays, 47 yards.				
Iowa State	0-10	2	14:24	Joe Woodley 1-yard run (Tony Yelk kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 62 yards.				
Alabama	7-10	2	9:19	Andrew Zow 8-yard run (Neal Thomas kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards.				
Iowa State	7-13	3	2:11	Yelk 41-yard field goal.
Drive: 5 plays, 31 yards.				
Alabama	14-13	4	4:44	Terry Jones Jr. 27-yard pass from Andrew Zow (Thomas kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 29 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Iowa State
First Downs	15	23
By Rushing	8	7
By Passing	7	15
By Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Yards	39-150	32-172
Passes (A-C-I)	19-11-1	42-25-0
Passing Yards	119	284
Total Plays	58	74
Total Yards	269	456
Punts-Avg.	7-39.9	4-35.5
Punt Returns	2-14	3-22
Kickoff Returns	1-16	3-48
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	4-32
Time of Possession	29:22	30:38

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Ahmad Galloway 16-90; Santonio Beard 8-45; Freddie Milons 1-12; Donnie Lowe 2-8; Ray Hudson 1-1; Andrew Zow 11-(-6).

Iowa State: Ennis Haywood 20-125; Lane Danielson 1-33; Seneca Wallace 7-8; JaMaine Billups 2-3; Michael Wagner 1-2; Joe Woodley 1-1.

PASSING

Alabama: Andrew Zow 19-11-1, 119 yards, 1 TD.

Iowa State: Seneca Wallace 42-25-0, 284 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Freddie Milons 3-32; Terry Jones Jr. 2-44, 1 TD; Sam Collins 2-28; Jason McAddley 2-10; Santonio Beard 1-8; Ahmaad Galloway 1-(-3).

Iowa State: Craig Campbell 7-109; Lane Daniels 5-57; Ennis Haywood 5-34; Jack Whitver 4-66; Mike Banks 3-19; Jamaul Montgomery 1-(-1).

TACKLES

Alabama: Reggie Myles 9.5; Saleem Rasheed 6.5; Brooks Daniels 5.5; Gerald Dixon 5.5; Kindal Moorehead 4; Jarret Johnson 4; Wayne Bacon 4.

Iowa State: Jeremy Loyd 7; Matt Word 6; Marc Timmons 5.5; Jordan Carstens 5.

2004 MUSIC CITY BOWL

Minnesota 20, Alabama 16

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Dec. 27, 2004) – Minnesota's tailback tandem of Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney rushed for a combined 292 yards in a 20-16 win over Alabama at the 2004 Music City Bowl at The Coliseum in Nashville. Alabama managed just 21 yards rushing but quarterback Spencer Pennington hit 22 of 36 passes for 243 yards and one touchdown to keep the Crimson Tide in contention.

Barber rushed for 187 yards and a touchdown on 37 carries as Minnesota overcame three turnovers in the first quarter. The Golden Gophers (7-5) wore down Alabama (6-6) with a potent ground attack, rushing for nearly 300 yards against the nation's second-ranked run defense. Maroney also surpassed the century mark with 105 yards on 29 attempts. It marked the first time all season that Alabama had allowed a 100-yard rusher. Barber and Maroney became the first pair of running backs in NCAA history to each rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons. Meanwhile, Alabama was 0-for-11 on third down conversions.

Alabama used an opportunistic defense to forge an early lead. The Crimson Tide struck first when Pennington, after a fumble recovery by line-backer Freddie Roach at the Gopher 2-yard line, hit fullback Le'Ron McClain with a two-yard touchdown pass to give Alabama a 7-0 lead just 48 seconds into the game.

The Tide had a chance to extend the lead a few moments later when Barber was intercepted in the end zone by cornerback Anthony Madison on an option pass from the Alabama 4. However, the Crimson Tide turned the ball over twice in a wild opening quarter, including a critical mistake by Pennington, who fumbled at his own 1. Defensive end Keith Lipka scooped up the fumble and dove into the end zone for the tying score with 4:21 left in the first period.

Minnesota also converted a fumble by backup quarterback Tyrone Prothro into the go-ahead score as Barber's five-yard touchdown run on the first play of the second quarter made it 14-7 with 14:57 left in the first half. UM's Rhys Lloyd tacked on a field goal with 8:07 to play in the first half to go up 17-7 but Alabama answered when McClain capped a 10-play, 73-yard drive with a one-yard run to make it 17-14 at the half.

Lloyd drilled his second field goal of the game to put UM up 20-14 with 10:16 left to play in the third. His 24-yarder capped an 11-play, 68-yard drive to open the second half. Following an Alabama punt, Minnesota was pinned deep in its own territory and opted for a safety when Lloyd stepped out of the end zone, instead of punting, with 3:11 left in the game to pull the Crimson Tide to within 20-16.

Alabama began its next possession from its own 48-yard line after the Minnesota free kick and reached the Golden Gophers' 15 where the Crimson Tide faced a third down situation. A Pennington pass missed an open Prothro in the end zone, a play that would have given Alabama the lead. Pennington's ensuing fourth down pass to DJ Hall was also incomplete with 1:23 remaining and Minnesota ran out the clock.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	7	0	2	-	16
Minnesota.....	7	10	3	0	-	20

Attendance: 66,089 (capacity: 69,143). **Weather:** Cloudy; 60 degrees; Wind from the SW at 15 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-UM	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	14:12		Le'Ron McClain 2-yard pass from Spencer Pennington (Brian Bostick kick).
Drive: 1 play, 2 yards.					
Minnesota	7-7	1	4:21		Keith Lipka 1-yard fumble return (Rhys Lloyd kick).
Minnesota	7-14	2	14:57		Marion Barber III 5-yard run (Lloyd kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 53 yards.					
Minnesota	7-17	2	8:07		Rhys Lloyd 27-yard field goal.
Drive: 13 plays, 59 yards.					
Alabama	14-17	2	2:57		McClain 1-yard run (Bostick kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 73 yards.					
Minnesota	14-20	3	10:16		Lloyd 24-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 68 yards.					
Alabama	16-20	4	3:11		Safety – Minnesota punter stepped out of end zone.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Minnesota
First Downs	13	23
By Rushing	1	18
By Passing	10	4
By Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Yards	21-21	72-276
Passes (A-C-I)	36-22-0	13-5-2
Passing Yards	243	75
Total Plays	57	85
Total Yards	264	351
Punts-Avg.	7-37.1	4-37.8
Punt Returns	2-10	4-10
Kickoff Returns	5-76	1-14
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	11-84
Time of Possession	22:06	37:54

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Keith Brown 1-17; Aaron Johns 6-15; Le'Ron McClain 6-7, 1 TD; Kenneth Darby 1-1; Tyrone Prothro 3-(-3); Spencer Pennington 4-(-16).
Minnesota: Marion Barber III 37-187, 2 TDs; Laurence Maroney 29-105; Justin Valentine 2-10; Team 2-(-2); Jakari Wallace 1-(-9); Rhys Lloyd 1-(-15).

PASSING

Alabama: Spencer Pennington 36-22-0, 243 yards, 1 TD.
Minnesota: Bryan Cupito 12-5-1, 75 yards; Marion Barber III 0-1-1, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: DJ Hall 5-51; Tyrone Prothro 4-82; Keith Brown 3-56; Matt Caddell 3-21; Ezekial Knight 2-10; Kenneth Darby 2-9; Le'Ron McClain 2-9, 1 TD; Aaron Johns 1-5.
Minnesota: Jared Ellerson 3-51; Jakari Wallace 2-24.

TACKLES (U-A)

Alabama: Roman Harper 9-5; DeMeco Ryans 10-3; Cornelius Wortham 7-6; Charlie Peprah 10-1; Freddie Roach 7-2; Todd Bates 3-3; Mark Anderson 4-1.
Minnesota: John Shevlin 6-1; Mark Losli 5-2; Anthony Montgomery 5-0; Justin Fraley 4-1; Terrance Campbell 4-0; Dominique Sims 3-1; Kyle McKenzie 2-2.

2006 COTTON BOWL

(13) Alabama 13, (18) Texas Tech 10

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 2, 2006) – A turnaround 2005 season for Alabama ended in a way indicative of the regular season as Crimson Tide rode a game-winning 45-yard field goal by Jamie Christensen to a 13-10 win over explosive Texas Tech in the 2006 AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic at the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas. The victory produced the Tide's 28th 10 win season and, when the dust settled, Alabama finished ranked 8th in both final national polls.

Although the kick by Christensen was by no means perfect, it was enough to keep Alabama in the win column and marked his third game-winning field goal of the season. Alabama's defense dominated the game early as the Red Raiders were forced to punt after their first possession of the game.

The Tide's first possession resulted in a 76-yard touchdown pass from Brodie Croyle to Keith Brown on the Tide's second play of the game as Croyle flicked a play-action pass to the streaking Brown. Christensen's point-after kick was good, giving the Tide an early 7-0 lead.

The Tide defense held the Red Raiders in check until late in the first quarter when Alex Trlica hit a 34-yard field goal, cutting the Alabama lead to 7-3.

With 2:39 left in the second quarter, a 38-yard field goal attempt by Christensen was blocked and allowed Tech to take possession at the Alabama 46-yard line. Tech quickly marched to the Alabama 21 and as the second quarter neared an end Trlica attempted a 37-yard field goal on the final play of the first half, but Alabama defensive lineman Mark Anderson burst through to block the attempt to keep Alabama's halftime lead at 7-3.

In the third quarter, the Crimson Tide was able to put more points on the scoreboard when Christensen kicked a 31-yard field goal to extend the Alabama lead to 10-3. Early in the fourth quarter, Tech managed to tie the game at 10-10 as quarterback Cody Hodges connected with Jarrett Hicks on a 12-yard touchdown pass. Trlica's conversion kick tied the game.

Alabama then went to work from its own 14-yard line, moving to the Red Raider 28-yard line in the game's waning seconds. With just five seconds left in the game, Christensen nailed a 45-yard field goal that barely cleared the crossbar, giving the Tide the 13-10 victory, Alabama's national-leading 30th victory in a postseason bowl game.

Playing his last game as the Alabama quarterback, senior Brodie Croyle earned the game's Most Valuable Player honor as he completed 19 of 31 passes for 275 yards and one touchdown. Alabama linebacker DeMeco Ryans was named Defensive MVP after garnering seven tackles to lead the Crimson Tide defense.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Texas Tech	3	0	0	7	-	10
Alabama	7	0	3	3	-	13

Attendance: 74,222 (capacity: 74,222). **Weather:** Clear; 63 degrees; Wind from the NNW at 10 mph.

