



## Welcome!

We are pleased to present the latest edition of the Allstate Sugar Bowl “History & Record Book.” Inside we hope you will find valuable information that will assist your coverage of the 90th edition of this legendary game.

The recent history of the Sugar Bowl has been truly outstanding with the successful double-hosting of 2008; 2009’s memorable 75th Anniversary celebration; another tremendously successful double-hosting in 2012, capped by the Allstate BCS National Championship between Alabama and LSU, arguably the biggest sporting event in the history of the South; and College Football Playoff Semifinals in 2015, 2018 and 2021. We are confident that this year will bring another exciting chapter in the great tradition of the Sugar Bowl as we look forward to many years to come among the elite in college football bowl games.

Sugar Bowl Committee members are fully dedicated to making your visit to New Orleans as pleasant as possible and creating the most contemporary work areas. We trust that many of your questions can be answered as you glance through this media guide and revisit the games of the past. Meanwhile, please take full advantage of our website at [www.AllstateSugarBowl.org](http://www.AllstateSugarBowl.org).

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact us at the Allstate Sugar Bowl Office, (504) 828-2440, or if it’s after December 26, look for us at Media Headquarters. We will be glad to supply any information you need or set you up with any interviews needed to produce high-quality stories around the Sugar Bowl and the city of New Orleans.

Thank you and we look forward to celebrating another successful Sugar Bowl with you!

Sincerely,



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# THE TROPHIES



## THE SUGAR BOWL CUP

The "Sugar Bowl," a solid silver trophy was made in London in the year 1830 during the reign of King George IV and bears the hallmark of the period.

The gift of this genuine antique to the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association was made by the Waldhorn Company, Inc. [an antique shop which was located at 343 Royal Street for over 130 years].

The Sugar Bowl Cup has been the recognized symbol of the organization since its inception. It is incorporated into the design of the Sugar Bowl Trophy (right), the official Allstate Sugar Bowl logo, the signature suit jackets of the Sugar Bowl Committee and many, many other Sugar Bowl-related items and symbols.



## THE SUGAR BOWL TROPHY

The Allstate Sugar Bowl unveiled a new trophy for the 2011 Sugar Bowl Classic. The new trophy incorporates the iconic symbol of the Sugar Bowl Committee - the Sugar Bowl Cup - with a beautiful replica of the Caesars Superdome, the home of the game since its 1975 opening. The trophy is capped off with a football.

With a total weight of 60 pounds, don't be surprised if the winning head coach doesn't heft this trophy over his head upon acceptance!



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The College Football Playoff (CFP) presents the above trophy to the winner of the College Football Playoff National Championship each season.

Created by the legendary international design consultancy, Pentagram, the trophy (Photo by Joe Faraoni, ESPN Images) was then commissioned and handcrafted by the master fine art foundry, Polich Tallix, in Rock Tavern, New York. Expert craftsmen at the foundry worked for three months, combining cutting edge technologies with timeless metal casting and finishing techniques to create the trophy.

The design of the trophy features a focused football at the center of the base that rises to form an actual-size ball. Standing at a total height of three feet, the trophy and base are two integral, but separate pieces, so the trophy may be lifted up independently when it is awarded to the national championship team.

Handmade from 24-karat gold, bronze and stainless steel, the trophy is 26.5 inches tall. The base is formed from bronze with a heat-applied and hand-rubbed black patina finish, and is 12 inches high.



## THE SUGAR BOWL NAME

The idea of a college football bowl game was first proposed by Colonel James M. Thomson, the publisher of the New Orleans Item, and his sports editor Fred Digby in 1927.

Every fall thereafter Digby called for action, outlined a mid-winter calendar of sports, and even gave the still dream game its name - "Sugar Bowl."

In the 1920s, Louisiana was the nation's leader in producing sugar - in fact no other state produced the product. However, Louisiana's sugar industry nearly collapsed in 1926 due to crop diseases cutting sugar cane production by two-thirds. New varieties of sugar cane allowed the industry to recover and allow the state to maintain its status as a critical supplier to the entire country - sugar was the leading industry in the state once again as Digby's efforts finally paid off with the first Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1935.

In addition to the state's role in producing sugar for the nation, there is also significant history with sugar production in New Orleans. The process of crystallizing sugar cane into granules had never been successful in the United States until Étienne de Boré accomplished the feat in New Orleans in 1795. That successful crystallization happened in the area that now makes up Audubon Park - and also included the site of Tulane University and the original Sugar Bowl Stadium.

[NOTE: de Boré would go on to become the first Mayor of New Orleans in 1803. He is buried in Saint Louis Cemetery #1.]

Louisiana remains a sugar production leader in the country, trailing only Florida.

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### In Fond Memory of

The following men died while still in active service to the Sugar Bowl.

Their contributions are fondly remembered (dates listed are years served in the Bowl).

Terry Q. Alarcon	1987-2021	Joseph B. David, Sr.	1934-64	James B. Higgins	1973-2018	W.P. Rovira	1934-41
Gerard W. Barousse	1978-2014	Joseph B. David, Jr.	1948-95	Richard L. Hindermann	1967-97	Frank V. Schaub	1934-67
John U. Barr, Jr.	1966-97	Marshall J. David	1949-91	Theodore L. Jones	1984-2019	George E. Schneider	1934-71
Ralph J. Barry, Sr.	1934-80	Joseph C. DeBlanc	1958-2001	Henry J. Jumonville	1934-43	Dr. George T. Schneider	1948-2016
Herbert A. Benson	1934-61	Paul E. DeBlanc, Sr.	1934-85	Henry J. Jumonville, III	1973-2012	Dr. Leo J. Schoeny	1934-76
Thomas E. Binion	1990-2018	Paul E. DeBlanc, Jr.	1948-2001	Moreau J. Jumonville	1949-74	C. Norman Schwarz	1948-2000
J.H. Bodenheimer	1934-60	Oliver S. Delery, Jr.	1984-2020	Richard N. Kammer	1991-2012	W. Raleigh Schwarz	1934-49
Louis M. Bodenheimer	1948-62	L. diBenedetto, Sr.	1934-58	Clifford H. Kern, Jr.	1948-2009	Claude Simons, Jr.	1949-75
John W. Boebinger	1948-98	S. diBenedetto	1948-72	Don Kern	1979-2012	Wilmer A. Simpson, Jr.	1934-71
Dr. M.P. Boebinger	1934-61	Robert L. diBenedetto	1958-2017	Ronnie Kole	1973-2020	Wm. S. "Mike" Smith	1973-96
Ben P. Bourgeois, Jr.	1984-2005	Fred Digby	1934-58	William R. Martinez	1973-90	E. Allan Smuck	1934-95
Alfred W. Brown, Jr.	1973-77	Noel F. Digby	1948-75	A. Theo Maumus	1948-2008	Stanley R. Snider	1948-81
Dr. Leonard L. Burns	1973-2008	Joseph Dresner	1934-67	Eugene V. McClendon	1968-98	Walter L. Snider	1934-57
George E. Butler	1934-69	Harry M. England	1957-2010	Warren V. Miller	1934-47	Edwin A. Stoutz, Jr.	1961-2021
Aruns Callery	1966-92	P.K. Ewing, Sr.	1934-54	Ernest N. Morial	1973-89	Clarence H. Strauss	1934-47
Henry Zac Carter	1966-89	P.K. Ewing, Jr.	1948-63	Dr. William Mouret, Jr.	1948-91	Albert Wachenheim, Jr.	1934-84
Henry Zac Carter, Jr.	1973-93	Robert J. Fabacher	1966-2016	Carl D. Mullican, Jr.	1973-2007	Milton M. Walther	1978-94
Joseph A. Childress	1973-2002	James E. Fitzmorris, Jr.	1973-2021	J.M. Niehaus	1934-71	Douglas S. Watters, Jr.	1948-2019
William J. Childress	1966-87	Harry W. Fletcher	1934-54	A.B. Nicholas, Sr.	1934-66	Douglas S. Watters, Sr.	1934-88
J.B. Coincon	1973-2013	James S. Flower	1973-2011	A.B. Nicholas, Jr.	1948-99	Thomas C. Wicker, Jr.	1973-2021
John R. Conniff, Sr.	1934-57	R.M. Gaiennie	1973-2011	Gus Paillet	1948-2003	Dr. Elliot C. Willard	1973-2012
John R. Conniff, Jr.	1948-68	Lloyd F. Gaubert	1973-2006	Herbert Paillet	1934-78	Bernard P. "Pat" Wolfe	1952-93
John R. Conniff, III	1957-87	Charles G. Glueck	1966-2017	Irwin F. Poche, Sr.	1934-71	Capt. Fred C. Wolfe	1975-2011
Sam Corenswet, Jr.	1948-2019	A.N. Goldberg	1934-56	Irwin F. Poche, Jr.	1948-75	Dr. Fred J. Wolfe, Sr.	1934-68
Sam Corenswet, Sr.	1934-70	B.J. Grenrood, Sr.	1934-86	Joseph M. Rault	1967-2014	Fred J. Wolfe, Jr.	1949-74
Chas. "Bucky" Cousins	1948-89	David Griener	1990-97	F.D. "Hap" Reilly	1934-68	Robert L. Wolfe	1955-76
Jos. M. Cousins	1934-60	Robert K. Gunsaulus	1950-2011	Clinton "Andy" Rogers	1978-89	Charles C. Zatarain, Sr.	1934-86
Charles V. Cusimano	1973-2020	James H. Hall, Jr.	1973-74	Jerry E. Romig, Sr.	1973-2015	Dr. Sam Zurik	1948-2010

# ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL STAFF



**Jeff Hundley**  
Chief Executive Officer

Jeff Hundley officially assumed the role of chief executive officer of the Allstate Sugar Bowl on July 1, 2019. He has been with the Sugar Bowl for over 30 years, an era largely marked by unprecedented growth in programs and revenue generation resulting in the Bowl's consistent status as one of the nation's premier bowl games.

Hundley also served as the executive director of the New Orleans College Football Championship Host Committee for the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship – a memorable win for LSU over Clemson. That game was the sixth national championship for which he was integral to operation. Three of those national title games were contested in the Sugar Bowl – Florida's 1997 win over Florida State; the 2000 win for Florida State over Virginia Tech; and LSU's 2004 national title victory over Oklahoma. Two national championships were played in stand-alone Allstate BCS National Championships – LSU's defeat of Ohio State in the 2008 title game and Alabama's 2012 victory over LSU, considered by many to have been the largest sporting event in the history of the South.

Hundley was a key member of the Sugar Bowl team that worked to finalize a landmark arrangement with the Southeastern Conference and the Big 12 Conference to host the top available teams from each league from 2013-2022. At the same time, the Sugar Bowl locked itself into four Playoff Semifinal games (2014, '17, '20 and '23 seasons). In 2022, with the approval of the College Football Playoff's expansion to 12 teams, the agreement was modified with the Sugar Bowl being awarded Playoff Quarterfinal games for the 2024 and 2025 seasons. These agreements assure that the Bowl remains at the pinnacle of college football.

In the last two years, Hundley has overseen a pair of immensely successful kickoff events for the Bowl. On Sept. 4, 2022, the Sugar Bowl hosted the Allstate Louisiana Kickoff in a sold-out Superdome as Florida State upended LSU in a thriller. The game was viewed by 7.9 million fans as part of the ESPN on ABC package. Hundley also led the effort, from inception to fruition, on the Sugar Bowl Country Kickoff, the Bowl's first major foray into the music business. The event featured Garth Brooks, the No. 1-selling solo artist in U.S. history; Louisiana's own Lainey Wilson, the CMA 2022 Female Vocalist of the Year; and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, a Grammy-Award winning band that has delighted audiences for nearly 60 years. Both events were lauded by local tourism leaders and businesses as they brought close to \$200 million into the local economy.

In addition to coordinating the successful bid by the city of New Orleans to host the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship, Hundley served as co-executive director of the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four and the 2013 NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four.