Team	Score		Time		Play
	UA-TT	Qtr.	Left		
Alabama	7-0	1	11:37		Keith Brown 76-yard pass from Brodie Croyle (Jamie Christensen kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 84 yards.					
Texas Tech	7-3	1	3:00		Alex Trlica 34-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 69 yards.					
Alabama	10-3	3	6:53		Jamie Christensen 31-yard field goal.
Drive: 17 plays, 67 yards.					
Texas Tech	10-10	4	2:56		Jarrett Hicks 12-yard pass from Cody Hodges (Alex Trlica kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 38 yards.					
Alabama	13-10	4	0:00		Christensen 45-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 58 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas Tech
First Downs	21	18
By Rushing	10	7
By Passing	9	10
By Penalty	2	1
Rushes-Yards	44-145	24-103
Passes (A-C-I)	31-19-0	36-16-1
Passing Yards	275	226
Total Plays	75	60
Total Yards	420	329
Punts-Avg.	5-37.8	6-41.3
Punt Returns	3-8	3-25
Kickoff Returns	2-32	2-22
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-35	10-65
Time of Possession	38:58	21:02

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Kenneth Darby 29-81; Tim Castille 6-22; Jimmy Johns 3-19; Le'Ron McClain 1-11; Brodie Croyle 4-6; Keith Brown 1-6.

Texas Tech: Cody Hodges 17-66; Joel Filani 1-26; Taurean Henderson 4-12; Danny Amendola 1-5; Graham Harrell 1-(-6).

PASSING

Alabama: Brodie Croyle 31-19-0, 275 yards, 1 TD.

Texas Tech: Cody Hodges 32-15-0, 196 yards, 1 TD; Graham Harrell 4-1-0, 30 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Keith Brown 5-141, 1 TD; Matt Caddell 3-63; Tim Castille 3-11; Kenneth Darby 3-10; Matt Miller 2-27; Brandon Brooks 1-11; Le'Ron McClain 1-11; Travis McCall 1-1.

Texas Tech: Taurean Henderson 5-46; Joel Filani 4-67; Robert Johnson 3-56; Jarrett Hicks 3-51; Danny Amendola 1-6.

TACKLES (U-A)

Alabama: DeMeco Ryans 5-2; Terrence Jones 3-1; Juwan Simpson 2-2; Ramzee Robinson 3-0; Jeffrey Dukes 3-0; Charlie Peprah 2-1; Wallace Gilberry 2-1; Mark Anderson 1-2; Freddie Roach 0-3.

Texas Tech: Dwayne Slay 7-6; Khalid Naziruddin 4-9; Fletcher Session 5-3; Sylvester Brinkley 3-4; Ken Scott 4-1; Antonio Huffman 4-1; Vincent Meeks 4-1; John Saldi 1-4.

2006 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 31

SHREVEPORT, La. (Dec. 28, 2006) – Ending the 2006 season in the PetroSun Independence Bowl, Alabama scored two late touchdowns to erase a 14-point deficit, but a 27-yard field goal by Oklahoma State's Jason Ricks with 8.9 seconds left pinned a 34-31 loss on Alabama at Independence Stadium.

OSU running back Dantrell Savage ran for 112 yards and a touchdown and made the key play on the winning drive. He took a screen pass from quarterback Bobby Reid for 26 yards on third-and-9 to the Alabama 15 to put Ricks in prime position. Alabama tried to ice Ricks with three timeouts. But the sophomore sent the kick through the uprights, and he snatched off his helmet and ran to the sideline with it extended over his head.

The kick saved the Cowboys (7-6) from a fourth-quarter collapse and gave them both a winning record and their first bowl victory since 2002. Oklahoma State blew a 14-point lead, setting up the Crimson Tide for the tying touchdown with a fumbled kickoff return.

Alabama (6-7) was playing in its NCAA-record 54th bowl game and looking for its 31st bowl victory but for much of the night the Crimson Tide's vaunted postseason history seemed a distant memory.

The Cowboys scooped up an Alabama fumble on the Tide's 38-yard line to set up the opening score. Savage ran the final yard to cap a 38-yard drive and make it 7-0 Oklahoma State. Alabama tied it on an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback John Parker Wilson to Matt Caddell with 3:32 remaining in the first quarter.

Oklahoma State went ahead 14-7 on Keith Toston's 4-yard run. The Cowboys stretched their lead to 17-7 on a 28-yard field goal by Ricks. Alabama cut the margin to 17-14 on a 1-yard run by fullback Tim Castille. But Alabama was unable to stop the Cowboys' final drive of the half. Oklahoma State took it 64 yards, capped by a 7-yard run by Toston for a 24-14 half-time lead.

In the third quarter, Jamie Christensen kicked a 24 yard field goal to pull Alabama three points closer. Then Reid hit Adarius Bowman for a 10-yard score to give Oklahoma State a 14 point lead, 31-17. Alabama played flat until late in the fourth quarter. With the Tide trailing 31-17, Javier Arenas returned a punt 86 yards to pull Alabama to within a touchdown with 10:50 left in the game.

Then Grant Jones fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Chris Rogers, who forced the fumble, recovered to give Alabama a first down on the Oklahoma State 21. Six plays later, left tackle Andre Smith caught a lateral from John Parker Wilson and ran two yards to tie the game at 31-31.

Oklahoma State, ranked 16th nationally in total offense, outgained Alabama, 419 to 276. The Cowboys rushed for 207 yards compared to 108 yards for the Tide. Jeremy Nethon had 11 tackles including seven solo for Oklahoma State and was selected the game's Most Valuable Player honor.

For OSU, Reid completed 15 of 29 attempts for 212 yards with a touchdown and an interception, and Keith Toston added 58 yards and two touchdowns. John Parker Wilson completed 18 of 33 for 168 yards and a touchdown for Alabama. He was intercepted twice.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Oklahoma State	7	17	0	10	-	34
Alabama	7	7	3	14	-	31

Attendance: 45,054 (capacity: 50,832). **Weather:** Partly Cloudy; 65 degrees; Wind from the ESE at 9 mph.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Left	Play
OSU 0-7	1	9:46			Dantrell Savage 1-yard run (Jason Ricks kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 38 yards.					
Alabama	7-7	1	3:32		Matt Caddell 18-yard pass from John Parker Wilson (Jamie Christensen kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 72 yards.					
OSU 7-14	2	11:12			Keith Toston 4-yard run (Ricks kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 42 yards.					
OSU 7-17	2	6:45			Jason Ricks 28-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 46 yards.					
Alabama	14-17	2	2:30		Tim Castille 1-yard run (Christensen kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards.					
OSU 14-24	2	0:41			Toston 7-yard run (Ricks kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 64 yards.					
Alabama	17-24	3	8:39		Jamie Christensen 24-yard field goal.
Drive: 15 plays, 69 yards.					
OSU 17-31	4	14:02			Adarius Bowman 10-yard pass from Bobby Reid (Ricks kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 66 yards.					
Alabama	24-31	4	10:50		Javier Arenas 86-yard punt return (Christensen kick).
Drive: No Drive.					
Alabama	31-31	4	8:41		Andre Smith 2-yard run (Christensen kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 21 yards.					
OSU 31-34	4	0:08			Ricks 27-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 74 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Oklahoma State
First Downs	18	23
By Rushing	6	13
By Passing	11	9
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	34-108	41-207
Passes (A-C-I)	33-18-1	30-15-1
Passing Yards	168	212
Total Plays	67	71
Total Yards	276	419
Punts-Avg.	5-36.6	5-35.0
Punt Returns	1-86	3-0
Kickoff Returns	2-5	6-51
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	8-45	9-77
Time of Possession	31:51	28:09

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Jimmy Johns 7-39; Kenneth Darby 10-15; Le'Ron McClain 1-11; John Parker Wilson 6-10; Matt Caddell 1-10; Tim Castille 6-9, 1 TD; Keith Brown 1-6; DJ Hall 1-6; Andre Smith 1-2, 1 TD.
Oklahoma State: Dantrell Savage 19-112, 1 TD; Keith Toston 9-58, 2 TDs; Bobby Reid 10-34; Zac Robinson 1-5; Julious Crosslin 1-0; Team 1-(-2).

PASSING

Alabama: John Parker Wilson 33-18-1, 168 yards, 1 TD.
Oklahoma State: Bobby Reid 29-15-1, 212 yards, 1 TD; Seth Newton 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: DJ Hall 5-42; Kenneth Darby 4-30; Matt Caddell 3-33, 1 TD; Tim Castille 1-17; Nikita Stover 1-17; Le'Ron McClain 1-9; Keith Brown 1-7; Travis McCall 1-7; Will Oakley 1-6.
Oklahoma State: Brandon Pettigrew 4-65; Adarius Bowman 3-50, 1 TD; Dantrell Savage 3-41; D'Juan Woods 3-26; Justin Waller 1-22; Keith Toston 1-8.

TACKLES

Alabama: Juwan Simpson 5-8; Jeffrey Dukes 3-9; Rashad Johnson 3-4; Terrence Jones 3-4; Ramzee Robinson 4-2; Prince Hall 3-3; Eric Gray 3-3; Simeon Castille 1-5.
Oklahoma State: Jeremy Nethon 7-4; Martel Van Zant 4-3; Rodrick Johnson 2-4.

2007 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Alabama 30, Colorado 24

SHREVEPORT, La. (Dec. 30, 2007) – Alabama used a 20-point first quarter and relied on a stingy second-half defense to withstand Colorado in the PetroSun Independence Bowl, gaining 388 total yards in a 30-24 win over the Buffaloes at Independence Stadium.

Alabama (7-6) dominated the first quarter of the game, opening with two field-goal-scoring drives to take a 6-0 lead before an unsuccessful fake punt by Colorado (6-7) led to the Crimson Tide's first touchdown of the night, a 15-yard pass from quarterback John Parker Wilson to receiver Keith Brown for a 13-0 lead 10 minutes into the game.

After a Colorado punt, the Tide took the ball 63 yards in five plays on its next possession, capping the drive with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to receiver Matt Caddell for a 20-0 first-quarter lead.

A blocked punt by Caddell on Colorado's next possession set up the Tide at its own 35-yard line and, six plays later, Wilson hit receiver Nikita Stover for his third touchdown pass of the night, a 34-yarder, to extend Alabama's lead to 27-0 with 12:20 left in the first half. Wilson completed 13 of his first 15 passes for 185 yards and three touchdowns.

Late in the half, Colorado quarterback Cody Hawkins found receiver Tyson DeVree for a four-yard score to cut the Tide lead to 27-7. A 25-yard pass from Hawkins to Dusty Sprague with four seconds left in the second quarter cut the Alabama lead to 27-14 at the half.

A third quarter Colorado field goal cut the Alabama lead to 10 and, with the Alabama offense stalled, the Buffaloes got the ball back at the Alabama 20 with 8:25 left in the game and a chance to cut the Tide lead even more. But Alabama defensive tackle Brandon Deaderick tipped a Hawkins pass and linebacker Darren Mustin made a diving interception to give Alabama the ball on Buffaloes' 22.

Seven plays later Alabama was able to extend its lead to 30-17 with a 26-yard field goal from Leigh Tiffin, his third of the night, with 4:36 left in the game. Colorado then went 69 yards in just 45 seconds to cut the Alabama lead to 30-24 with a touchdown pass from Hawkins to DeVree, but the Tide was able to convert two first downs on its next possession, running the clock down to one second before the Buffaloes took over at their own 20. Colorado's lateral-filled final play was stopped at the Buffaloes' 45-yard line.

Wilson was 19-of-32 passing for 256 yards, with three touchdowns and one interception. The Alabama defense was led by end Wallace Gilberry, who recorded five tackles-for-loss in an eight-tackle performance in his final game for the Tide, tying the Alabama single-game record for tackles-for-loss. Safety Rashad Johnson had 13 tackles while Mustin had eight stops to go with his interception.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	20	7	0	3	-	30
Colorado.....	0	14	3	7	-	24

Attendance: 47,043 (capacity: 50,832). **Weather:** Clear; 49 degrees; Winds from the SW at 1 mph.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Left	Play
Alabama	3-0	1	11:30		Leigh Tiffin 41-yard field goal.
Drive: 8 plays, 44 yards.					
Alabama	6-0	1	9:13		Tiffin 24-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 8 yards.					
Alabama	13-0	1	5:09		Keith Brown 15-yard pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 55 yards.					
Alabama	20-0	1	1:31		Matt Caddell 34-yard pass from Wilson (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 63 yards.					
Alabama	27-0	2	12:20		Nikita Stover 31-yard pass from Wilson (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 65 yards.					
Colorado	27-7	2	2:05		Tyson DeVree 4-yard pass from Cody Hawkins (Kevin Eberhart kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 43 yards.					
Colorado	27-14	2	0:04		Dusty Sprague 25-yard pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 55 yards.					
Colorado	27-17	3	3:00		Kevin Eberhart 39-yard field goal.
Drive: 14 plays, 76 yards.					
Alabama	30-17	4	4:36		Tiffin 26-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 14 yards.					
Colorado	30-24	4	3:51		DeVree 14-yard pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 69 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Colorado
First Downs	22	19
By Rushing	9	3
By Passing	13	16
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	37-132	28-75
Passes (A-C-I)	19-32-1	24-40-2
Passing Yards	256	322
Total Plays	69	68
Total Yards	388	397
Punts-Avg.	4-45.0	4-31.8
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	5-94	6-126
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-21	4-30
Time of Possession	29:39	30:21

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Glen Coffee 19-72; Roy Upchurch 12-34; John Parker Wilson 4-24; Matt Caddell 1-12; Nikita Stover 1-(-10).

Colorado: Hugh Charles 14-69; Dusty Sprague 2-14; Daniel Dykes 3-10; Byron Ellis 5-6; Brian Lockridge 2-(-8); Cody Hawkins 2-(-16).

PASSING

Alabama: John Parker Wilson 32-19-1, 256 yards, 3 TDs.

Colorado: Cody Hawkins 39-24-2, 322 yards, 3 TDs; Team 1-0-0, 0 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Matt Caddell 4-76, 1 TD; DJ Hall 4-58; Nick Walker 4-38; Nikita Stover 2-35, 1 TD; Roy Upchurch 2-23; Glen Coffee 2-11; Keith Brown 1-15, 1 TD.

Colorado: Tyson DeVree 9-94, 2 TDs; Scotty McKnight 4-67; Daniel Dykes 2-40; Dusty Sprague 2-30, 1 TD; Patrick Williams 2-29; Stephon Robinson 2-12; Brian Lockridge 1-22; Joe Sanders 1-13; Jake Behrens 1-5; Daniel Sanders 0-10.

TACKLES

Alabama: Rashad Johnson 8-5; Darren Mustin 6-2; Wallace Gilberry 4-4; Kareem Jackson 3-2; Rolando McClain 2-3.

Colorado: Jordon Dizon 7-6; Brad Jones 7-3; Jeff Smart 4-5; Ryan Walters 7-1; Terren Wheatley 3-2; George Hypolite 0-5.

2009 SUGAR BOWL

(6) Utah 31, (4) Alabama 17

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 2, 2009) – Fourth-ranked Alabama battled back from an early 21-0 deficit, cutting its deficit against No. 6 Utah to 21-17 in the second half, but the Crimson Tide was unable to overcome the deficit, falling to the Utes, 31-17, in the 75th Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Alabama finished the season with a 12-2 record while Utah finished the season as college football's only undefeated team at 13-0.

Utah scored 21 first-quarter points, capitalizing on a John Parker Wilson interception and getting a pair of touchdown passes from Brian Johnson to take a 21-0 lead into the second quarter. Alabama responded with 17 unanswered points, starting the comeback with a 52-yard field goal by Leigh Tiffin and getting a 73-yard punt return for a touchdown by Javier Arenas that cut the largest deficit the Crimson Tide had faced all season to 21-10 at halftime. A fumble on Utah's first possession of the third quarter gave Alabama the ball in the Utes' territory, and a 4-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to Glen Coffee cut the lead to 21-17 with 11:14 to go in the third. Utah, however, closed the game on a 10-0 run.

Wilson completed 18 of 30 passes for 177 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions. Julio Jones was Wilson's leading receiver, finishing with seven catches for 77 yards. Coffee (36 yards) and Mark Ingram (26) combined for 62 yards on the ground. Coffee moved into second place on the Alabama single-season rushing list with 1,386 yards.

The game was Alabama's first Sugar Bowl appearance since its 34-13 national championship win over Miami to close the 1992 season, and its first Bowl Championship Series appearance since playing in the Orange Bowl in the 1999 season. The game extended Alabama's NCAA-best bowl appearances mark to 56.

Utah quarterback Brian Johnson threw for 336 yards and three touchdowns on his way to being selected the game's most outstanding player, a fitting finish to the career of Utah's winningest quarterback (26-7). Utah became the first team from a non-BCS conference to win two BCS bowls. The Utes beat Pittsburgh in the 2005 Fiesta Bowl. Johnson was 27-of-41 and was not intercepted as the Utes took charge from the start by bolting to a stunning, 21-0 first-quarter lead.

Utah's defense was impressive, intercepting Wilson twice and sacking him eight times, with the seventh sack forcing a fumble that ended the Crimson Tide's last threat with just more than five minutes remaining. The Utes' front seven was significantly outweighed by Alabama's offensive line, playing without left tackle Andre Smith, the Outland Trophy winner who missed the game due to a suspension. Utah did not give ground to the Tide's normally powerful running game that averaged 196.5 yards per game. The Utes' variety of stunts and blitzes appeared to upset Wilson's rhythm. He overthrew a couple of open receivers downfield and finished 18-of-30 for 177 yards and a touchdown.

Johnson adeptly spread the ball around, completing passes to seven receivers while the Utes almost completely ignored the running game. Johnson connected with receiver Freddie Brown 12 times for 125 yards. Johnson's touchdowns went for 7 yards to Brent Casteel, 18 yards to Bradon Godfrey and 28 yards to David Reed. Matt Asiata ran for a 2-yard score, set up by Reed's leaping catch at the 2. An Alabama comeback appeared to be building early in the second half, when Dont'a Hightower stripped Johnson, and Bobby Greenwood recovered at the Utah 30. Wilson drove the Tide for a score, hitting Coffee for an easy 4-yard touchdown pass on a rollout to close the gap to 21-17.

At the point, it appeared to be only a matter of time before the Tide would overtake the underdog Utes. But Johnson opened Utah's next drive with a 33-yard pass over the middle to Brown. That started a 71-yard scoring drive that ended with Reed's touchdown. The Tide drove right back into Utah territory, but Ingram was stopped for no gain on third-and-2 from the Utah 32. But Tiffin missed a long field goal attempt, hooking a 49-yarder just left of the upright.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Utah.....	21	0	7	3	-	31
Alabama	0	10	7	0	-	17

Attendance: 71,872 (capacity: 75,000). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Utah	0-7	1	11:02	Brent Casteel 7-yard pass from Brian Johnson (Louie Sakoda kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 68 yards.				
Utah	0-14	1	8:37	Matt Asiata 18-yard run (Sakoda kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 32 yards.				
Utah	0-21	1	4:01	Bradon Godfrey 18-yard pass from Johnson (Sakoda kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 65 yards.				
Alabama	3-21	2	14:55	Leigh Tiffin 52-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 23 yards.				
Alabama	10-21	2	5:28	Javier Arenas 73-yard punt return (Leigh Tiffin kick).
Drive: No Drive.				
Alabama	17-21	3	11:41	Glen Coffee 4-yard pass from John Parker Wilson (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 35 yards.				
Utah	17-28	3	10:04	David Reed 28-yard pass from Johnson (Sakoda kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 71 yards.				
Utah	17-31	4	2:49	Louie Sakoda 28-yard field goal.
Drive: 7 plays, 31 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Utah
First Downs	15	22
Rushing	5	3
Passing	8	17
Penalty	2	2
Rushes-Yards	24-31	33-13
Passes (A-C-I)	30-18-2	41-27-0
Passing Yards	177	336
Total Plays	63	65
Total Yards	208	349
Punts-Avg.	4-41.5	6-45.0
Punt Returns	1-73	1-2
Kickoff Returns	6-149	4-93
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-67	10-91
Time of Possession	31:18	28:42

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Glen Coffee 13-36; Mark Ingram 8-26; John Parker Wilson 12-(-31).
Utah: Matt Asiata 13-29, 1 TD; Darrell Mack 4-8; Team 3-(-9); Brian Johnson 4-(-15).