Hundley served four years as chairman of the CFP New Year's Six marketing and sponsorship committee and was the chairman of the executive committee for the Bowl Season organization, which administers all 43 of college football's postseason bowl games, in 2022-23.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Hundley coordinated the Sugar Bowl's traversing of the significant challenges presented by the outbreak. On January 1, 2021, the Sugar Bowl successfully hosted the College Football Playoff Semifinal between Ohio State and Clemson; and on January 1, 2022, the 88th annual Allstate Sugar Bowl between Baylor and Ole Miss was another success.

While the annual college football game is the crown jewel of the organization's efforts, Hundley and the Bowl's volunteer membership are involved with competitions at the youth, prep and intercollegiate levels. The Bowl has sponsored nearly 500 events over the past decade, spending over \$1 million annually to support these community opportunities.

Along with its wide array of sporting events, the Allstate Sugar Bowl sponsors the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame; The Manning Award, given to the nation's most outstanding quarterback; the local chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame, which has awarded over \$600,000 in scholarship money; and the Eddie Robinson National Collegiate Coach of the Year Award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America.

Hundley was named the Sugar Bowl's assistant executive director in November 1993, was promoted to the title of associate executive director in July 1995 and to Chief Operating Officer in 2006.

Prior to his arrival in New Orleans, Hundley worked for the University of Georgia Athletic Association, where he served seven years in the Bulldog sports information office. During his last five years at Georgia, he was editor of The Georgia Bulldog magazine, a position in which he won several national writing and publication design awards.

A native of Creston, Iowa, where he was an all-state football and basketball player and is a member of the Creston High School Hall of Fame, Hundley did his undergraduate study in journalism at the University of Iowa and his graduate work in sports administration at Western Illinois University. Hundley and his wife, Janine, a native of Clarinda, Iowa, have two sons, Roman Gabriel and Benjamin Davidson, and a daughter, Carolyn McCall.



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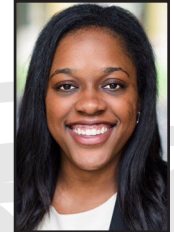
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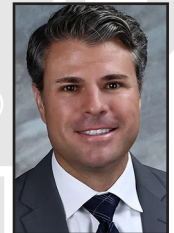
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# CAESARS SUPERDOME

When Alabama defeated Penn State in the Sugar Bowl on December 31, 1975, in the Superdome, the game launched a new era for college football in New Orleans, one that has tracked through four decades of legendary games, coaches and athletes, and one that projects well into the foreseeable future.

The iconic building, now known as the Caesars Superdome, which will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2025, has truly risen above its counterparts. While most of the other “early” domes have been demolished or mothballed, the Superdome remains at the pinnacle, continuing to host the largest sporting events in the nation including Super Bowls, Final Fours and the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship, as well as the Allstate Sugar Bowl and the New Orleans Saints on an annual basis.

The Superdome stands as one of America’s architectural marvels and has now emerged as Louisiana’s most recognizable landmark. However, in August, 2005, the whole world saw what happened here when Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans. The image of the Superdome with its torn roof, surrounded by flood waters, was a lasting one.

Now that image has transcended into a symbol of the recovery of the city—the rebuilt Superdome with its gleaming white roof and its fabulous night-time glow poised on the threshold of downtown. Those who doubted that it could be done—that the Dome and the city could come back—now see a nine-acre round billboard that has a clear message. The Superdome and New Orleans are back big time.

Following the biggest rebuilding project ever attempted in a major stadium, September 25, 2006, has become a significant date in the history of an historic city. The reopening of the Superdome, with the Saints playing on Monday Night Football, launched a citywide celebration. It was watched by millions on television and provided a lifetime memory for everyone who was present.

They discovered a new Superdome sporting a fresh look with contemporary color schemes, dazzling graphics, state-of-the-art LED video boards and scoreboards, hundreds of flat-screen TVs, bigger and better concession stands, and remodeled suites and reception rooms. During the 2011 off-season, eye-catching lighting capabilities were unveiled making the building an even more vivid highlight of the Big Easy skyline. In the summer of 2016, another very noticeable upgrade was completed as a pair of 333-foot long state-of-the-art high-definition video boards, the longest in any NFL stadium, were installed at each end of the Superdome.

Following the 2019 football season, the venerable Superdome began another series of renovations as the first phase of a \$450 million makeover commenced. Beautiful wide-open atriums will eventually replace the current ramp system and improved concourses will accommodate expanded vendor options as well as field-level end zone boxes. Work will continue through the 2024 season, with completion in advance of the city’s next NFL Super Bowl (2/9/25).



*Since 2006, the Superdome has been infused with \$336 million in renovations, enabling it to continue as one of the premier event facilities in the nation.*

While the interior of the ‘Dome has seen major updates, one of the more noticeable modifications has been the addition of Champions Square, adjacent to the main structure. A true pedestrian mall, Champions Square features a marquee stage for concerts, including many stand-alone concerts in recent years, and provides an outstanding pregame party area for the major events in the building. A Grand Staircase provides an area for patrons to sit and enjoy food and drinks with a fantastic view of the entertainment on the main stage before funneling them inside the Superdome for the main event.

The Superdome has played a vital role in the city and state for nearly 50 years, attracting visitors and national media to the city and keeping New Orleans in the minds of millions. The future of the building remains bright as well, as the upcoming makeover will ensure the facility maintains its status as a premier sporting facility for many years to come.

## TOP EVENTS

Since the Louisiana Superdome opened in 1975 with the Saints, Tulane, the Sugar Bowl and the Bayou Classic, there have been a line of memorable events:

**College Football Playoff Championships** – LSU and star quarterback Joe Burrow caps one of the most impressive seasons in college football history by defeating Clemson in the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship.

**BCS Championships** – Florida State defeats Virginia Tech in the 2000 BCS National Championship; LSU defeats Oklahoma in the 2004 BCS National Championship; LSU defeats Ohio State in the 2008 BCS National Championship; Alabama shuts out LSU, 21-0, in the 2012 Allstate BCS National Championship.

**Allstate Sugar Bowls** – The 90th Sugar Bowl Classic on January 1, 2024 will be the 48th edition of the game in the Superdome.

**Super Bowls** – Dallas defeats Denver in Super Bowl XII (1978); Oakland defeats Philadelphia in Super Bowl XV (1981); Chicago defeats New England in Super Bowl XX (1986); San Francisco defeats Denver in Super Bowl XIV (1990); Green Bay defeats New England in Super Bowl XXXI (1997); New England defeats St. Louis in Super Bowl XXXVI (2002); Baltimore defeats San Francisco in Super Bowl XLVII (2013). The Superdome is scheduled to host its next Super Bowl on February 9, 2025.

**NCAA Final Fours** – Freshman Michael Jordan sinks the game-winning shot to lift North Carolina over Georgetown in the 1982 Final Four; Indiana defeats Syracuse on Keith Smart’s baseline jumper for the 1987 NCAA title; North Carolina defeats Michigan for the 1993 title; Syracuse and freshman Carmelo Anthony defeat Kansas for the 2003 NCAA Championship; freshman Anthony Davis leads Kentucky to the 2012 NCAA Basketball Championship; Kansas stages the largest comeback in championship game history to shock North Carolina in the 2022 Final Four.

**The Pope** – Pope John Paul II addresses 80,000 children in 1987.

**Music** – The Rolling Stones play to 87,500 fans in the world’s largest indoor concert in 1981; Essence Festival, the largest event celebrating African-American music and culture, has been an annual event since 1995; Taylor Swift set the Superdome attendance record for a female performer with over 53,000 fans at her 2018 show; Garth Brooks headlined the inaugural Sugar Bowl Country Kickoff on Sept. 2, 2023, as over 50,000 fans attended the Sugar Bowl’s first major foray into the music world.

**Boxing** – Muhammed Ali defeats Leon Spinks in 1978; Sugar Ray Leonard defeats Roberto Duran in the famous “No Mas” fight in 1980.

**Wrestling** – The WWE hosted its premier event, Wrestlemania, in the Superdome in 2014 (Wrestlemania XXX) and in 2018 (Wrestlemania 34).

# PRESERVING THE PAST...

The Allstate Sugar Bowl ranks as one of the most uniquely successful amateur athletic achievements in the history of American sports. Born in the depths of the Great Depression and continuing through a World War and multiple devastating hurricanes, it has not only survived, but thrived. It is now recognized as one of the premier college sports events in the country despite being based in a relatively small city (No. 51 DMA) with limited corporate backing (New Orleans is home to just one Fortune 500 company). But the key to the group has been its 100-plus volunteer members who remain respectful of the past while being focused on the future, both for the organization and for New Orleans and Louisiana.



Over the last decade, the Sugar Bowl has generated over \$2.4 billion of economic impact for the city and the state. This includes a \$200 million boost in tax revenue for the region since Hurricane Katrina – after which the Sugar Bowl was the first major event to fully commit to the city.

“Despite the devastation of Katrina, we had no doubt that we would do whatever it took to get back to New Orleans as soon as possible,” said Paul Hoolahan, the Chief Executive Officer of the Allstate Sugar Bowl from 1996-2019. “After ensuring the viability of the 2006 Sugar Bowl, everything we did was directed towards re-establishing ourselves in New Orleans and becoming a driving force in the revitalization of a city that had experienced something never before seen in this country.”

***“The Sugar Bowl is a true monument to success, having withstood the test of time and circumstance to become part of the very fabric of New Orleans and Louisiana. The economic impact in the form of tourism spending and tax dollars generated is such a key asset to the entire region; and in addition, each year it brings the national spotlight to our city and state to showcase their virtues to an audience of millions. And the Sugar Bowl is not just a football game; it also aids the community with its support of different programs held throughout the year.”***

- Mitch Landrieu, Mayor of New Orleans, 2010-18

The Sugar Bowl Committee has continued to serve as a key component of the city’s vitality in the “big-event” market by assisting with New Orleans’ bid for the 2012 NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four by providing extensive financial security and staffing for the event. The Sugar Bowl served on the Local Organizing Committee for that event, and it did the same for the 2013 NCAA Women’s Basketball Final Four. The Bowl was also the driving force behind New Orleans’ successful hosting of the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship.

The Sugar Bowl’s presence as an essential cog in the event machine of New Orleans is nothing new.

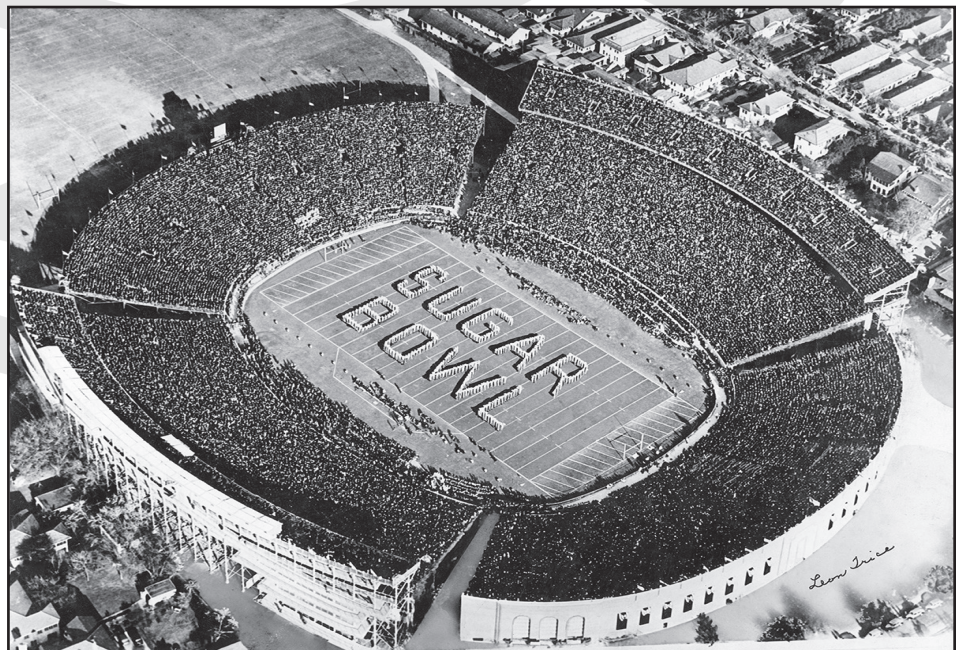
From the first Sugar Bowl Classic on January 1, 1935, the organization experienced tremendous success, becoming the driving force behind the continued expansion of Tulane Stadium, then the site of the game. The stadium, which would come to be referred to as Sugar Bowl Stadium, grew from a quaint

24,000-seat venue into an 80,000-seat showpiece.