PASSING

Alabama: John Parker Wilson 30-18-2, 177 yards, 1 TD.
Utah: Brian Johnson 41-27-0, 336 yards, 3 TDs.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Julio Jones 7-77; Glen Coffee 4-40, 1 TD; Nick Walker 3-25; Nikita Stover 1-15; Mark Ingram 1-8; Brad Smelley 1-7; Earl Alexander 1-5.
Utah: Freddie Brown 12-125; Bradon Godfrey 6-75, 1 TD; Jereme Brooks 4-45; David Reed 2-58, 1 TD; Brent Casteel 1-17, 1 TD; Darrell Mack 1-14; Colt Sampson 1-2.

TACKLES

Alabama: Marquis Johnson 7-2; Rashad Johnson 5-2; Bobby Greenwood 5-0; Javier Arenas 4-1; Ali Sharrief 4-0; Eryk Anders 3-1; Rolando McClain 3-1; Kareem Jackson 2-1; Justin Woodall 2-0; Dont'a Hightower 1-1; Brandon Fanney 1-1; Courtney Upshaw 1-0; Glen Coffee 1-0; Robby Green 1-0; Mark Barron 1-0; Brandon Deaderick 1-0; Terrence Cody 0-1; P.J. Fitzgerald 0-1.
Utah: Steve Sylvester 5-2; Mike Wright 4-3; Kepa Gaison 5-1; R.J. Stanford 5-0; Paul Kruger 5-0; Sean Smith 4-1; Koa Misi 4-1.

2010 BCS CHAMPIONSHIP

(1) Alabama 37, (2) Texas 21

PASADENA, Calif. (Jan. 7, 2010) – The No. 1-ranked Alabama football team held true to its ranking, defeating second-ranked Texas, 37-21, in the 2010 BCS National Championship at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The 2009 national championship was the 13th in Alabama history.

“Our message to the team at halftime was that it’s a 60-minute game,” said head coach Nick Saban. “I’m proud of the way we hung in there and bounced back at the end of the game.”

The Crimson Tide defense ended any hopes of a Longhorn comeback when blitzing linebacker Eryk Anders forced a fumble by Texas quarterback Garrett Gilbert with only 3:08 remaining in the game. Alabama would force two more turnovers and score two touchdowns to seal the 2009 national championship.

After Texas jumped out ahead 6-0 in the first quarter, the Crimson Tide took the lead with running back Mark Ingram punching in a two-yard rush putting Alabama up 7-6 with 14:18 remaining in the second quarter.

Trent Richardson joined in on the ground attack when he busted a 49-yard touchdown run at the 7:59 mark of the second quarter to stretch Alabama’s lead to 14-7.

Placekicker Leigh Tiffin extended the Tide’s lead by connecting on a 26-yard field goal. Two plays later, defensive tackle Marcell Dareus intercepted Gilbert’s shovel pass and returned it 28 yards for an Alabama touchdown. The 10-point swing gave the Crimson Tide a 24-6 lead heading into halftime.

With Texas’ offense scoring 11 unanswered points in the second half and pulling within 24-21, Anders forced a fumble at the three-yard line with linebacker Courtney Upshaw recovering for the Tide. The Texas fumble led directly to Ingram’s one-yard touchdown run, putting Alabama up 31-21.

Javier Arenas came up with his second interception of the night with 1:55 remaining in the game and Richardson turned the turnover into points once again, scoring a touchdown on a two-yard run. Tiffin missed the extra point attempt, making the final score 37-21.

With the win Alabama head coach Nick Saban became the first head coach in major college football history to win a national championship at two different schools, also winning the BCS national championship in 2003 at LSU. Saban also became the second head coach to win two BCS national championships, joining Urban Meyer of Florida.

The victory in Pasadena came 84 years after Alabama won its first national championship in the 1926 Rose Bowl game and marked the fifth Alabama team to end a national championship campaign at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Texas.....	6	0	7	8	-	21
Alabama	0	24	0	13	-	37

Attendance: 94,906 (capacity: 92,542). **Weather:** Clear; 63 degrees; Wind from the WNW at 3 mph.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Left	Play
Texas	0-3	1	9:11		Hunter Lawrence 18-yard field goal.
Drive: 10 plays, 36 yards.					
Texas	0-6	1	8:04		Lawrence 42-yard field goal.
Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards.					
Alabama	7-6	2	14:18		Mark Ingram 2-yard run (Leigh Tiffin kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 57 yards.					
Alabama	14-6	2	7:59		Trent Richardson 49-yard run (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 49 yards.					
Alabama	17-6	2	0:29		Leigh Tiffin 26-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 20 yards.					
Alabama	24-6	2	0:03		Marcell Dareus 28-yard interception return (Tiffin kick).
Drive: No Drive.					
Texas	24-13	3	1:31		Jordan Shipley 44-yard pass from Garret Gilbert (Hunter Lawrence kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 59 yards.					
Texas	24-21	4	6:15		Shipley 28-yard pass from Gilbert (Dan Buckner pass from Gilbert).
Drive: 9 plays, 65 yards.					
Alabama	31-21	4	2:01		Ingram 1-yard run (Tiffin kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 3 yards.					
Alabama	37-21	4	0:47		Richardson 2-yard run (kick failed).
Drive: 3 plays, 27 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Texas
First Downs	16	15
Rushing	10	4
Passing	3	9
Penalty	3	2
Rushes-Yards	51-205	28-81
Passes (A-C-I)	12-6-1	42-17-4
Passing Yards	58	195
Total Plays	63	70
Total Yards	263	276
Punts-Avg.	7-37.3	8-42.9
Punt Returns	3-19	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-18	6-106
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-38	8-77
Time of Possession	33:39	26:21

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Mark Ingram 22-116, 2 TDs; Trent Richardson 19-109, 2 TDs; Roy Upchurch 2-9; Team 1-(-2); Greg McElroy 7-(-27).

Texas: Tre’ Newton 14-39; D.J. Monroe 3-33; John Chiles 1-8; Fosworth Whittaker 1-5; Cody Johnson 3-2; Colt McCoy 1-0; Garret Gilbert 5-(-6).

PASSING

Alabama: Greg McElroy 11-6-0, 58 yards; P.J. Fitzgerald 1-0-1, 0 yards.

Texas: Garret Gilbert 40-15-4, 186 yards, 2 TDs; Colt McCoy 2-2-0, 9 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Trent Richardson 2-19; Mark Ingram 2-12; Julio Jones 1-23; Marquis Maze 1-4.

Texas: Jordan Shipley 10-122, 2 TDs; Marquise Goodwin 3-70; Tre’ Newton 2-2; Malcolm Williams 1-4; Dan Buckner 1-(-3).

TACKLES

Alabama: Eryk Anders 6-1; Mark Barron 5-1; Robby Green 4-2; Javier Arenas 4-1; Rolando McClain 2-2; Josh Chapman 3-0; Cory Reamer 2-1; Kareem Jackson 2-1; Terrence Cody 1-2; Lorenzo Washington 2-0; Justin Woodall 2-0; Rod Woodson 2-0; Nico Johnson 1-0; Marquis Johnson 1-0; Brandon Deaderick 1-0; Courtney Upshaw 0-1; Dre Kirkpatrick 0-1; Marcell Dareus 0-1; Roy Upchurch 0-1; Chris Rogers 0-1.

Texas: Lamarr Houston 8-2; Sergio Kindle 6-2; Keena Robinson 3-4; Rodd Muckelroy 6-0; Earl Thomas 5-1; Sam Acho 4-2; Blake Gideon 2-4.

2011 CAPITAL ONE BOWL

(15) Alabama 49, (7) Michigan State 7

ORLANDO, Fla. (Jan. 1, 2011) – Mark Ingram ran for two scores to break the school record for career touchdowns, and the 15th-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide rolled past No. 7 Michigan State 49-7 in the most lopsided Capital One Bowl in the game's history.

The 2009 Heisman Trophy winner had 59 yards rushing on 12 carries and a 30-yard reception against the team he rooted for as a kid. Greg McElroy threw for 220 yards and one touchdown, and the game got so out of hand that the Crimson Tide (10-3) pulled most of their starters early in the third quarter. Ingram also moved past Shaun Alexander's mark (41) with 42 career touchdowns.

The margin of victory topped East Texas State's 33-0 victory over Tennessee Tech in the 1953 game, then known as the Tangerine Bowl. The bowl dates back to 1947.

The Crimson Tide found the end zone on their first five possessions, held the Spartans (11-2) to 171 total yards and sacked Kirk Cousins four times in their most dominant performance all season. Cousins had 120 yards passing, threw one interception and was under pressure all game. Edwin Baker was held to 14 yards rushing for a Spartans team that felt snubbed by the BCS after sharing the Big Ten title. Instead, they were bullied and bruised by a team that knows the big stage well.

Alabama (10-3) took the opening kickoff 79 yards on 13 plays and Ingram scored on a 1-yard run to the right side. The Tide never looked back.

Ingram, the 2009 Heisman Trophy winner, had 59 yards on 12 carries. He sat most of the second half.

Michigan State (11-2) took its opening drive and looked to have something going, but quarterback Kirk Cousins was intercepted by Alabama's Robert Lester. A short time later, Richardson scored on an 8-yard run to help the Tide grab a 14-0 lead.

The Spartans again looked to have something going in the second quarter, driving to Alabama's 7-yard line, but linebacker Courtney Upshaw hit Cousins from the blindside, forcing a fumble that stalled another Michigan State drive. Upshaw finished with five total tackles, two sacks, and three tackles for loss. He was voted the game's most valuable player.

On the following drive, Alabama drove 80 yards on seven plays and scored when Ingram burst through on the left side for a 6-yard touchdown to put the Tide up by three scores. The touchdown was Ingram's 42nd career rushing touchdown, making him the school's all-time leader, passing Shaun Alexander.

McElroy, playing his final game for Alabama, was nearly flawless. The fifth-year senior was 13-of-17 for 220 yards and even made a block that sprung Julio Jones on a 35-yard reverse for a touchdown. McElroy was replaced by backup A.J. McCarron at the 9:05 mark in the third quarter.

The Spartans, which had the third-best rushing attack in the Big Ten, managed only 48 yards on the ground. It was the second fewest yards allowed on the ground by an Alabama team since 1962. Edwin Baker, the Big Ten's third-leading rusher, was held to 14 yards on 12 carries. Alabama outgained Michigan State 546-171 in total yards. Alabama rushed for 275 yards on 44 attempts, a 6.2 average.

Cousins was under pressure most of the day. The junior was sacked four times and the last one, by Alabama linebacker Alex Watkins, forced him to the sidelines. He was replaced by redshirt freshman Andrew Maxwell, who didn't fare much better. Maxwell was sacked twice and was replaced by Keith Nichol in the fourth quarter. Nichol connected with wideout Bennie Fowler for a 49-yard touchdown pass with 5:45 left to avoid the shut-out.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	7	21	14	7	-	49
Michigan State.....	0	0	0	7	-	7

Attendance: 61,519 (capacity: 70,000). **Weather:** Sunny; 77 degrees; Wind from the SSE at 13 mph.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Play
Alabama	7-0	1	8:20	Mark Ingram 1-yard run (Jeremy Shelley kick).
Drive: 13 plays, 79 yards.				
Alabama	14-0	2	14:33	Trent Richardson 8-yard run (Shelley kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 62 yards.				
Alabama	21-0	2	6:46	Ingram 6-yard run (Shelley kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards.				
Alabama	28-0	2	3:50	Julio Jones 35-yard run (Shelley kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 44 yards.				
Alabama	35-0	3	12:00	Marquis Maze 37-yard pass from Greg McElroy (Shelley kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 79 yards.				
Alabama	42-0	3	1:09	Eddie Lacy 12-yard run (Shelley kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 58 yards.				
Alabama	49-0	4	8:58	Lacy 62-yard run (Shelley kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 84 yards.				
Michigan State	49-7	4	5:45	Bennie Fowler 49-yard pass from Keith Nichol (Dan Conroy kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 69 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Michigan State
First Downs	25	12
Rushing	11	3
Passing	13	8
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	44-275	28-(-48)
Passes (A-C-I)	23-19-0	29-14-1
Passing Yards	271	219
Total Plays	67	57
Total Yards	546	171
Punts-Avg.	2-39.5	7-43.4
Punt Returns	3-22	1-15
Kickoff Returns	1-18	7-171
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	8-45
Time of Possession	32:22	27:38

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Eddie Lacy 5-86, 2 TDs; Mark Ingram 12-59, 2 TDs; Trent Richardson 10-42, 1 TD; Julio Jones 2-36, 1 TD; Demetrius Goode 10-36; Darius Hanks 1-6; A.J. McCarron 1-4; Greg McElroy 1-4; Jalston Fowler 1-3; Team 1-(-1).

Michigan State: Edwin Baker 12-14; Le'Veon Bell 4-13; Larry Caper 1-1; Keshawn Martin 4-0; Andrew Maxwell 1-(-8); Team 1-(-12); Kirk Cousins 5-(-56).

PASSING

Alabama: Greg McElroy 17-13-0, 220 yards, 1 TD; A.J. McCarron 6-6-0, 51 yards.

Michigan State: Kirk Cousins 18-10-1, 120 yards; Andrew Maxwell 6-2-0, 43 yards; Keith Nichol 5-2-0, 56 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Marquis Maze 4-77, 1 TD; Preston Dial 4-55; Julio Jones 3-49; Brad Smelley 2-20; Mark Ingram 1-30; Demetrius Goode 1-17; Trent Richardson 1-12; Earl Alexander 1-7; Michael Williams 1-3; Chris Underwood 1-1.

Michigan State: Keshawn Martin 3-41; Keith Nichol 3-22; Bennie Fowler 2-56, 1 TD; Charlie Gantt 2-40; Mark Dell 2-27; Brian Linthicum 1-28; Larry Caper 1-5.

TACKLES

Alabama: Courtney Upshaw 5-0; Robert Lester 4-1; Nico Johnson 3-1; Alex Watkins 3-1; Jerrell Harris 3-0; Luther Davis 3-0; Dee Milliner 3-0; Dre Kirkpatrick 3-0; Marcell Dareus 2-1; Will Lowery 2-1; DeQuan Menzie 2-0; Dont'a Hightower 1-1.

Michigan State: Marcus Hyde 8-0; Greg Jones 6-2; Johnny Adams 6-1; Trenton Robinson 5-2; Blake Treadwell 5-1.

2012 BCS CHAMPIONSHIP

(2) Alabama 21, (1) LSU 0

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 9, 2012) – A staunch defensive effort, combined with a record-setting night from kicker Jeremy Shelley, propelled the University of Alabama football team to its 14th national championship with a 21-0 victory over LSU in the 2012 BCS National Championship Game at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

The Crimson Tide's defense held LSU to just 92 total yards and five first downs as Defensive Player of the Game Courtney Upshaw and Jerrell Harris each had seven tackles. As a unit, the defense had 11 tackles for loss, four sacks and an interception.

"I think it's a great team win," UA head coach Nick Saban said. "Our offense controlled the tempo of this game. We did a great job on special teams. It was just a great team win for every guy here, every fan that we have, every supporter of this program. This is great for Alabama."

Fifteen of UA's 21 points came from the leg of kicker Jeremy Shelley, who converted on a bowl-record five field goals from 23, 34, 41, 35 and a career-long 44 yards. The defense provided the offense with excellent field position all evening and quarterback AJ McCarron did a masterful job under center completing 23-of-34 passes for 234 yards to earn Offensive Player of the Game honors.

"We knew that he [McCarron] was going to have to play well because we knew that we were going to throw the ball," Saban said of his quarterback. "He showed great leadership and poise in making good decisions."

Thanks to Shelley, the Tide carried a 15-0 lead into the final quarter when LSU mounted its first legitimate charge after being held to just 55 yards in the previous three quarters. Upon crossing midfield for the first time all game, the drive stalled and left the Tigers facing 4th and 18 to gain on the UA 40. The Tide defense came through again as Dont'a Hightower sacked LSU's Jordan Jefferson and knocked the ball loose at the 50-yard line. Nick Gentry fell on the fumble to end the drive and set the UA offense up at midfield with 6:15 left in the contest.

Four plays later, Trent Richardson raced 34 yards for the first touchdown of the game and the Heisman Trophy semifinalist finished with 96 yards on 20 carries and 107 all-purpose yards.

Alabama put up the first points of the game when Shelley capped off a five-play, 20-yard drive with a 23-yard field goal with five minutes left in the first quarter. Shelley would come up big for the Tide on two more occasions in the first half, connecting from 34 and 41 yards to give Alabama a 9-0 lead at the break.

Alabama held LSU to one first down throughout the first half, while collecting 13 of its own. The Tide also collected 156 total yards compared to the Tigers' 26 total yards in the first 30 minutes.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	3	6	6	6	-	21
LSU	0	0	0	0	-	0

Attendance: 78,237 (capacity: 73,208). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Time	Play	
	UA-LSU	Qtr.	Left	
Alabama	3-0	1	5:00	Jeremy Shelley 23-yard field goal.
Drive: 5 plays, 20 yards.				
Alabama	6-0	2	4:18	Shelley 34-yard field goal.
Drive: 11 plays, 58 yards.				
Alabama	9-0	2	0:00	Shelley 41-yard field goal.
Drive: 9 plays, 52 yards.				
Alabama	12-0	3	12:49	Shelley 35-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 50 yards.				
Alabama	15-0	3	0:22	Shelley 44-yard field goal.
Drive: 6 plays, 6 yards.				
Alabama	21-0	4	4:36	Trent Richardson 34-yard run (Jeremy Shelley kick).
Drive: 4 plays, 50 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	LSU
First Downs	21	5
Rushing	9	4
Passing	12	1
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	35-150	27-39
Passes (A-C-I)	34-23-0	17-11-1
Passing Yards	234	53
Total Plays	69	44
Total Yards	384	92
Punts-Avg.	3-44.3	9-45.7
Punt Returns	3-67	1-1
Kickoff Returns	1-32	6-125
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	5-35
Time of Possession	35:26	24:34

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Trent Richardson 20-96, 1 TD; Eddie Lacy 11-45; AJ McCarron 4-11.
LSU: Kenn Hilliard 5-16; Jordan Jefferson 14-15; Spencer Ware 3-7; Michael Ford 4-1; J.C. Copeland 1-0.

PASSING

Alabama: AJ McCarron 34-23-0, 234 yards.
LSU: Jordan Jefferson 17-11-1, 53 yards.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Brad Smelley 7-39; Darius Hanks 5-58; Kevin Norwood 4-78; Chris Underwood 2-12; Trent Richardson 2-11; Michael Williams 2-10; Kenny Bell 1-26.
LSU: Odell Beckham 5-38; Rueben Randle 3-13; Deangelo Peterson 1-7; Spencer Ware 1-(-2); Alfred Blue 1-(-3).

TACKLES

Alabama: Courtney Upshaw 6-1; Jerrell Harris 5-2; DeQuan Menzie 4-0; Dont'a Hightower 3-1; Nico Johnson 2-2; Dre Kirkpatrick 1-3; Nick Gentry 3-0; Robert Lester 1-2; Trey Depriest 2-0; Damion Square 1-1; Ed Stinson 1-1; Mark Barron 1-1; Jesse Williams 0-2.
LSU: Eric Reid 9-2; Michael Brockers 3-4; Tyrann Mathieu 6-0; Ryan Baker 4-2; Bennie Logan 1-5.

2013 BCS CHAMPIONSHIP

(2) Alabama 42, (1) Notre Dame 14

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (Jan. 7, 2013) – The Alabama Crimson Tide established its dominance early on the way to a dominant performance as the Tide earned the programs 15th national championship in football with a 42-14 victory over Notre Dame in the 2013 Discover BCS National Championship Game.

Playing before a Sun Life Stadium record crowd of 80,120 the Tide raced to touchdowns on their first three offensive possessions and built a lead that eventually reached 35-0 in the third quarter. The title, Alabama's third in the past four seasons, concluded a 13-1 season for the Tide while Notre Dame fell to 12-1 with the loss. Tide quarterback AJ McCarron passed for four touchdowns and 264 yards while completing 20 of 28 attempts without throwing an interception.

Running back Eddie Lacy rushed for 140 yards and a touchdown while averaging seven yards per carry, wide receiver Amari Cooper caught six passes for 105 yards and two scores, and running back T.J. Yeldon rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown as the Tide offense flourished behind an outstanding performance by its offensive line. Alabama gained 529 total yards while exhibiting incredible balance, rushing for 265 yards and passing for 264.

"I couldn't be prouder of our players, our coaches and our entire organization tonight," said Alabama head coach Nick Saban. "I really feel that we played a complete game tonight. We came out and had great tempo on offense and dominated the line of scrimmage and I think that set the tone."

The Crimson Tide romped to its second consecutive BCS championship, cruising to the second-most lopsided BCS championship game victory to date. Alabama (13-1) became the third team to win three national titles in four seasons since polls started being used to crown champions in 1936, and the first since Nebraska from 1994-97.