A *Times-Picayune* article stated the value of the Sugar Bowl’s presence in the city, “According to Dave Dixon, whose efforts in the 1960s helped lead to New Orleans landing an NFL franchise and the construction of the Superdome, without the Sugar Bowl the city likely would never have become the major sports event site it is today.”

While big events such as the Sugar Bowl Classic, College Football Playoff Semifinals and a National Championship, BCS National Championships and Final Fours are the most visible Sugar Bowl contributions, they are by no means its only way of leaving its mark.

In the summer of 2012, the group’s executive committee approved a \$2 million commitment to the revitalization of Joe Brown Park in New Orleans East, a major community youth facility that has provided a significant boost to the quality of life for the families in the area.



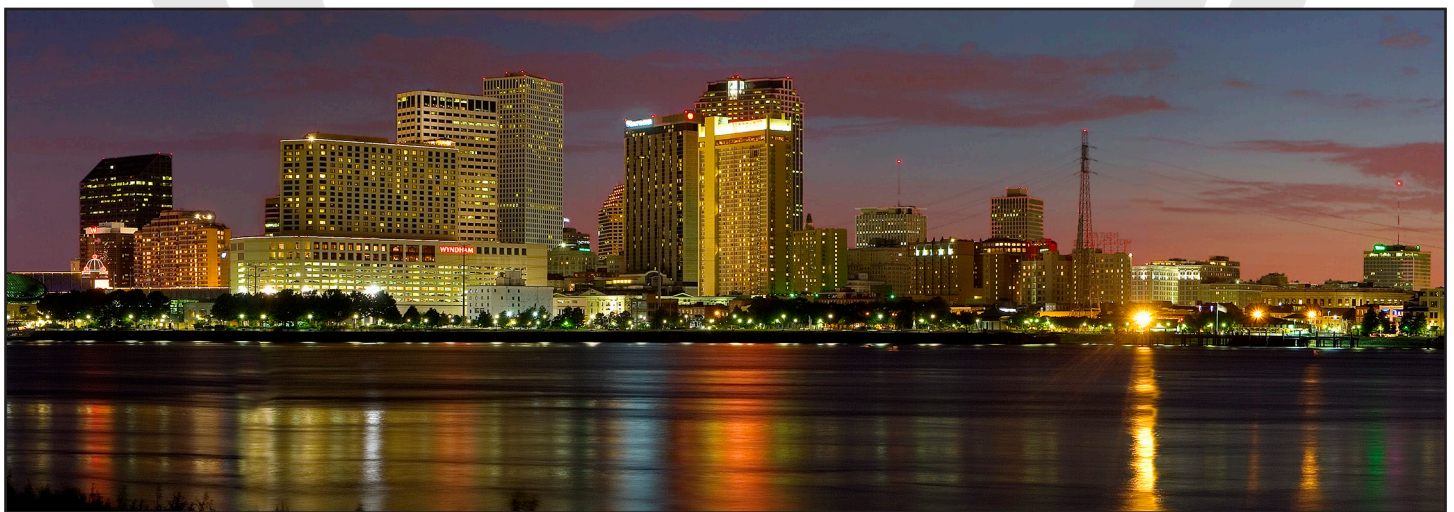
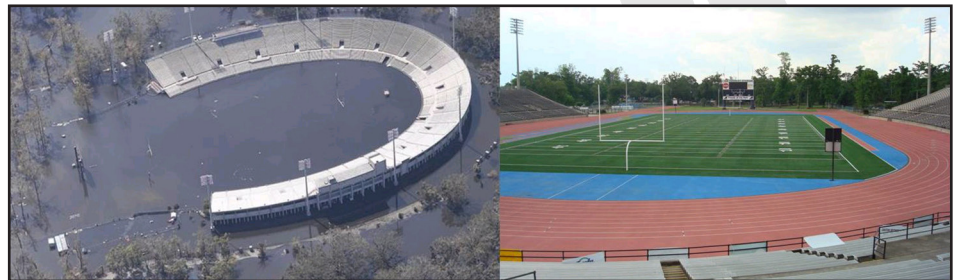
## ...ENSURING THE FUTURE

An \$800,000 commitment to New Orleans City Park gave a big boost to the renovation of Tad Gormley Stadium, a primary location for scores of high school football games each year.

The bowl provides over \$100,000 annually in scholarships to local scholar athletes as part of its partnership with multiple organizations, including the National Football Foundation. The Sugar Bowl is a sponsor of events in a wide-range of sports including baseball, basketball, golf, lacrosse, sailing, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field and volleyball. It also sponsors the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame; the Manning Award, which honors the top collegiate quarterback in the nation each year; and the Eddie Robinson Award for the top college football coach in the nation each year.

Throughout its history, the Sugar Bowl has paid nearly a quarter of a billion dollars to the schools and conferences which participated in the annual football classic, as well as tens of thousands of dollars to the SEC Postgraduate Scholarship Program. The Bowl has also donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to universities in need, including Virginia Tech after its tragic campus shootings in 2007 and the University of Alabama after the devastating tornados in the spring of 2011.

Whether it's hosting the biggest college football event in the nation in January, sponsoring a regional tennis championship in April or coordinating a city-wide cross country championship in October, the Allstate Sugar Bowl has held fast to its original mission and remains dedicated to "Preserving the Past and Ensuring the Future."



# COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

College football experienced a momentous change in 2014 with the advent of the new College Football Playoff (CFP). For the first time in history, a multiple-game playoff determined the national champion. This season marks the final year of the four-team playoff – the No. 1 team plays the No. 4 team and the No. 2 team plays the No. 3 team.

The Allstate Sugar Bowl has played a major role in the CFP as it will be hosting its fourth Playoff Semifinal this year. New Orleans and the Allstate Sugar Bowl also hosted the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship.

Starting next season, the College Football Playoff will expand to 12 teams. In 2024, the first round of the expanded playoff will take place Friday, December 20 and Saturday, December 21, at either the home field of the higher-seeded team or at another site designated by the higher-seeded institution (No. 12 at No. 5, No. 11 at No. 6, No. 10 at No. 7, and No. 9 at No. 8). The top four seeds will have byes.

For the 2024 and 2025 seasons, the Playoff Quarterfinal games and two Playoff Semifinal games will be played in bowls. The 2024 Playoff Quarterfinals will take place in the Fiesta, Peach, Rose and Sugar Bowls, while the Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl will host the Playoff Semifinals. The 2025 Playoff Quarterfinals will take place in the Cotton, Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls, while the Fiesta Bowl and Peach Bowl will host the Playoff Semifinals.

### EVERY GAME COUNTS

The College Football Playoff (CFP) is a postseason event to determine college football’s national champion on the field, while emphasizing the significance of college football’s unique regular season where every game counts.

### RANKINGS

The selection committee ranks the top 25 teams based on the members’ evaluation of the teams’ performance on the field, using conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and comparison of results against common opponents to decide among teams that are comparable. The committee’s current task (for 2023) is to select the best teams, rank the teams for inclusion in the playoff and selected other bowl games and then assign the teams to sites. Starting in 2024, the selection committee will use the same process to select the top 12 teams for the expanded playoff.

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

A talented group of 13 high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, college administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee. See below for current list.

## UPCOMING ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWLS

DATE	MATCH-UP
1.1.2024	Playoff Semifinal
1.1.2025	Playoff Quarterfinal
1.1.2026	Playoff Quarterfinal

### TRADITION

The New Year’s holiday period belongs to college football. In the four-team playoff, two semifinal games have rotated annually among the Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl. With the expanded playoff, the New Year’s holiday period will be filled with four Playoff Quarterfinal contests.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

The College Football Playoff National Championship is held the Monday after the Playoff Semifinals each year (see page 9 for schedule). The national championship game is in a different city each year.

### UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Every Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team has equal access to the College Football Playoff based on its performance during the regular season. In the four-team playoff, no team automatically qualifies.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SELECTION COMMITTEE

NAME	POSITION/BACKGROUND
Boo Corrigan	Director of athletics, North Carolina State University
Chris Ault	Former head coach/AD, University of Nevada
Mitch Barnhart	Director of athletics, University of Kentucky
Chet Gladchuk	Director of athletics, U.S. Naval Academy
Jim Grobe	Former head coach, Ohio, Wake Forest, Baylor
Mark Harlan	Director of athletics, University of Utah
Warde Manuel	Director of athletics, University of Michigan
David Saylor	Director of athletics, Miami University (OH)
Will Shields	Former All-American, University of Nebraska
Gene Taylor	Director of athletics, Kansas State University
Joe Taylor	Director of athletics, Virginia Union University
Rod West	National Champion 1988, University of Notre Dame
Kelly Whiteside	Retired sportswriter, USA Today, Sports Illustrated, Newsday

## GOVERNANCE

University presidents and chancellors from all 10 FBS conferences and Notre Dame serve as the board of managers and govern the administrative operations, with commissioners and Notre Dame athletics director (the Management Committee) managing the event. A small staff in the CFP office in Irving, Texas, carries out the day-to-day responsibilities.

## ASSIGNING TEAMS TO SEMIFINAL SITES

When assigning the games to the semifinals sites during the four-team playoff, the committee has placed the top seeds at the most advantageous sites, weighing criteria such as convenience of travel for its fans, home-crowd advantage or disadvantage and general familiarity with the host city and its stadium.

## HUNDLEY ON THE EXPANDED PLAYOFF

“The CFP announcement comes as good news for the Sugar Bowl, New Orleans and Louisiana,” said Jeff Hundley, Allstate Sugar Bowl CEO. “Simply put, this means the Allstate Sugar Bowl will carry national significance on an annual basis, and that should translate into a lot of positives for all involved.”

## HANCOCK ON THE EXPANDED PLAYOFF

“We’re delighted to be moving forward,” said Bill Hancock, Executive Director of the College Football Playoff, when the playoff expansion was announced in 2022. “When the board expanded the playoff, the Management Committee went right to work. More teams and more access mean more excitement for fans, alumni, students and student-athletes. We appreciate the leaders of the six bowl games and the two future national championship game host cities for their cooperation. Everyone realized that this change is in the best interest of college football and pulled together to make it happen.”