The Fighting Irish (12-1) didn't score until they were down 35-0 late in the third quarter. In a matchup of tradition-rich programs tied for the most AP national championships with eight, Notre Dame was looking for its first national championship in 24 years. The Crimson Tide got its ninth.

The Crimson Tide marched with ease on the opening drive, going 82 yards on five plays to take a 7-0 lead on Lacy's 20-yard touchdown run up the middle with 12:03 left in the first quarter. Notre Dame (12-0) had allowed only two rushing touchdowns in its surprising run to the championship game. On the next Alabama possession, Lacy and the Crimson Tide went right back to work, hammering away at Notre Dame's vaunted defense.

Lacy set up Alabama's second touchdown with another 20-yard run, this time to the Irish 2. Instead of running into a Notre Dame goal-line defense that has become known for goal-line stands, McCarron faked a handoff and found tight end Michael Williams all alone for the score and a 14-0 lead. Alabama made it 3 for 3 on the next drive when Yeldon scored from a yard out on the first play of the second quarter.

Lacy landed one more blow with 31 seconds left in the half. McCarron dumped off to Lacy, who spun off two tacklers, and went 11 yards to make it 28-0.

The Fighting Irish started the third quarter with a promising drive that ended with another Alabama highlight.

HaHa Clinton-Dix made a sensational diving interception, grabbing a tipped pass and tapping his toe inches from the sideline. Alabama turned the game's first turnover into another long scoring drive. McCarron capped this one with a 34-yard touchdown pass to freshman Amari Cooper, the longest scoring pass the Irish had given up in 2012.

With the score 35-0, Notre Dame finally got on the board with 4:08 left in the third. Everett Golson took an option keeper 2 yards for a touchdown to break a streak of 108 minutes, 7 seconds in which Alabama had not allowed a point in a BCS championship game, dating to the last 6 minutes of the fourth quarter of the 2009 title game against Texas at the Rose Bowl. Alabama had scored 69 straight points in that span.

Alabama had 529 yards. The Irish defense came in allowing 286 per game. McCarron earned Offensive Most Valuable Player honors while linebacker C.J. Mosley earned Defensive MVP honors by virtue of his team-best 8 tackles.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Alabama	14	14	7	7	-	42
Notre Dame.....	0	0	7	7	-	14

Attendance: 80,120 (capacity: 73,208). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Alabama	7-0	1	12:03	Eddie Lacy 20-yard run (Jeremy Shelley kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 82 yards.				
Alabama	14-0	1	6:14	Michael Williams 3-yard pass from AJ McCarron (Shelley kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 61 yards.				
Alabama	21-0	2	14:56	T.J. Yeldon 1-yard run (Shelley kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards.				
Alabama	28-0	2	0:31	Eddie Lacy 11-yard pass from McCarron (Shelley kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 71 yards.				
Alabama	35-0	3	7:34	Amari Cooper 34-yard pass from McCarron (Shelley kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 97 yards.				
Notre Dame	35-7	3	4:08	Everett Golson 2-yard run (Kyle Brindza kick).
Drive: 9 plays, 85 yards.				
Alabama	42-7	4	11:27	Cooper 19-yard pass from McCarron (Shelley kick).
Drive: 14 plays, 86 yards.				
Notre Dame	42-14	4	7:51	Theo Riddick 6-yard pass from Golson (Brindza kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards.				

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Notre Dame
First Downs	28	16
Rushing	13	3
Passing	14	12
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	45-265	19-32
Passes (A-C-I)	28-20-0	36-21-1
Passing Yards	264	270
Total Plays	73	55
Total Yards	529	302
Punts-Avg.	4-49.2	5-42.8
Punt Returns	1-1	3-2
Kickoff Returns	2-31	3-47
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	3-35
Time of Possession	38:13	21:47

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Eddie Lacy 20-140, 1 TD; T.J. Yeldon 21-108, 1 TD; AJ McCarron 1-9; Kenyan Drake 3-8.

Notre Dame: Theo Riddick 10-37; Cierre Wood 4-2; Everett Golson 5-(-7).

PASSING

Alabama: AJ McCarron 28-20-0, 264 yards, 4 TDs.

Notre Dame: Everett Golson 36-21-1, 270 yards, 1 TDs.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Amari Cooper 6-105, 2 TDs; Kevin Norwood 3-66; Michael Williams 3-17, 1 TD; Christian Jones 2-40; Eddie Lacy 2-17, 1 TD; Marvin Shinn 2-14; Kelly Johnson 1-5; T.J. Yeldon 1-0.

Notre Dame: T.J. Jones 7-90; Davaris Daniels 6-115; Tyler Eifert 6-61; Theo Riddick 1-6, 1 TD; Cierre Wood 1-(-2).

TACKLES

Alabama: C.J. Mosley 5-3; Ha Ha Clinton-Dix 4-3; Robert Lester 3-3; Deion Belue 4-0; Landon Collins 3-0; Trey Depriest 1-2; Dee Milliner 1-2; Tyler Hayes 2-0; Adrian Hubbard 1-1; Vinnie Sunseri 1-1; Geno Smith 1-0; Ed Stinson 1-0; D.J. Pettway 1-0; Jeoffrey Pagan 1-0; Brandon Ivory 1-0; Nick Perry 1-0; Denzel Devall 0-1; Christian Jones 0-1; Jesse Williams 0-1; Quinton Dial 0-1; Nico Johnson 0-1.

Notre Dame: Zeke Motta 7-9; Mant'i Te'o 3-7.

2014 SUGAR BOWL

(10) Oklahoma 45, (3) Alabama 31

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 2, 2014) – The tenth-ranked Oklahoma Sooners (11-2) used a surprising quick-tempo offensive attack keyed by pinpoint passing from quarterback Trevor Knight to upset third-ranked Alabama (11-2), 45-31, in the 2014 Allstate Sugar Bowl.

Four Alabama turnovers led directly to 28 Oklahoma points that proved to be too much to overcome for the Crimson Tide before a crowd of 70,473 at Mercedes-Benz Superdome (capacity: 72,003). The Tide churned out 516 yards of offense, but could not erase a 14-point halftime deficit largely due to the turnovers that the Sooners converted into points, as one turnover resulted in a touchdown and two others were converted into touchdowns on the ensuing play after the miscues.

Additionally, Alabama suffered five total turnovers in the game and had two offensive possessions into the Oklahoma red zone end without points, one on a turnover and another on a missed field goal. The Tide failed to capitalize on a dominant third quarter performance before the Sooners clinched the outcome in the final period.

Tide quarterback AJ McCarron set the Alabama single-season passing yards record during the game as he completed 19 of 30 passes for a career-high 387 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions, connecting nine times for 121 yards to wide receiver Amari Cooper and three times for 139 yards to DeAndrew White. That marked the fifth time in Alabama history that two receivers eclipsed the century mark in yardage and the first time it happened in a bowl game.

Freshman running back Derrick Henry rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown on eight carries, and had one catch for 61 yards and a score. For the defense, Tide cornerback Eddie Jackson led the team with 10 tackles while safety Landon Collins had nine stops and an interception. Linebacker Trey DePriest had seven tackles, safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix had six tackles and linebacker C.J. Mosley closed his outstanding collegiate career with six stops.

Despite outgaining the Sooners in total offense, 516 to 429, the Tide lost largely due to failures in the red zone and turnovers. Oklahoma's fast-paced offense had the Tide defense off balance in the first half and during key points of the game overall. The Sooners managed 348 passing yards against the Tide as Sooners' quarterback Trevor Knight completed 32 of 44 attempts for four touchdowns with one interception. Knight earned Most Outstanding Player honors for his performance.

The decisive portion of the game came in the second quarter with the score knotted at 17-17. After a touchback on the kickoff, Alabama started at its 25 and constructed a 67-yard drive in 11 plays that consumed 6:19 of clock but ended in futility and frustration.

Alabama marched to a first down at the Sooner 20. A pass to Cooper yielded seven yards to the OU 13 on first down, and then Yeldon gained two more to set up third-and-one. On the next play, Yeldon gained four yards and a first down at the OU seven-yard line, but he fumbled when hit by OU's Joe Palange and the OU defensive end Geneo Grissom scooped up the ball and returned it 26 yards to the OU 34 with 5:26 left in the half. Five rapid-fire plays by the OU offense moved the Sooners to a fourth-and-one at the Alabama 45 where Clay's two-yard run converted the first down. After a two-yard run by Clay on first down to the Tide 43, the Sooners called timeout. On the next play, Knight launched a perfectly thrown touchdown bomb to Jalen Saunders who had beaten Alabama's Deion Belue on the play for a 43-yard touchdown pass. Hunnicutt's kick gave the Sooners a 24-17 lead with 2:59 left in the second quarter. It was a lead the Sooners would never relinquish.

Alabama responded with a march to the OU 48, but McCarron's second-down pass was intercepted by OU cornerback Zack Sanchez, who returned the pick-off 41 yards to the Tide 13 with 1:12 left in the second quarter. On the first play after the turnover, OU receiver Sterling Shepard took a pitchout on a reverse and raced 13 yards for a touchdown. Hunnicutt's conversion kick was good and the Sooners had a 31-17 lead over the Crimson Tide with 1:05 left in the half. Alabama drove within field goal range as the half was drawing to a close, but Foster's 32-yard field goal attempt was wide right as the first half clock expired.

Alabama twice drew within a touchdown in the second half, but could not contain the Sooner offense at key points in the late going.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Oklahoma	14	17	0	14	-	45
Alabama	10	7	7	7	-	31

Attendance: 70,143 (capacity: 72,003). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Left	Play
Alabama	7-0	1	13:11		T.J. Yeldon 1-yard run
					(Cade Foster kick)
Oklahoma	7-7	1	9:43		Lacoltan Bester 45-yard pass from Trevor Knight
					(Michael Hunnicutt kick)
Alabama	10-7	1	7:02		Cade Foster 27-yard field goal
					(Drive: 6 plays, 65 yards.)
Oklahoma	10-14	1	1:53		Jalen Saunders 8-yard pass from Knight (Hunnicutt kick)
					(Drive: 13 plays, 75 yards.)
Alabama	17-14	2	14:03		DeAndrew White 67-yard pass from AJ McCarron (Foster kick)
					(Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards.)
Oklahoma	17-17	2	11:45		Michael Hunnicutt 47-yard field goal
					(Drive: 7 plays, 25 yards.)
Oklahoma	17-24	2	2:59		Saunders 43-yard pass from Knight (Hunnicutt kick)
					(Drive: 7 plays, 66 yards.)
Oklahoma	17-31	2	1:05		Sterling Shepard 13-yard run (Hunnicutt kick)
					(Drive: 1 play, 13 yards.)
Alabama	24-31	3	8:49		Derrick Henry 43-yard run (Foster kick)
					(Drive: 4 plays, 60 yards.)
Oklahoma	24-38	4	10:44		Shepard 9-yard pass from Knight (Hunnicutt kick)
					(Drive: 8 plays, 76 yards.)
Alabama	31-38	4	6:22		Henry 61-yard pass from McCarron (Foster kick)
					(Drive: 5 plays, 74 yards.)
Oklahoma	31-45	4	0:47		Geneo Grissom 8-yard fumble return (Hunnicutt kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Oklahoma
First Downs	20	24
Rushing	10	8
Passing	10	14
Penalty	0	3
Rushes-Yards	35-129	30-81
Passes (A-C-I)	30-19-2	44-32-1
Passing Yards	387	348
Total Plays	65	74
Total Yards	516	429
Punts-Avg.	4-43.5	6-42.3
Punt Returns	2-18	2-6
Kickoff Returns	5-104	5-101
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	11-95
Time of Possession	29:05	30:55

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Derrick Henry 8-100, 1 TD; T.J. Yeldon 17-72, 1 TD; AJ McCarron 10 (-43).
Oklahoma: Brennan Clay 17-44; Keith Ford 3-15; Sterling Shepard 3-14, 1 TD.

PASSING

Alabama: AJ McCarron 30-19-2, 387 yards, 2 TDs.
Oklahoma: Trevor Knight 44-32-1, 348 yards, 4 TDs.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Amari Cooper 9-121; DeAndrew White 3-139, 1 TD; Kevin Norwood 2-30; T.J. Yeldon 2-23; Kenny Bell 2-13; Derrick Henry 1-61, 1 TD.
Oklahoma: Sterling Shepard 7-63, 1 TD; Brennan Clay 7-36; Lacoltan Bester 6-105, 1 TD; Jalen Saunders 5-75, 2 TDs; Roy Finch 2-18; Jaz Reynolds 2-14; Derrick Woods 1-20; Brannon Green 1-13; Taylor McNamara 1-4.

TACKLES

Alabama: Eddie Jackson 9-1; Landon Collins 7-2; Trey DePriest 6-1; HaHa Clinton-Dix 4-2; Deion Belue 5-1; C.J. Mosley 5-1; Ed Stinson 3-1; Jeffrey Pagan 2-1; Jarrick Williams 3-0; Denzel Devall 2-1; Adrian Hubbard 2-0; Cade Foster 2-0; A'Shawn Robinson 1-1; Brandon Ivory 0-2; Dee Hart 1-0; DeAndrew White 1-0; Cyrus Jones 1-0; Amari Cooper 1-0; Reggie Ragland 1-0; Derrick Henry 1-0; O.J. Howard 1-0.
Oklahoma: Eric Striker 7-0; Frank Shannon 5-2; Aaron Colvin 5-1; Quentin Haryes 4-1; Gabe Lynn 4-1; Dominique Alexander 4-1; Chuka Ndulue 2-3.

2015 SUGAR BOWL

(4) Ohio State 42, (1) Alabama 35

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 1, 2015) – Ohio State quarterback Cardale Jones, making only his second collegiate start, accounted for 290 total yards (243 passing and 47 rushing) and Buckeyes running back Ezekiel Elliott ran for an Allstate Sugar Bowl-record 230 yards to lead Ohio State to a 42-35 upset of top-ranked Alabama in the second semifinal of the 2014 College Football Playoff. The No. 4 Buckeyes (13-1) kicked off at the Superdome right after No. 2 Oregon finished its 59-20 rout of reigning national champion Florida State in the Rose Bowl Presented by Northwestern Mutual.

The victory gave Ohio State a spot opposite Oregon in the first College Football Playoff National Championship Presented by AT&T in Arlington, Texas, played eight days later on January 12. Alabaman, meanwhile, was denied a shot at the Crimson Tide's fourth national title in six years while suffering a loss in the Sugar Bowl for the second consecutive year.

Jones threw a 47-yard touchdown to Devin Smith that put the Buckeyes ahead for good early in the third quarter. He also converted a crucial third-down play with a spinning, one-yard dive when Ohio State was clinging to a 34-28 lead. On the next play, Elliott took a handoff, broke one attempt at a tackle, and was gone for an 85-yard touchdown that essentially clinched the victory with 3:24 remaining. The Ohio State victory snapped a 0-for-10 streak of futility against Southeastern Conference opponents in bowl games, its only victory vacated by an NCAA ruling.

Alabama, which finished its season 12-2, didn't go down quietly as the Crimson Tide became the first team in history to win at least 11 games in four consecutive seasons. Quarterback Blake Sims threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Amari Cooper with 1:59 remaining. The Buckeyes recovered the onside kick, but Alabama got it back one more time. The Tide's final chance ended when a desperation heave into the end zone was picked off by Tyvis Powell as time ran out, Sims' third interception of the game.

Alabama's third consecutive Sugar Bowl loss, dating back to a defeat against Utah following the 2008 season, was especially painful, costing the Tide a chance to advance in college football's first playoff. "I'm proud of this team," Saban said. "They excelled all year long and kept Alabama at the forefront of college football."

But Saban never liked the feel of the game, even after Alabama raced to an early 21-6 lead by taking advantage of a pair of turnovers and coming up with two red zone stops. "We really weren't stopping them. We had the momentum of the game because of the turnovers," Saban said. "We did not control the football game like we usually do."

After throwing an interception, Jones led one of the biggest drives of the game at the end of the first half, completing three straight passes for 37 yards, then broke off a 27-yard run up the middle when his receivers were covered. After a timeout with 19 seconds remaining, Ohio State pulled out a trick play with wide receiver Michael Thomas making a spectacular catch. Jones handed off to receiver Jalin Marshall on an apparent end-around, Marshall flipped it to Evan Spencer coming the other way, and Spencer suddenly pulled up and threw toward Thomas. Thomas leaped up to make a twisting catch and somehow got his left foot down just inside the line for a 13-yard score that gave the Buckeyes all the momentum going into halftime.

Ohio State built on that momentum at the beginning of the third quarter, scoring two more touchdowns to complete a stunning 28-0 spurt that pushed the Buckeyes ahead 34-21.

For the Tide, Sims ended the night with 237 passing yards and three touchdowns while accounting for 266 total yards and four touchdowns overall. Derrick Henry rushed for 95 yards and a touchdown while receiver Amari Cooper closed his career with a game-high nine catches for for 77 yards and two touchdowns.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	-	F
Ohio State	6	14	14	8	-	42
Alabama	14	7	7	7	-	35

Attendance: 74,682 (capacity: 72,003). **Weather:** Indoors.

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time	Left	Play
Ohio State	0-3	1	11:32		Sean Nuernberger 22-yard field goal (Adam Griffith kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards.					
Alabama	7-3	1	9:25		Derrick Henry 25-yard run (Adam Griffith kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 33 yards.					
Ohio State	7-6	1	5:17		Nuernberger 21-yard field goal
Drive: 11 plays, 71 yards.					
Alabama	14-6	1	2:06		Amari Cooper 15-yard pass from Blake Sims (Griffith kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 79 yards.					
Alabama	21-6	2	8:07		T.J. Yeldon 2-yard run (Griffith kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 15 yards.					
Ohio State	21-13	2	2:55		Ezekiel Elliott 3-yard run (Sean Nuernberger kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 71 yards.					
Ohio State	21-20	2	0:12		Michael Thomas 13-yard pass from Evan Spencer (Nuernberger kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 77 yards.					
Ohio State	21-27	3	12:44		Devin Smith 47-yard pass from Cardale Jones (Nuernberger kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards.					
Ohio State	21-34	3	3:21		Steve Miller 41-yard interception return (Nuernberger kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 84 yards.					
Alabama	28-34	3	1:01		Blake Sims 5-yard run (Griffith kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 84 yards.					
Ohio State	28-42	4	3:24		Elliott 85-yard run (Michael Thomas pass from Cardale Jones).
Drive: 4 plays, 95 yards.					
Alabama	35-42	4	1:59		Cooper 6-yard pass from Sims (Griffith kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 65 yards.					

TEAM STATISTICS

	Alabama	Ohio State
First Downs	21	23
Rushing	12	12
Passing	8	10
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	34-170	42-281
Passes (A-C-I)	36-22-3	36-19-1
Passing Yards	237	256
Total Plays	70	78
Total Yards	407	537
Punts-Avg.	7-55.0	6-46.5
Punt Returns	2-10	2-10
Kickoff Returns	7-102	2-23
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-36	4-24
Time of Possession	28:41	31:39

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Alabama: Derrick Henry 13-95, 1 TD; T.J. Yeldon 10-47, 1 TD; Blake Sims 10-29.
Ohio State: Ezekiel Elliott 20-230, 2 TDs; Cardale Jones 17-43; Jalin Marshall 3-11; Curtis Samuel 1-1; Noah Brown 1-(-4).

PASSING

Alabama: Blake Sims 36-22-3, 237 yards, 2 TDs.
Ohio State: Cardale Jones 35-18-1, 243 yards, 1 TDs; Evan Spencer 1-1-0, 13, 1 TD.

RECEIVING

Alabama: Amari Cooper 9-71, 2 TDs; DeAndrew White 3-65; Derrick Henry 2-54; O.J. Howard 2-14; Jalston Fowler 2-14; Chris Black 2-10; Brian Vogler 2-9.
Ohio State: Michael Thomas 7-66, 1 TD; Jalin Marshall 5-55; Devin Smith 2-87, 1 TD; Nick Vannett 2-23; Ezekiel Elliott 1-13; Evan Spencer 1-7; Corey Smith 1-5.

TACKLES

Alabama: Landon Collins 9-3; Reggie Ragland 2-5; Nick Perry 5-1; Trey DePriest 4-2; Geno Smith 4-2; Xavier Dickson 5-0; Eddie Jackson 4-0; Jarran Reed 3-0; Reuben Foster 2-0; Cyrus Jones 2-0; Jarrick Williams 2-0; Jonathan Allen 2-0; A'Shawn Robinson 2-0; Denzel Devall 1-1; Tony Brown 1-0; Jalston Fowler 1-0; Ryan Anderson 1-0; Michael Nysewander 1-0; O.J. Howard 1-0; Jabriel Washington 1-0; D.J. Pettway 1-0.
Ohio State: Curtis Grant 5-5; Vonn Bell 8-0; Darron Lee 7-0; Doran Grant 6-1; Joshua Perry 4-1; Eli Apple 4-1; Michael Bennett 2-2; Joey Bosa 3-0; Tyvia Powell 2-1; Gareon Conley 2-0; Corey Smith 2-0; Adolphus Washington 1-1.