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEASON	DATE	SEMIFINAL BOWL SITES	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
2023	1.1.2024	Sugar Bowl & Rose Bowl	Houston 1.8.2024
2024	1.9-10.2025	Orange Bowl & Cotton Bowl	Atlanta 1.20.2025
2025	1.8-9.2026	Peach Bowl & Fiesta Bowl	Miami 1.19.2026

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL HISTORY

SEASON	DATE	BOWL	RESULT
2014	1.1.2015	Sugar Bowl	#4 Ohio State def. #1 Alabama, 42-35
2014	1.1.2015	Rose Bowl	#2 Oregon def. #3 Florida St., 59-20
2015	12.31.2015	Orange Bowl	#1 Clemson def. #4 Oklahoma, 37-17
2015	12.31.2015	Cotton Bowl	#2 Alabama def. #3 Michigan St., 38-0
2016	12.31.2016	Peach Bowl	#1 Alabama def. #4 Washington, 24-7
2016	12.31.2016	Fiesta Bowl	#2 Clemson def. #3 Ohio State, 31-0
2017	1.1.2018	Sugar Bowl	#4 Alabama def. #1 Clemson, 24-6
2017	1.1.2018	Rose Bowl	#3 Georgia def. #2 Oklahoma, 54-48, 2OT
2018	12.29.2018	Orange Bowl	#1 Alabama def. #4 Oklahoma, 45-34
2018	12.29.2018	Cotton Bowl	#2 Clemson def. #3 Notre Dame, 30-3
2019	12.28.2019	Peach Bowl	#1 LSU def. #4 Oklahoma, 62-28
2019	12.28.2019	Fiesta Bowl	#3 Clemson def. #2 Ohio State, 29-23
2020	1.1.2021	Sugar Bowl	#3 Ohio State def. #2 Clemson, 49-28
2020	1.1.2021	Rose Bowl	#1 Alabama def. #4 Notre Dame, 31-14
2021	12.31.2021	Cotton Bowl	#1 Alabama def. #4 Cincinnati, 27-6
2021	12.31.2021	Orange Bowl	#3 Georgia def. #2 Michigan, 34-11
2022	12.31.2022	Fiesta Bowl	#3 TCU def. #2 Michigan, 51-45
2022	12.31.2022	Peach Bowl	#1 Georgia def. #4 Ohio State, 42-41

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

SEASON	DATE	LOCATION	RESULT
2014	1.12.2015	North Texas	#4 Ohio State def. #2 Oregon, 42-20
2015	1.11.2016	Arizona	#2 Alabama def. #1 Clemson, 45-40
2016	1.9.2017	Tampa	#2 Clemson def. #1 Alabama, 35-31
2017	1.8.2018	Atlanta	#4 Alabama def. #3 Georgia, 26-26, OT
2018	1.7.2019	Bay Area	#2 Clemson def. #1 Alabama, 44-16
2019	1.13.2020	New Orleans	#1 LSU def. #3 Clemson, 42-25
2020	1.11.2021	South Florida	#1 Alabama def. #3 Ohio State, 52-24
2021	1.10.2022	Indianapolis	#3 Georgia def. #1 Alabama, 33-18
2022	1.9.2023	Los Angeles	#1 Georgia def. #3 TCU, 65-7
2023	1.8.2024	Houston	
2024	1.20.2025	Atlanta	
2025	1.19.2026	Miami	

# ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

## BOWL BEGINNING

The Sugar Bowl, born in the depths of the depression, has survived many difficulties, including a World War and a devastating hurricane, and still ranks as one of the most uniquely successful amateur athletic achievements in the history of American sports.

Behind the Sugar Bowl is a story of community spirit and initiative that has been instrumental in spreading the name and fame of New Orleans worldwide.

The New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association actually became a reality when, in late October 1934, it was able to announce it had in escrow the sum of \$30,000 for the promotion of the inaugural Sugar Bowl Football Classic.

The idea of a New Year's Day football classic in New Orleans was first presented in 1927 by Colonel James M. Thomson, publisher of the New Orleans Item, and Sports Editor Fred Digby.

Every fall thereafter Fred Digby called for action, outlined a mid-winter calendar of sports, and even gave the still dream game its name - "Sugar Bowl." The idea also began to catch on in the community, with civic and political leaders beginning to discuss the potential. In fact, in 1929, Mayor A.J. O'Keefe sent a delegation to the Southern Conference asking approval of a proposed New Orleans game. The request was rejected.

Early in January 1934, Warren V. Miller, representing the Co-Operative (now Executives') Club, and Joseph M. Cousins, head of a citizens committee, came forth simultaneously with proposals to put the plan into action.

Managing Editor Clarke Salmon of the The Item recommended that the Miller and Cousins groups combine and invite other civic, professional and athletic clubs to join in the promotion.

Meeting in Mr. Cousins' office a few days later were Mr. Miller, Dr. Fred Wolfe, Sr., Dr. M.P. Boebinger, F.D. "Hap" Reilly, Ralph J. Barry, T. Semmes Ranlett and Fred Digby.

Out of this discussion came a call for a city-wide meeting. On February 15, 1934, the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association was formally organized under a constitution and by-laws were written by Mr. Miller.



Fred Digby



Warren Miller



*Charter members Herbert A. Benson and Joseph M. Cousins outside the original offices of the Mid-Winter Sports Association, the original name of the Sugar Bowl Committee.*

First Officers were Warren V. Miller, president; Joseph M. Cousins, vice-president; Harry W. Fletcher, treasurer; and T. Semmes Ranlett, secretary.

For months the membership rolls were kept open, but many were still skeptical and saying: "It can't be done." Even some who sat in on early discussions failed to maintain their interest. After one year the rolls were closed and limited to the original 39 organizers.

Even after the birth of the association, its future looked dark because of the many obstacles it faced, but President Miller had a comprehensive program and was a determined leader. Meanwhile, Digby continued to lend encouragement in the The Item, and their associates remained enthusiastic.

From its inception, the Mid-Winter Sports Association has been free of political entanglement. Under the charter drawn by Mr. Miller, attorney-president, it was stipulated that it was to be a "voluntary, non-profit civic organization whose members serve without remuneration." In practice this means that Sugar Bowl Committee members buy their own tickets to all events.

Further, the charter provided that there shall be no private profits, and any surplus above the required operation expenses or reserve fund must be devoted to "charitable, religious or educational purposes."

## BOWL FINANCING

The plan to finance the Classic called for 300 guarantors to post \$100 each to set up the \$30,000 necessary for payment of the

participating schools on a basis of \$15,000 for the visiting team, \$12,500 for the host, with the remaining \$2,500 in reserve for expenses.

Effects of the financial depression were still evident, and along with doubt that existed in some quarters as to the success of the venture, the task of gathering the necessary funds was difficult.

However, a majority of the Sugar Bowlers displayed their confidence by becoming guarantors.

Each guarantor was assured (1) the return of his \$100 in cash or (2) that he could buy tickets for this amount. Without exception, the guarantors accepted tickets. The Sugar Bowl has since annually granted them the privilege of buying 20 tickets, which represented the equivalent of the amount of their original guarantee.

With \$30,000 in escrow, and consent given by Tulane University for use of its 24,000-seat stadium without rental, approval of the Southern Conference followed. The Southwest and Southern Conferences also indicated teams would be permitted to play in the Sugar Bowl.

New Orleans Public Service, Inc., through the late A.B. Paterson, contributed \$1,000 to advertise and publicize the event, and Herbert Schwartz arranged a radio contract with WSMB and tendered to President Miller use of a staff and facilities of Maison Blanche for sale of tickets, without cost.

The trophy for the winning team, a genuine antique silver single-bottle wine cooler, was donated to the Association by Waldhorn Company, Inc. This cup was made in London in

1830 during the reign of King George IV and is an exquisite example of the silversmith's art.

On December 2, 1934, the executive committee went into session at the New Orleans Athletic Club to consider eligible teams, and after long deliberation, invited Tulane University's Green Wave, unbeaten in the South, and Temple University's Owls, the only unbeaten team in the North.

The famous Glenn "Pop" Warner was coach at Temple, Ted Cox at Tulane. First announcement of the selection failed to create much enthusiasm, but within 24 hours after fans scanned team records, sentiment changed and the sale of tickets soon exceeded \$40,000.

Thus assured of financial success, the Sugar Bowlers breathed easier when the Green Wave and the Owls waged an exciting contest in which Tulane overcame a 14-point deficit to win, 20-14.

Tulane and Temple each received \$27,800 from the gate receipts provided by an attendance of 22,026. Admission prices were \$1.50 and \$3.50.

After the 1936 game, a stadium enlargement was proposed, and following negotiations with the Tulane Board of Administrators, the Sugar Bowlers decided to close the North end of the stadium by adding 14,000 seats at a cost of \$164,768.84.

Two years later, the Sugar Bowl had again outgrown the stadium. The first proposal was for 60,000 seats, but after scanning the sketches and considering ticket costs, the Sugar Bowl decided to aim for 70,000 through a bond issue of \$550,000.

On January 13, 1939, Sugar Bowl President Herbert Benson appointed a special Stadium Committee of A.B. Nicholas; Chairman, A.N. Goldberg, Fred Digby, Jos. B. David and Frank V. Schaub to complete plans for enlarging the stadium and raising \$550,000.

The Stadium Committee recommended that a citizens group be formed to join the Sugar Bowlers in raising the funds and adopted the

campaign slogan "70,000 or Bust."

Just 40 days later, Benson and Nicholas, together with the citizens committee headed by Jay Barnes and Herbert J. Schwartz, announced that the \$550,000 bond issue had been completely sold. Digby described this tremendous feat as "one of the great civic achievements in the history of New Orleans."

The 1939 campaign drive was conducted by 11 teams, each headed by a prominent New Orleanian. The 11 team captains were C.L. Brown, Thom W. Collens, Mayer Israel, Harold Salmon, Phil Schoen, Sam Smallpage, E.A. Stephens, Clarence Strauss, W. Horace Williams, Seymour Weiss and William Zetzmann. Captain Strauss' team, composed entirely of Sugar Bowlers, was the top team with bond sales totaling \$105,000.

Purchasers of bonds were offered the privilege of buying two tickets with each \$100 bond, at two percent interest, and the assurance that a minimum of \$25,000 of bonds would be retired annually from football gate receipts.

Herbert A. Benson, architect and Sugar Bowl past president, drew up the plans for the 1939 enlargement. The contract was awarded to Doullut and Ewin, Inc. In June 1939, the first piling was driven and the double deck structure was completed in time for the 1940 kickoff.



## BOWL UPGRADING

Increasing interest in the Sugar Bowl's postseason football games brought more demands for seats. Early in 1947, President Sam Corenswet appointed a committee of Jos. B. David; Chairman, H.A. Benson, Fred Digby, A.N. Goldberg, W.V. Miller, A.B. Nicholas, Irwin F. Poche, F.D. Reilly, Frank V. Schaub and Albert Wachenheim, Jr., to survey the situation. The membership gave its approval to a plan submitted by Chairman David and another bond issue of \$550,000 was offered to the public to boost permanent seating capacity to 81,000. The bond issue was sold in record time, and so spontaneous was the response to Chairman David's announcement of the bond sale, that the planned campaign was cancelled. In three days, the subscriptions totalled more than \$700,000 and it was generally accepted that more than \$1 million in stadium bonds could have been sold. So that all subscribers could share in ticket privileges, each was limited to the purchase of three bonds.

Work on the structure started in May 1947 with past presidents Benson as architect and Goldberg as contractor. The Virginia Bridge Company erected the steel stands with William Woodbury serving as consultant on the design.

By extending and double-decking the North stands, 13,247 new seats were provided, and by linking with the East and West stands, a horseshoe was completed. Permanent box seats, portal seats, two electric scoreboards, an electric timer, a press box elevator and a photographers' roof were added.

In the end, the Sugar Bowlers' efforts had served to create on the Tulane University campus the world's largest double-decked steel stadium. The stadium enlargement and improvements financed by the Sugar Bowl represented an investment of more than \$1.5 million.



# CHRONOLOGY

- 1927** Two members of the New Orleans Item - Publisher Col. James M. Thomson and Sports Editor Fred Digby - present the idea for a New Orleans football classic on New Year's Day.
- 1929** Mayor A.J. O'Keefe sends committee to Southern Conference asking approval of proposed New Orleans game. Request refused.
- 1934** **February 15** - New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association is formally organized at city-wide meeting. Constitution and by-laws written by Warren V. Miller. Officers elected were: Miller, president; Joseph M. Cousins, vice president; Harry W. Fletcher, treasurer; and T. Semmes Ranlett, secretary.
- October** - NOMWSA announces 300 persons have pledged \$100 each for escrow fund of \$30,000 to promote inaugural Sugar Bowl.
- December** - National Champion Wilmer Allison wins first Sugar Bowl tennis tournament, defeating Berkeley Bell.
- December** - David Wuescher of Southern Yacht Club of New Orleans wins first Sugar Bowl Regatta Race of Champions.
- 1935** First Sugar Bowl track meet draws NCAA champions from Kansas, Indiana, Harvard, Georgia, LSU and Loyola.
- January 1** - Tulane defeats Temple 20-14 in first Sugar Bowl Football Classic.
- 1936** **January 2** - Pittsburgh defeats national champion LSU, 52-47, in first Sugar Bowl basketball game.
- Sugar Bowl enlarges Tulane Stadium, adding 14,000 seats at a cost of \$164,768.84 to bring capacity to 38,000.
- 1939** **January 13** - Sugar Bowl President Herbert Benson announces plans for \$550,000 bond issue to enlarge stadium to 70,000.
- Bond issue completely sold out, a feat which Fred Digby called "one of the great civic achievements in the history of New Orleans."
- 1942** **January 3** - Sugar Bowl is host to East-West Shrine Game as contest is moved away from San Francisco as war-time safety measure.
- 1946** Multiple events suspended because of World War II. Football Classic continued.
- 1947** Warren V. Miller Memorial Trophy established for the game's most outstanding player as tribute to first Sugar Bowl president.
- Sugar Bowl sells \$700,000 worth of bonds in three days to finance enlargement of stadium to 80,985.
- 1953** Sugar Bowl sponsors first live television program in New Orleans history. Game broadcast and telecast coast to coast.
- 1955** **January 1** - Navy "Team Named Desire" becomes first service academy team to play in the Sugar Bowl. Middies upset Ole Miss.
- 1958** Most Outstanding Player trophy renamed Miller-Digby Memorial Trophy as tribute to both first president and first general manager.
- 1960** Sugar Bowl becomes first bowl televised coast to coast in color.
- 1968** Ten New Orleans area civic leaders elected to Sugar Bowl regular membership.
- 1970** Sugar Bowl pays record \$698,792.96 to Ole Miss and Arkansas. Each team took home \$349,396.48.
- 1972** A record 84,031 fans watched Oklahoma beat Auburn 40-22. Record payoff of \$742,878.24 split between two teams.
- Remaining 108 debenture bonds of \$500,000 Series Two issue of 1947 retired.
- December** - UCLA, the nation's No. 1 college basketball team, won the Sugar Bowl title by beating Illinois, 71-64, and Oklahoma's second-ranked Sooners beat fifth-ranked Penn State 14-0 in the 39th Sugar Bowl Football Classic in the first night game in the Bowl's history.
- 1975** The fabulous Louisiana Superdome became the new "home" for the Sugar Bowl. The Bowl also announced a three-year agreement with the SEC to have its champion come to New Orleans for the game.
- 1977** The "marriage" of the Sugar Bowl with the SEC to send its football champion to New Orleans was consummated New Year's Day with the appearance of the Georgia Bulldogs against No. 1 Pitt.
- 1979** Mickey Holmes, former Commissioner of the Missouri Valley Conference, becomes executive director of the Sugar Bowl and then sees Bear Bryant win his last national title as Alabama defeats Lou Holtz' Arkansas squad on Jan. 1, 1980.
- 1981** Agreements with SEC and ABC TV extended through Jan. 1, 1987.
- 1983** Record \$1.8 million paid to both Georgia and Penn State.
- 1984** The 50th Anniversary year culminated with Auburn's 9-7 win over Michigan on Jan. 2.
- 1986** Title sponsorship agreement gained with USF&G Insurance.
- 1987** Record \$2.55 million paid to both Nebraska and LSU and a new agreement with the SEC, extending through the 1990 game, was reached.
- 1988** ABC television agreement extended through Jan. 1, 1997.
- 1989** SEC agreement extended through Jan. 1, 1995, and a record \$2.8 million paid to both Florida State and Auburn.
- 1991** Sugar Bowl joins forces with the Orange Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl, the ACC, the Big East and Notre Dame to form the "Bowl Coalition."
- 1993** The Sugar Bowl is played for the first time within college football's "Bowl Coalition" format. No. 2 Alabama defeats No. 1 Miami for the national championship.
- 1994** The Bowl's 60th-anniversary celebration culminates with Cybill Shepherd's ringing rendition of the National Anthem leading into a 41-7 Florida victory over West Virginia.
- The Sugar Bowl selected to participate in the new College Football Bowl Alliance, a three-way rotation for a national championship game that also includes Orange and Fiesta bowls.
- 1995** Florida and Florida State received record Sugar Bowl payouts of \$4.45 million for participating in the 61st Classic.
- Nokia, a Finnish telecommunications and electronics supplier, becomes the second title sponsor of the Sugar Bowl.
- December** - In the Sugar Bowl's first year as a member of the College Football Bowl Alliance, Virginia Tech defeated Texas, 28-10. Both teams received record payouts of \$7.825 million.

**1996** Paul J. Hoolahan named new executive director in July after serving six years as director of athletics at Vanderbilt University.

**1997** The Bowl celebrates its 63rd Classic while hosting the national championship game in front of 78,347 fans. Florida beats Florida State 52-20 and both received record payouts of \$8.736 million.

**2000** The Bowl celebrates its 66th Classic in grand fashion while hosting the national championship game in the new millennium. No. 1 Florida State defeats No. 2 Virginia Tech, 46-29, in front of a Superdome record 79,280 fans. Both schools are awarded record payouts of \$13 million each.

**2004** The Classic celebrated its 70th anniversary with its second national championship game of the new millennium. LSU defeated Oklahoma, 21-14, for the BCS crown in front an all-time Dome record crowd of 79,342. The teams also received a sweet payout of \$18 million.

The Sugar Bowl announced the creation of the Manning Award, an annual award to recognize the top collegiate quarterback in the nation and to honor the collegiate accomplishments of Archie Manning and his sons Peyton and Eli, both New Orleans natives.

**2005** **Monday, August 29, 2005** - Hurricane Katrina makes landfall in New Orleans and the Gulf South region causing devastation to the area and forcing the Sugar Bowl to be played outside the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana for the first time in its 72-year history.

**2006** Atlanta played host to the 72nd Annual Sugar Bowl Classic. West Virginia beats Georgia 38-35 on Jan. 2 in the Georgia Dome.

The Bowl and its staff returned to the New Orleans area and welcomed Allstate Insurance as its new title sponsor.

**2007** The Classic made its triumphant return to the Superdome and New Orleans as the 73rd Classic saw LSU beat Notre Dame 41-14 on Jan. 3.

**2008** For the first time in its history, the Sugar Bowl committee hosted two football games. On Jan. 1, Georgia defeated Hawai'i 41-10 in the 74th Classic. One week later on Jan. 7, the Bowl hosted the BCS National Championship Game as No. 2 LSU defeated No. 1 Ohio State, 38-24.

**2009** The Sugar Bowl celebrates its 75th Anniversary with a Legends Luncheon event that welcomed 42 former coaches and Most Valuable Players back to New Orleans. In the 75th Annual Sugar Bowl, Utah shocked Alabama, 31-17.

**2011** Florida legend Tim Tebow, playing the final game of his career, had one of the best performances in Sugar Bowl history, completing 31-of-35 passes for a bowl-record 482 yards in a 51-24 Gator win over previously undefeated Big East Champion Cincinnati.

**2012** For the second time, the Allstate Sugar Bowl hosts its own Sugar Bowl Classic as well as the Allstate BCS National Championship game, bringing nearly half a billion dollars in economic impact to the region.

The Allstate Sugar Bowl is a key part of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four.

**November** - The Bowl signs a 12-year deal with the Big 12 Conference and the Southeastern Conference to host each leagues' champion (or top available team) each year in the Sugar Bowl - except when the Bowl is a Playoff Semifinal game (2015, 2018, 2021, 2024).

**2013** Louisville, the Big East champion, becomes the 85th conference champion to compete in the Sugar Bowl, defeating Florida, 33-23.

**April** - The Allstate Sugar Bowl served as part of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2013 NCAA Women's Final Four.

**2014** The Sugar Bowl hosts its 6,000,000th fan as over 70,000 fans turn out to see Oklahoma upend Alabama, 45-31.

**2015** The Allstate Sugar Bowl hosted one of the first College Football Playoff Semifinals. The sold-out game was also watched by over 28,000,000 television viewers, setting a record for cable television viewing audience as Ohio State defeated Alabama before going on to win the National Championship.

**November** - The city of New Orleans, behind the efforts of the Sugar Bowl Committee, is selected to host the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship.

**2016** In the first official match-up between the SEC and the Big 12 in the Sugar Bowl, Ole Miss defeats Oklahoma State, 48-20, before a sold-out Superdome.

**2018** The Sugar Bowl hosts its second College Football Playoff Semifinal as eventual national champion Alabama upsets top-ranked Clemson, 24-6.

**2019** Jeff Hundley, a leader on the Sugar Bowl staff for over 25 years, takes over as the chief executive officer of the Sugar Bowl.

**2020** The Sugar Bowl spearheads the successful hosting of the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship as LSU defeats Clemson, 42-25.

**April** - The Sugar Bowl is scheduled to serve as part of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2020 NCAA Women's Final Four (event cancelled due to COVID-19).

**2021** The Sugar Bowl successfully hosts its third Playoff Semifinal game as Ohio State upsets Clemson, 49-28. The game is a sellout with just 3,000 fans due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2022** **September 4** - The Sugar Bowl brings another major event to New Orleans as it hosts the Allstate Louisiana Kickoff. Florida State defeats LSU, 24-23, by blocking the extra point on the final play of the game in front of over 68,000 energetic fans.

**2023** **September 2** - The Sugar Bowl makes its first foray into the music world, hosting Louisiana's Sugar Bowl Country Kickoff with Garth Brooks as the headliner.

**2024** **January 1** - The Sugar Bowl celebrates its 90th game by hosting its fourth College Football Playoff Semifinal.

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1935**

**#13 Tulane 20 (Final: 10-1, #8)**

**#3 Temple 14 (Final: 7-1-2, #9)**

# 1



This was the first and still ranks among the all-time best of the Sugar Bowl Classics. It featured Tulane, the "best of the South," and Temple, the "best of the North."

Two first half fumbles, on the Tulane 10 and 18, gave Temple two touchdowns, and Dave Smuckler had a hand in both - a seven-yard pass to Danny Testa, and then catapulting on his own over center from the 2. Temple was in front 14-0, having to go a total of 28 yards in six plays for its two-touchdown lead.

However, Tulane rallied behind the first spectacular play in Sugar Bowl history. Temple kicked off to the sideline and the Wave's Johnny McDaniel took the ball on the 10 and ran up a few yards, drawing most of the Owl coverage to him. Then he lateralled to Tulane star Monk Simons, who sprinted the remaining 85 yards to paydirt.

Late in the third quarter, Bucky Bryan broke off a nifty 28-yard gain setting up the Green Wave. From the 11, Bryan flicked a quick pass to Dick Hardy, who leaped high between two Owls and came down with the ball in the end zone.

Hardy, really as much a hero as Simons, also gave Tulane the lead - and ultimately the victory. Mintz looked for Hardy downfield from the Owl 48, but the defender, Horace Mowrey sniffed the play perfectly. However, he only deflected the pass and Hardy rushed over, took the ball on the run, and raced untouched the remaining 15 yards as Bill Longsdorf dove desperately and futilely at his heels. It was the third sensational reception of the day for Hardy.

Longsdorf kept Temple's hopes alive by blocking Mintz's conversion to keep the score at 20-14, but that's how things would end.

The attendance of 22,026 allowed the Mid-Winter Sports Association to present each school with a check of \$27,800, almost double their guarantee. The quality and derring-do of Temple and Tulane left fans buzzing. The Sugar Bowl was in business.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 22,026**

<b>Tulane</b>	0	7	7	6	-	20
<b>Temple</b>	7	7	0	0	-	14

### SCORING SUMMARY

Temple: Danny Testa 7-yard pass from Dave Smukler (Smukler kick)

Temple: Smukler 1-yard run (Smukler kick)

Tulane: Claude Simons 85-yard lateral from Johnny McDaniel on kickoff (Barney Mintz kick)

Tulane: Dick Hardy 11-yard pass from Bucky Bryan (Mintz kick)

Tulane: Hardy 43-yard pass from Mintz (Kick blocked)

Tulane	Team Statistics	Temple
9	First Downs	13
43-117	Rushing	59-181
6-15-1	Passing	3-12-1
80	Passing Yards	21
197	Total Yards	202
10-35.2	Punts	12-34.0
3/2	Fumbles-Lost	3/0
2-10	Penalties	1-5

### Rushing Leaders

**Tulane:** Claude Simons 9-61; Bucky Bryan 3-26

**Temple:** Dave Smukler 24-88 TD; Horace Mowrey 12-40

### Passing Leaders

**Tulane:** Barney Mintz 2-6, 53 yards, 1 TD

**Temple:** Dave Smukler 3-6, 19 yards, 1 TD

### Receiving Leaders

**Tulane:** Dick Hardy 3-57, 2 TDs.

**Temple:** Preisser 1-10; Danny Testa, 1-7 TD

**January 1, 1936**

**#4 TCU 3 (Final: 12-1, #1)**

**#1 LSU 2 (Final: 9-2, #3)**

# 2



Three straight days of rain sent the two strong passing games of TCU and LSU swirling into the gumbo-like surface of Tulane Stadium. However, while LSU's superb Abe Mickal struggled to move the offense, TCU's legendary Slingin' Sammy Baugh, was more than just a passer, he was one of the best all-around players in the game's history.