Bowl Games Statistical Summary

Date	Bowl	Opponent	Result	Att.	FD	Rushing			Passing			Total Offense			OPPONENT			Total Offense				
						Att.	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	Plays	Yards	FD	Att.	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	Plays	Yards
1.1.15	Sugar	Ohio State	L, 35-42	74,682	21	34	170	3	36-22-3	237	2	70	407	23	42	281	2	36-19-1	256	2	78	537
1.2.14	Sugar	Oklahoma	L, 31-45	70,473	20	35	129	2	30-19-2	387	2	65	516	24	30	81	1	44-32-1	348	4	74	429
1.7.13	BGS	Notre Dame	W, 42-21	80,120	28	45	265	2	28-20-0	264	4	73	529	16	19	32	1	36-21-1	270	1	55	302
1.9.12	BGS	LSU	W, 21-0	78,237	21	35	150	1	34-23-0	234	4	69	384	5	27	39	0	17-11-1	53	0	44	92
1.1.11	Capital One	Michigan State	W, 49-7	61,519	25	44	275	6	23-19-0	271	1	67	546	12	28	48	0	29-14-1	219	1	57	171
1.7.10	BGS	Texas	W, 37-21	94,906	16	51	205	4	11-6-0	58	0	63	263	15	28	81	0	42-17-4	195	2	70	276
1.2.09	Sugar	Utah	L, 17-31	71,872	15	33	31	0	30-18-2	177	1	63	208	22	24	13	1	41-27-0	336	3	65	349
12.30.07	Independence	Colorado	W, 30-24	47,043	22	37	132	0	32-19-1	256	3	69	388	19	28	75	0	40-24-2	322	3	68	397
12.28.06	Independence	Oklahoma State	L, 31-34	45,054	18	34	108	2	33-18-1	168	1	67	276	23	41	207	3	30-15-1	212	1	71	319
1.2.06	Cotton	Texas Tech	W, 13-10	74,222	21	44	145	0	31-19-0	275	1	75	420	18	24	103	0	36-16-0	226	1	60	329
12.31.04	Music City	Minnesota	L, 16-20	66,089	13	21	21	1	36-22-0	243	1	57	264	23	72	276	1	13-5-2	75	0	85	351
12.27.01	Independence	Iowa State	W, 14-13	45,627	15	39	150	1	19-11-1	119	1	58	269	23	32	172	1	42-25-0	284	0	74	456
1.1.00	Orange	Michigan	L, 34-35	70,461	12	37	184	3	20-13-0	121	1	57	305	18	23	37	1	47-35-0	369	4	70	406
12.29.98	Music City	Virginia Tech	L, 7-38	41,600	15	32	50	0	35-19-3	224	1	67	274	15	43	207	4	14-7-1	71	0	57	278
1.1.97	Outback	Michigan	W, 17-14	53,161	13	35	182	1	18-9-1	65	0	53	247	22	41	124	0	38-22-1	291	1	79	415
1.2.95	Citrus	Ohio State	W, 24-17	71,195	28	51	204	2	37-18-0	317	1	88	521	15	32	96	0	27-11-1	180	2	59	276
12.31.93	Gator	North Carolina	W, 24-10	67,205	21	46	164	1	23-15-0	166	2	69	330	14	25	42	1	35-19-0	225	0	60	267
1.1.93	Sugar	Miami (Fla.)	W, 34-13	76,789	15	60	267	3	13-4-2	18	0	73	285	16	18	48	0	56-24-3	278	0	74	326
12.28.91	Blockbuster	Colorado	W, 30-25	52,644	19	64	153	0	17-12-1	154	3	81	307	8	30	11	1	30-11-1	210	2	60	199
1.1.91	Fiesta	Louisville	L, 7-34	69,098	10	33	95	0	35-12-2	94	0	68	189	25	39	113	1	39-21-3	458	3	78	571
1.1.90	Sugar	Miami (Fla.)	L, 25-33	77,452	17	29	38	0	43-17-1	214	3	72	252	24	50	227	2	27-17-1	250	3	77	477
12.24.88	Sun.	Army	W, 29-28	48,719	29	36	95	1	52-33-1	412	2	88	507	19	61	350	3	6-0-1	0	0	67	350
1.2.88	Hall of Fame	Michigan	L, 24-28	60,156	28	49	191	2	40-23-1	269	1	89	460	12	32	278	3	17-6-0	68	1	49	346
12.25.86	Sun.	Washington	W, 28-6	48,722	13	41	215	2	26-15-0	176	2	67	391	16	36	102	0	43-20-2	189	0	79	251
12.28.85	Aloha	USC	W, 24-3	35,183	18	55	205	2	16-8-0	112	1	71	317	10	26	61	0	26-16-2	136	0	52	197
12.24.83	Sun.	SMU	W, 28-7	41,412	23	62	251	3	14-9-0	148	1	76	399	13	32	174	0	27-14-2	148	1	59	322
12.29.82	Liberty	Illinois	W, 21-15	54,123	19	57	217	3	13-7-2	130	0	70	347	21	25	21	1	58-35-7	423	1	83	444
1.1.82	Cotton	Texas	L, 12-14	73,243	15	44	163	0	13-8-1	144	1	57	307	21	52	158	2	22-12-0	201	0	74	359
1.1.81	Cotton	Baylor	W, 30-2	74,281	17	67	241	3	12-5-0	98	0	79	339	13	33	54	0	27-12-3	104	0	62	158
1.1.80	Sugar	Arkansas	W, 24-9	77,846	18	53	284	3	7-4-0	70	0	60	354	21	41	97	0	40-22-2	245	1	81	342
1.1.79	Sugar	Penn State	W, 14-7	76,824	12	60	208	1	15-8-2	91	1	75	299	12	38	19	0	30-15-4	163	1	68	182
1.1.78	Sugar	Ohio State	W, 35-6	76,811	25	68	280	3	11-8-0	109	2	79	389	13	38	160	0	17-7-3	103	1	55	263
12.20.76	Liberty	UCLA	W, 36-6	52,736	23	52	268	2	11-8-0	104	1	63	372	17	49	233	1	18-10-3	147	0	67	380
12.31.75	Sugar	Penn State	W, 13-6	75,212	14	49	106	1	12-10-0	210	0	61	316	12	41	157	0	14-8-1	57	0	55	214
1.1.75	Orange	Notre Dame	L, 11-13	71,801	14	33	62	0	29-15-2	223	1	62	285	15	66	185	2	8-4-2	19	0	74	204
12.31.73	Sugar	Notre Dame	L, 23-24	85,161	23	52	190	2	15-10-1	127	1	67	317	20	59	252	2	12-7-0	169	0	71	421
1.1.73	Cotton	Texas	L, 13-17	70,000	15	42	138	1	18-11-2	186	0	60	324	20	69	317	2	11-5-2	61	0	80	378
1.1.72	Orange	Nebraska	L, 6-38	78,151	16	58	241	1	13-3-2	47	0	71	288	15	47	183	4	20-11-0	159	0	67	342
12.31.70	Bluebonnet	Oklahoma	T, 24-24	53,822	21	43	229	0	27-14-0	199	3	70	428	19	60	349	3	7-5-0	66	0	67	415
12.13.69	Liberty	Colorado	L, 33-47	50,042	24	46	155	3	34-14-0	212	2	80	367	29	64	473	5	16-6-3	90	0	86	563
12.28.68	Gator	Missouri	L, 10-35	68,011	6	29	45	0	27-7-2	68	0	56	23	21	82	402	4	6-0-2	0	0	88	404
1.1.68	Orange	Texas A&M	L, 16-20	75,000	14	42	135	2	26-16-3	179	0	68	314	13	44	114	4	22-11-0	143	2	66	257
1.2.67	Sugar	Nebraska	W, 34-7	82,000	19	44	157	3	26-15-1	279	1	70	436	16	25	84	0	38-22-5	213	1	63	297
1.1.66	Orange	Nebraska	W, 39-28	74,214	29	57	222	3	29-20-2	296	2	86	518	17	24	145	1	19-12-1	232	3	43	377
1.1.65	Orange	Texas	L, 17-21	72,647	18	26	49	0	44-20-2	298	2	70	347	15	51	212	2	17-4-1	101	1	68	313
1.1.64	Sugar	Mississippi	W, 12-7	80,785	14	58	165	0	11-3-1	29	0	69	194	9	27	77	0	21-11-3	171	1	48	248
1.1.63	Orange	Oklahoma	W, 17-0	73,380	15	50	174	1	17-9-1	86	1	67	260	10	52	154	0	8-4-0	106	0	60	260
1.1.62	Sugar	Arkansas	W, 10-3	82,910	12	49	234	1	10-4-0	20	0	59	254	7	36	113	0	12-2-3	55	0	48	168
12.17.60	Bluebonnet	Texas	T, 3-3	68,000	4	30	65	0	14-8-0	90	0	44	155	10	43	118	0	17-7-1	108	0	60	226
12.19.59	Liberty	Penn State	L, 0-7	36,211	8	39	109	0	8-2-0	67	0	47	131	18	66	271	0	11-3-0	45	1	77	316
1.1.54	Cotton	Rice	L, 6-28	75,504	11	35	188	1	16-7-2	27	0	51	255	14	54	379	4	10-4-0	59	0	64	438
1.1.53	Orange	Syracuse	W, 61-6	66,280	25	45	286	4	34-22-2	300	3	67	586	15	30	75	0	34-17-5	157	1	64	232
1.1.48	Sugar	Texas	L, 7-27	72,000	7	28	41	0	17-4-2	62	1	45	103	14	50	59	1	24-10-0	183	1	74	242
1.1.46	Rose	USC	W, 34-14	94,000	18	62	292	4	12-4-1	59	1	74	351	3	33	6	0	11-2-2	35	1	44	41
1.1.45	Sugar	Duke	L, 26-29	72,000	8	31	101	2	8-8-0	145	1	39	246	21	64	315	4	8-4-1	46	0	72	361
1.1.43	Orange	Boston College	W, 37-21	30,000	13	42	246	3	15-9-1	98	2	57	344	14	35	232	3	20-11-2	170	0	55	402
1.1.42	Cotton	Texas A&M	W, 29-21	38,000	1																	