Considering all of the factors, the crowd may have witnessed one of the finest touchdown-less games ever played, complete with multiple goal-line stands. The Frogs held the Bayou Bengals six inches from the end zone and twice from the two.

Baugh was the key defensively for TCU, making a pair of touchdown-saving tackles, collecting two interceptions and also averaging 48.0 yards on 14 punts. He also had a hand in all of the scoring. As LSU end Gus Tinsley came crashing into the end zone, Baugh lost control of a pass, which fell into the swampy end zone - in those days an automatic safety.

However, less than two minutes later, Baugh held on a 36-yard field goal from Taldon Manton just inside the right post.

The Williamson Poll declared the two teams co-champions, most likely due to the harsh conditions in the tightly-fought contest. SMU had lost to Stanford in the Rose Bowl to slip from No. 1 in that poll.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 35,000**

<b>TCU</b>	0	3	0	0	-	3
<b>LSU</b>	0	2	0	0	-	2

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU: Safety: Incomplete pass by Sammy Baugh in own end zone

TCU: Taldon Manton 36-yard field goal

TCU	Team Statistics	LSU
6	First Downs	9
121	Rushing Yards	120
3-8-1	Passing	3-21-3
54	Passing Yards	59
175	Total Yards	179
14-48.0	Punts	13-44.7
2-1	Fumbles - Lost	3-2
4-20	Penalties - Yards	3-33

### Individual Leaders

#### Rushing

**TCU:** Lawrence 6-54; Sammy Baugh 22-45

**LSU:** Bill Crass 15-34; Rocky Reed 6-29

#### Passing

**TCU:** Sammy Baugh 2-7-1, 29 yards

**LSU:** Abe Mickal 2-14-3, 36 yards

#### Receiving

**TCU:** Walls, 1-25; Meyer 1-18

**LSU:** Barrett 3-59

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1937**

**#9 Santa Clara 21 (Final: 8-1)**

**#2 LSU 14 (Final: 9-1-1)**

# 3



Turnovers were on the menu for the third annual Sugar Bowl as LSU committed an astounding 10 (six lost fumbles and four interceptions) and upstart Santa Clara had six (four fumbles, two interceptions).

LSU lost top passer Pat Coffee to injury on the opening kickoff and the Broncos opened the scoring with a 27-yard pass play from Nello Falaschi to Manny Gomez. Seven minutes later, Santa Clara scored again with a 30-yard scoring play on fourth-and-nine from Bruno Pellegrini to Norman Finney.

After entering the game with one of the nation's most efficient offenses, LSU went 25 minutes before registering a first down. However, late in the second

quarter, the Tigers' Gus Tinsley caught a short pass from Bill Crass and reversed field for a 50-yard score to make it 14-7.

The Broncos iced the victory on a fluke play in the third quarter. Frank "Mississippi" Smith, from Picayune, threw a pass up for grabs on a failed end-around, but Falaschi made the grab and scored.

In the final minutes, Crass found Rocky Reed for a score after a blocked Bronco kick, but LSU's fate was already sealed.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 38,483**

<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>LSU</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- SC: Manny Gomez 27-yard pass from Nello Falaschi (Bruno Pellegrini kick)
- SC: Norman Finney 30-yard pass from Pellegrini (Pellegrini kick)
- LSU: Gus Tinsley 50-yard pass from Bill Crass (Crass kick)
- SC: Falaschi 1-yard run (Frank Smith pass from Falaschi)
- LSU: Rocky Reed 6-yard pass from Crass (Crass kick)

SC	Team Statistics	LSU
10	First Downs	7
108	Rushing Yards	44
6-12-4	Passing	7-21-2
74	Passing Yards	125
182	Total Yards	169
12-42.0	Punts	13-36.0
4	Fumbles Lost	6
42	Penalty Yards	0

### Individual Leaders

#### Rushing

**Santa Clara:** DeRosa 11-31; Nello Falaschi 7-15

**LSU:** Bill Crass 11-27

#### Passing

**Santa Clara:** Nello Falaschi 4-4, 42 yards, 1 TD

**LSU:** Bill Crass 6-14, 95 yards, 1 TD

#### Receiving

**Santa Clara:** Norman Finney 2-39 TD; Manny Gomez 2-30 TD

**LSU:** Gus Tinsley 3-67 TD

**January 1, 1938**

**#9 Santa Clara 6 (Final: 9-0)**

**#8 LSU 0 (Final: 9-1-1)**

# 4



LSU received what it wished for as it was tabbed for a rematch with Santa Clara after the previous year's upset loss. And the Tigers seemingly took advantage, out-gaining (201-101) and out-first downing (10-4) the Broncos.

However, LSU could not break into the end zone despite multiple opportunities. On the opening drive, LSU forced a fumble and drove to the Bronco four, only to be stopped by a saving tackle by Al Wolff.

Santa Clara used a trick play by halfback James Barlow - who faked the sweep to his left and passed back across the field for a 20-yard gain to the LSU nine-yard line. On the next play, Bruno Pellegrini lofted a perfect pass over the shoulder of end

Jimmy Coughlan for the lone score of the afternoon.

The game's final play went according to the script of the day, as LSU's Young Bussey connected with Ken Kavanaugh, who briefly looked as if he were getting away. However, Santa Clara's Bill Gunther brought the big end down at the 23 -- the final in a series of touchdown-saving plays by the scrappy Broncos.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 40,000**

<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>LSU</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

SC: Jim Coughlan 4-yard pass from Bruno Pellegrini (Kick failed)

SC	Team Statistics	LSU
4	First Downs	10
34	Rushing Yards	106
5-13-3	Passing	8-21-0
67	Passing Yards	95
101	Total Yards	201
14-36.0	Punting	14-32.0
3	Fumbles Lost	0
30	Penalty Yards	35

### Individual Leaders

#### Rushing

**LSU:** Cotton Milner 13-32; Pinky Rohm 14-30

**Santa Clara:** Bruno Pelligrini 11-7; James Barlow 3-10

#### Passing

**LSU:** Pinky Rohm 2-5, 22 yards

**Santa Clara:** Bruno Pelligrini 2-7, 19 yards

#### Receiving

**LSU:** Ken Kavanaugh 3-44 yards.

**Santa Clara:** Jim Coughlan 2-19 TD

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 2, 1939

#1 TCU 15 (Final: 11-0-0)

#6 Carnegie Tech 7 (Final: 7-2-0)

# 5



Despite being the smallest quarterback in the land at 5-7, TCU's Davey O'Brien was the biggest name in college football. The undefeated and untied Horned Frogs were expected to wrap up their perfect season in the fifth annual Sugar Bowl, but Carnegie Tech gave TCU a run.

The Frogs opened the scoring when Connie Sparks scored through the pile from the one-yard line in the first quarter. But after TCU missed the extra point, the Tartans converted on fourth-and-sixth and then Pete Moroz backpedaled before finding George Muha for a 44-yard scoring play. With the extra point, Carnegie became the first team to lead the Frogs all season long.

However, O'Brien quickly responded. On the first drive of the second half, he flicked a dart to Durwood Horner, who grabbed it at the 29, wheeled and went the distance untouched.

Carnegie Tech nearly kept itself alive in the fourth quarter, holding the Frogs at the one, but O'Brien's 20-yard field-goal attempt was good for a 15-7 advantage.

Muha almost broke the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown, but Ki Aldrich caught him from behind and then O'Brien stepped up again, picking off a pass at the TCU 21 to ice the victory.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 44,308**

TCU	0	6	6	3	-	15
Carnegie Tech	0	7	0	0	-	7

### SCORING SUMMARY

- TCU: Connie Sparks 1-yard run (Kick failed)
- CT: George Muha 44-yard pass from Pete Moroz (Muha kick)
- TCU: Durwood Horner 44-yard pass from Davey O'Brien (Kick failed)
- TCU: O'Brien 20-yard field goal

TCU	Team Statistics	CT
17	First Downs	10
142	Rushing Yards	129
17-28-0	Passing	3-8-2
225	Passing Yards	59
367	Total Yards	188
1-40.0	Punts	6-40.0
0-0	Fumbles – Lost	0-0
5	Penalty Yards	20

### Individual Leaders

#### Rushing

TCU: Hall 6-47; Connie Sparks 14-37 TD  
 CT: George Muha 16-69; Condit 10-31

#### Passing

TCU: Davey O'Brien 17-27-0, 224 yards, 1 TD  
 CT: Pete Moroz 1-2-0, 38 yards, 1 TD

#### Receiving

TCU: Clark 7-81; Hall 5-75  
 CT: Geoga Muha 1-38; Fisher 1-2

January 1, 1940

#1 Texas A&M 14 (Final: 11-0-0)

#5 Tulane 13 (Final: 8-1-1)

# 6



It came in billed as college football's best, and Texas A&M, behind John Kimbrough, proved it was just that with a 14-13 come-from-behind win over Tulane before 73,000 fans in the newly expanded Tulane Stadium.

Kimbrough, dominated with his running (25 carries for 159 yards) and defensive play and shared hero honors with teammate Herbie Smith, who blocked a Tulane PAT, which proved to be the difference.

The 210-pound Kimbrough tallied the first touchdown of the game, hurdling in from the one-yard line in the first quarter, but the Greenies put a scare into the undefeated Aggies. Bobby "Jitterburg" Kellogg fielded a punt on the bounce, side-stepper one tackler, then took off along the west sidelines, receiving a pair of key blocks to clear his path to the end zone for a 75-yard score to knot the game.

After recovering an Aggie fumble late in the third period, Tulane forged ahead on a short run by Monette Butler early in the fourth quarter, however, Smith, the smallest player on the field, popped through and blocked the PAT attempt, leaving the Wave on top, 13-7.

From there, Kimbrough took over. The big man, nicknamed "Jarrin Jawn," had a pair of bruising runs through the Tulane defenders. The first plowed the ball to the Tulane 27 and the second came on a lateral at the 18 as he barreled straight through the defense for the game-winning touchdown.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 73,000**

Texas A&M	7	0	0	7	-	14
Tulane	0	0	7	6	-	13

### SCORING SUMMARY

- A&M: John Kimbrough 1-yard run (Cotton Price kick)
- Tulane: Bobby Kellogg 75-yard punt return (Jimmy Thibaut kick)
- Tulane: Monette Butler 1-yard run (Kick blocked by Herbie Smith)
- A&M: Kimbrough 18-yard lateral from Smith (Price kick)

A&M	Team Statistics	Tulane
18	First Downs	8
244	Rushing Yards	193
8-15-1	Passing	0-4-0
62	Passing Yards	0
306	Total Yards	193
6-44.0	Punting	11-34.0
2-2	Fumbles – Lost	1-0
2-30	Penalties – Yards	2-30

### Individual Leaders

#### Rushing

A&M: John Kimbrough 25-159 2 TDs; Connatser 9-31  
 Tulane: Monette Butler 10-55 TD; Cassibry 11-42

#### Passing

A&M: Cotton Price 8-15-1, 62 yards  
 Tul: Bobby Kellogg 0-2-0, 0 yards

#### Receiving

A&M: Moser 2-17; Connaster 2-12

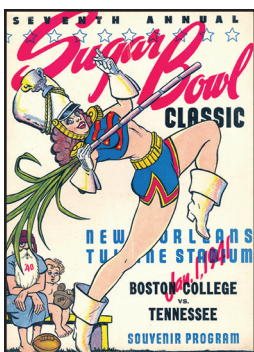
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1941**

**#5 Boston College 19 (Final: 11-0-0)**

**#4 Tennessee 13 (Final: 10-1-0)**

# 7



Tennessee was heavily-favored for the seventh annual Sugar Bowl against Boston College and not surprisingly, it was a Volunteer play which won the game. However, the play was run by BC's Charlie O'Rourke, who shed goat horns for the hero's mantel. With the score tied at 13 in the fourth quarter, O'Rourke faded back and raised his arm as if to throw, then tucked the ball and cut sharply between tackle and end, gliding through Vol defenders for a 24-yard TD run. The play was known as the "Tennessee Special" by Boston College and its coach Frank Leahy -- it had been added to the Eagles' repertoire just two days before the game when its effectiveness was realized during scouting sessions.

Tennessee opened the scoring on a four-yard run by Van Thompson -- the scoring opportunity came after a key fumble by O'Rourke, as well as a pass interference penalty on the Eagle standout.

BC knotted the game after Henry Woronicz blocked a Volunteer punt -- the first Tennessee punt to be blocked in seven years -- and Mickey Connolly ran to paydirt from 12 yards out. The teams traded scoring runs in the third quarter, Buist Warren went in from three yards out for the Vols, while Mike Holovak had a short scoring plunge to knot the game once again.

That set up O'Rourke's scoring heroics in the fourth quarter. He then solidified his hero status by intercepting a Tennessee pass late in the final minutes.

The victory made a national name of Leahy and within a month, his alma mater, Notre Dame, hired him to a position from which he would win four national championships.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 68,486**

<b>Boston College</b>	0	0	13	6	-	19
<b>Tennessee</b>	7	0	6	0	-	13

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- Tenn: Van Thompson 4-yard run (Robert Foxx kick)
- BC: Mickey Connolly 12-yard run (Francis Maznicki kick)
- Tenn: Buist Warren 3-yard run (Run failed)
- BC: Mike Holovak 1-yard run (Maznicki kick)
- BC: Charlie O'Rourke 24-yard run (Kick failed)

BC	Team Statistics	Tenn.
11	First Downs	13
142	Rushing Yards	124
6-14-3	Passing	9-22-2
106	Passing Yards	121
248	Total Yards	245
6-35.0	Punts	7-36.0
1-1	Fumbles – Lost	1-1
3-25	Penalties – Yards	4-36

**Individual Leaders**

**Rushing**

- BC: Charlie O'Rourke 7-52 TD
- Tenn: Robert Foxx 7-41; Van Thompson 11-40 TD

**Passing**

- BC: Charlie O'Rourke 5-11-2, 85 yards
- Tenn: Van Thompson 4-9-1, 42 yards

**Receiving**

- BC: Edward Zabilski 2-39
- Tenn: James Coleman 3-49

**January 1, 1942**

**#6 Fordham 2 (Final: 8-1-0)**

**#7 Missouri 0 (Final: 8-2-0)**

# 8



The 1942 Sugar Bowl had its lowest average ranking between the two opponents and it was the first without an SEC or Southwest Conference representative. However, it was the only bowl game between top 10 teams and it also featured a pair of potent offenses.

Unfortunately, rain and mud bogged down Missouri's Split-T and Fordham's vaunted passing attack, turning the offensive affair into a defensive struggle.

The only points to be put on the board came in the first quarter when Fordham's Alex Santilli blocked a punt and Stanley Ritinksi tracked it down, sliding through the end zone and out-of-bounds for a safety.

Missouri battled throughout, trying to put points on the board behind the solid play of quarterback Harry Ice (112 rushing yards). Ice nearly broke a long touchdown run but was snagged by the arm and the Tigers failed on a fourth-and-two at midfield, but they still had one final opportunity. In the final minutes of the game, Ice directed the offense downfield, but a five-yard loss on a tackle by Santilli forced the Tigers to settle for a 35-yard field-goal attempt. Bob Steuber's boot sailed straight toward the goal, but dipped just below the crossbar, handing victory to the Rams.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 66,154**

<b>Fordham</b>	2	0	0	0	-	2
<b>Missouri</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Fordham: Safety: Alex Santilli blocks punt; ball rolls through end zone.

Fordham	Team Statistics	Missouri
10	First Downs	8
137	Rushing Yards	148
0-4-0	Passing	2-5-2
0	Passing Yards	21
137	Total Yards	169
9-34.0	Punts	6-36.0
3-1	Fumbles – Lost	3-2
30	Penalty Yards	10

**Individual Leaders**

**Rushing**

- Missouri: Harry Ice 15-112; Bob Steuber 9-24
- Fordham: Steve Fillpovicz 15-58; Joseph Andrejco 12-49

**Passing**

- Missouri: Harry Ice 2-4, 21 yards

**Receiving**

- Missouri: Marshall Shurnas 1-16; Harold Adams 1-5

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1943

#7 Tennessee 14 (Final: 9-1-1)

#4 Tulsa 7 (Final: 10-1-1)

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Passing and punting were Tulsa's forte coming into the contest, but it was Tennessee's strong defense and solid ground game that made the difference in the game.

While the Golden Hurricane tried to ride the throwing and kicking of Glenn Dobbs (he completed a record nine straight passes at one point and had a 76-yard punt), the Vols proceeded with a steady rushing attack spearheaded by Clyde Fuson and Bernard Gold, each of whom scored a touchdown.

Early in the second quarter, Dobbs put the Hurricane on top with a nine-yard flick to Cal Purdin for a touchdown. Tennessee came right back with Bill Gold slashing into the end zone from the 3, but the conversion failed and Tulsa led at the half.

In the second half, the Tennessee defense clamped down, focusing on Dobbs. After holding the Tulsa offense and forcing a punt, Tennessee's Denver Crawford burst into the end zone and blocked the Tulsa punt for a safety and a Volunteer advantage.

Tulsa desperately tried to battle back with its passing game, but a tipped ball was intercepted by Dick Jordan, setting up the clinching score, a one-yard dart by Clyde Fuson for a 14-7 lead.

The last effort by the Hurricane was snuffed by another interception, this one by Jim Powell, who had tipped the earlier interception.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 58,361**

Tennessee	0	6	2	6	-	14
Tulsa	0	7	0	0	-	7

## SCORING SUMMARY

Tulsa: Cal Purdin 9-yard pass from Glenn Dobbs (LeForce kick)  
 Tenn: Bernard Gold 2-yard run (Kick failed)  
 Tenn: Safety: Denver Crawford blocked punt out of end zone  
 Tenn: Clyde Fuson 1-yard run (Kick failed)

Tenn.	Team Statistics	Tulsa
14	First Downs	10
208	Rushing Yards	- 39
7-17-0	Passing	17-27-2
88	Passing Yards	168
296	Total Yards	129
10-41.0	Punts	14-43.0
2-2	Fumbles – Lost	0-0
9-100	Penalties – Yards	5-44

## Individual Leaders

### Rushing

**Tennessee:** Clyde Fuson 14-57, 1 TD; Bobby Cifers 11-48

**Tulsa:** Dewey Ericksen 1-9

### Passing

**Tennessee:** Walter Slater 7-15, 88 yards

**Tulsa:** Glenn Dobbs 11-16, 98 yards, TD; N.A. Keithley 6-11, 70 yards

### Receiving

**Tennessee:** James Gaffney 2-30; Albert Hust 2-20

**Tulsa:** Judd 8-101; Cal Purdin 5-36

January 1, 1944

#13 Georgia Tech 20 (Final: 8-3-0)

#15 Tulsa 18 (Final: 6-1-1)

10



Georgia Tech's Eddie Prokop was the man of the day as he rushed for 199 yards, threw for a touchdown and kicked a pair of extra points to lead the Yellow Jackets to victory over Tulsa before 69,000 fans.

For the first three periods and past the middle of the fourth, Tulsa clinged to the lead. But in the end, Tulsa could not withstand Prokop and Georgia Tech's offensive attack, which produced a 72-yard drive that gave the Yellow Jackets a 20-18 decision. Prokop's 199 yards stood as the Sugar Bowl rushing record until Pitt Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett rolled for 202 yards in 1977.

Tulsa stopped a Tech drive following the opening kickoff, and from their own 14-yard line, marched 86 yards to score in the first five minutes. A fake field goal by Clyde LeForce ended up in a TD pass to Ed Shedlosky. TU tailback Jimmy Ford ran around left end for a 79-yard touchdown on the first play of the second quarter for a 12-0 Hurricane lead.

Prior to halftime, Tech scored on a one-yard plunge by Frank Broyles, but that was followed by a six-yard TD run by TU's LeForce to give the Hurricane's an 18-7 halftime edge. Tech made it 18-13 in the third period on a 47-yard TD pass by Prokop and then put together a 79-yard drive for the two-point lead in the final quarter. Tulsa could only get as close as the Tech 34-yard line before the final horn sounded.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 69,134**

Georgia Tech	0	7	6	7	-	20
Tulsa	6	12	0	0	-	18

## SCORING SUMMARY

Tulsa: Ed Shedlosky 15-yard pass from Clyde LeForce (Kick failed)  
 Tulsa: Jimmy Ford 76-yard run (Kick failed)  
 GT: Frank Broyles 1-yard run (Eddie Prokop kick)  
 Tulsa: LeForce 1-yard run (Kick failed)  
 GT: Phil Tinsley 46-yard pass from Prokop (Kick failed)  
 GT: Ed Scharfscherdt 1-yard run (Prokop kick)

Georgia Tech	Team Statistics	Tulsa
25	First Downs	8
373	Rushing Yards	211
4-16-1	Passing	6-15-1
83	Passing Yards	87
456	Total Yards	298
6-38.0	Punts	7-34.0
3	Fumbles Lost	1
6-60	Penalties-Yards	6-50

## Rushing Leaders

**GT:** Eddie Prokop 29-199; Frank Broyles 19-70, 1 TD

**Tulsa:** Jimmy Ford 14-106, 1 TD; Clyde LeForce 5-51; Bob Smith 5-51

## Passing

**GT:** Eddie Prokop 3-14, 57 yards, TD; Frank Broyles 1-2, 26 yards

**Tulsa:** Clyde LeForce 3-6, 68 yards, 1 TD; Jimmy Ford 2-6, 18 yards

## Receiving Leaders

**GT:** Phil Tinsley 2-54, 1 TD.

**Tulsa:** Ed Shedlosky 3-49, 1 TD

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1945

#11 Duke 29 (Final: 7-3-0)

Alabama 26 (Final: 5-2-2)

# 11



The 1945 Sugar Bowl, a game of contrasting styles that changed hands four times and was in doubt until the last second was described by famed sportswriter Grantland Rice thusly: "The Sugar Bowl classic of 1945 must go down in the book as one of the great thrillers of all time."

The game went off like a Roman candle as George Clark broke off a 52-yard run on Duke's first possession, leading to a touchdown.

Then Alabama freshman star Harry Gilmer reared back and hit Hal Self, who was stopped by Tom Davis a foot from the end zone. Norwood Hodges took it in from there, but the PAT was missed.

Gilmer followed up with a pair of big plays to set up scores. On a third-and-27 from the Duke 41, he connected for 40 yards to Ralph Jones setting up Hodges for another score. Early in the second quarter, he duplicated his bulls-eye to Jones, this time for a 51-yard gain to the 10 before finding Jones who stepped into the end zone from the 2. The PAT made it 19-7 in favor of Alabama.

However, the vaunted Duke runners began asserting themselves. Cliff Lewis raced 26 yards to the Bama 1, where Davis scored. Then Davis carried 10 straight times, finishing with a one-yard touchdown. The PAT put Duke back in front 20-19.

The Tide's Hugh Morrow snared a Duke pass and returned it 75 yards to make it 26-20. Duke charged right back, but the gritty Tide stopped the Devils at the 1, then took an intentional safety. The strategy backfired when Jim LaRue raced around left end for a 19-yard gain to the Tide 20. Clark covered the remaining distance to put Duke in front 29-26 with less than a minute remaining.

Gilmer got the Tide to its 43 and found Jones at the Duke 30, but Duke safety Gordon Carver managed to grab and hold on to the receiver's woolen stocking and finally brought him down at the 24 as the gun went off.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 66,822

Duke	7	6	7	9	-	29
Alabama	12	7	0	7	-	26

### SCORING SUMMARY

- Duke: George Clark 15-yard run (Harold Raether kick)
- Ala: Norwood Hodges 1-yard run (Kick failed)
- Ala: Hodges 2-yard run (Kick failed)
- Ala: Ralph Jones 13-yard pass from Harry Gilmer (Hugh Morrow kick)
- Duke: Tom Davis 1-yard run (Kick failed)
- Duke: Davis 1-yard run (Raether kick)
- Ala: Hugh Morrow 80-yard interception return (Morrow kick)
- Duke: Safety: Gilmer takes knee in end zone.
- Duke: Clark 20-yard run (Raether kick)

Duke	Team Statistics	Alabama
23	First Downs	10
64-314	Rushing	31-101
4-8-1	Passing	8-8-0
46	Passing Yards	145
361	Total Yards	246
4-39.8	Punts	6-40.7
6-1	Fumbles – Lost	1-1
1-7	Penalties – Yards	1-1

### Rushing Leaders

Duke: George Clark 14-114, 2 TDs; Tom Davis 28-87, 2 TDs; Cliff Lewis 11-53.  
Ala.: Harry Gilmer 11-36; Norwood Hodges 11-30, 2 TDs; Lowell Tew 5-23

### Passing

Duke: Cliff Lewis 3-7-1, 40 yards, 0 TD  
Ala.: Harry Gilmer 8-8-0, 145 yards, 1 TD

### Receiving Leaders

Duke: Gordon Carver 3-33, Harold Raether 1-13  
Ala.: Ralph Jones 4-138 TD, Hal Self 2-6, Hugh Morrow 2-1

January 1, 1946

#5 Oklahoma A&M 33 (9-0-0)

#7 St. Mary's 13 (7-2-0)

# 12



A capacity crowd of 75,000 gathered to watch the battle of All-Americans, Oklahoma A&M's Bob "Blond Bomber" Fenimore and St. Mary's "Squirmin" Herman Wedemeyer.

Wedemeyer's 47-yard touchdown pass to Denis O'Connor opened the scoring, but Fenimore matched it with a 28-yard toss to Cecil Haskins as the first quarter ended. Fenimore's short plunge gave A&M the lead for keeps, but just before the half, Wedemeyer ran 24 yards before laterally to Fred DeSalvo, who weaved his way through Aggie defenders 40 yards for a touchdown. The conversion missed, and A&M led at halftime.

While the Aggie passing game was off - the Gaels' O'Connor added a Sugar Bowl record three interceptions to his touchdown catch - the ground game produced another Fenimore TD plunge in the third quarter, and Jim Reynolds opened the fourth stanza by leaping a yard for a score. Reynolds winged a 20-yard TD pass to Joe Thomas in the final minutes to end the wild scoring derby.

In his battle with Wedemeyer, Fenimore got the best of the total offense struggle, getting 206 yards in 36 plays while Wedemeyer had 184 yards in 25 plays. Fenimore also punted four times for an average of 47.2 yards.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 75,000

Oklahoma A&M	7	7	6	13	-	33
St. Mary's	7	6	0	0	-	13

### SCORING SUMMARY

- STM: Dennis O'Connor 46-yard pass from Herman Wedemeyer (Wedemeyer kick)
- A&M: Cecil Haskins 29-yard pass from Bob Fenimore (James Reynolds kick)
- A&M: Fenimore 1-yard run (Reynolds kick)
- STM: Carl DeSalvo 20-yard run (Kick failed)
- A&M: Fenimore 1-yard run (Kick failed)
- A&M: Reynolds 1-yard run (Kick failed)
- A&M: Joe Thomas 20-yard pass from Reynolds (Reynolds kick)

Oklahoma A&M	Team Statistics	St. Mary's
15	First Downs	8
217	Rushing Yards	61
6-13-4	Passing	11-24-2
112	Passing Yards	177
339	Total Yards	238
4-47.2	Punts	5-43.0
0-0	Fumbles – Lost	2-2
45	Penalty Yards	35

### Individual Leaders

#### Rushing

A&M: Bob Fenimore 25-125, 2 TDs; James Reynolds 14-51, 1 TD  
STM: Herman Wedemeyer 7-24; Carl DeSalvo 1-20, 1 TD

#### Passing

A&M: Bob Fenimore 4-10, 76 yards, TD; James Reynolds 2-3, 36 yards, TD  
STM: Herman Wedemeyer 9-19, 150 yards, TD; Dennis O'Connor 2-3, 27 yards

#### Receiving

A&M: Cecil Haskins 2-48 TD; Neill Armstrong 2-28  
STM: Dennis O'Connor 6-76 TD

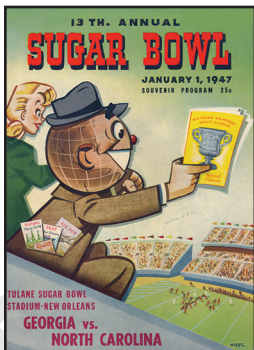
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1947

#3 Georgia 20 (11-0-0)

#9 North Carolina 10 (9-1-1)

# 13



Georgia and the legendary Charley Trippi held off an upset bid by North Carolina to come away with a 20-10 victory and stake a claim on college football's No. 1 spot. The win extended Georgia's two-season victory streak to 16.

The contest was billed as a battle between Trippi and Carolina's Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice. In the end, Trippi was judged the winner as he rushed for 77 yards and threw for 64 more, including one touchdown pass, while Justice managed just 37 yards on 18 carries against the Bulldog defense.

In the first half, the Tar Heels clearly looked like the better team, but only managed a 7-0 advantage when Bob Mitten's interception set up Walt Pupa for a short touchdown run.

In the second half, the Bulldogs made adjustments and came to life – while also being the beneficiary of a pair of controversial calls by the referees.

Joe Tereshinski picked off a Pupa pass and as he was being tackled, he pitched the ball forward to Dick McPhee. While the ball should have been dead at that point, the referees allowed the play to continue before McPhee was taken down at the UNC 14. John Rauch followed with a four-yard touchdown run to knot the score.

North Carolina immediately responded with an 18-yard field goal by Bobby Cox, but Georgia was on track following their first score. On a broken play, a scrambling Trippi delivered a pass to Dan Edwards, who made the catch at the 50 and zigzagged to the goal line for the longest pass (67 yards) in bowl history.

The Bulldogs built a cushion in the fourth quarter as Rauch picked up his second touchdown on a dash from the 13.

Another questionable call ended UNC's comeback hopes. As Ken Powell snagged a pass in the end zone, he collided with defensive back Charlie "Rabbit" Smith. Powell collapsed in a heap, unconscious, and a flag was thrown for interference – but on Powell, who was being helped from the field. The official ruled Powell instigated the contact before making the catch.

Films later showed the interference call was incorrect and also that it was a missed call on the lateral that resulted in Georgia's first touchdown.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 68,936

Georgia	0	0	13	7	-	20
North Carolina	0	7	3	0	-	10

### SCORING SUMMARY

- UNC: Walt Pupa 4-yard run (Bobby Cox kick)
- UGA: John Rauch 4-yard run (Jernigan kick)
- UNC: Cox 18-yard field goal
- UGA: Dan Edwards 67-yard pass from Charley Trippi (Kick blocked)
- UGA: Rauch 13-yard run (Jernigan kick)

Georgia	Team Statistics	North Carolina
12	First Downs	17
175	Rushing Yards	166
3-14-1	Passing	8-14-1
81	Passing Yards	99
256	Total Yards	265
7-32.7	Punts	6-38.0
0-0	Fumbles – Lost	1-1

### Rushing Leaders

- UGA: Charley Trippi 15-56; Rabbit Smith 8-48
- UNC: Camp 8-68; Walt Pupa 14-49; Charlie Justice 18-37

### Passing Leaders

- UGA: Charley Trippi 2-8, 68 yards
- UNC: Walt Pupa 6-10, 95 yards

### Receiving Leaders

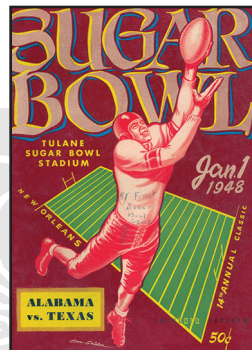
- UGA: Dan Edwards 1-67, 1 TD
- UNC: Ken Powell 3-59

January 1, 1948

#5 Texas 27 (10-1-0)

#6 Alabama 7 (8-3-0)

# 14



Harry Gilmer completed his first two passes, meaning after four years and two Sugar Bowls, he was 10-for-10 in the game. But, like the Justice-Trippi matchup of the year before, the anticipated Gilmer-Bobby Layne aerial display didn't materialize.

After those two completions, Alabama's offense was virtually finished for the day. And the Crimson Tide was its own worst enemy, committing three critical errors: having a punt blocked, an interception, and a fumble near its end zone. All three resulted in Texas touchdowns.

The combination of Texas' alert defense and the swashbuckling Layne served Alabama its worst defeat in 10 bowl appearances.

Texas opened the scoring late in the first quarter as Layne drove the Longhorns 85 yards, including a 44-yard pass to Billy Pyle and a five-yard scoring pass to Ralph Blount, who was a 21-year-old war veteran and Texas legislator.

The Tide managed to go into the half with a tie after Gilmer connected with Ed White for an eight-yard score.

The Longhorns tallied the go-ahead score when George Petrovich broke through the line and blocked an Alabama punt near the Tide goal. Victor Vasicek beat a heard of other Longhorns to the ball in the end zone.

The worst was yet to come for Gilmer, Lew Holder anticipated a Gilmer pass from behind the goal line, intercepted at the 20 and returned it for a touchdown. On the next possession, Gilmer, trying to throw from his 20, was tossed for a 10-yard loss and fumbled. Holder recovered at the 5 and Layne scored the game's last points on a dive.

Gilmer ended his own sterling career with his worst statistical performance, three completions on 11 attempts and five yards rushing. Meanwhile, Layne was tabbed as the first-ever Most Outstanding Player of the Sugar Bowl.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 73,000

Texas	7	0	7	13	-	27
Alabama	0	7	0	0	-	7

### SCORING SUMMARY

- Texas: Peppy Blount 5-yard pass from Bobby Layne (Frank Guess kick)
- Ala: Ed White 8-yard pass from Harry Gilmer (Hugh Morrow kick)
- Texas: Victor Vasicek fumble recovery in the end zone (Guess kick)
- Texas: Lew Holder 18-yard interception return (Kick failed)
- Texas: Layne 1-yard run (Guess kick)

Texas	Team Statistics	Alabama
14	First Downs	7
59	Rushing Yards	41
10-24-0	Passing	4-17-2
183	Passing Yards	62
242	Total Yards	103
5-33.2	Punts	8-38.6
4-2	Fumbles-Lost	3-1
1-5	Penalties-Yards	3-15

### Rushing Leaders

- Ala.: Red Noonan 5-20; Lowell Tew 7-17; Bill Cadenhead 4-11.
- Texas: Bobby Layne 12-51; James Canady 14-24; Billy Pyle 10-22.

### Passing

- Ala.: Harry Gilmer 3-11-2, 35 yards, TD; Ed Salem 1-6-0, 27 yards.
- Texas: Bobby Layne 10-24, 183 yards, TD.

### Receiving

- Ala.: Ed White 2-19, TD; Charley Davis 1-27, Rebel Steiner 1-16.
- Texas: Peppy Blount 3-32; James Canady 3-20, Bill Pyle 2-79; Max Bumgardner 2-52.

Miller Award recipient: Bobby Layne, Texas quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1949**

**#5 Oklahoma 14 (10-1-0)**

**#3 North Carolina 6 (9-1-1)**

# 15



The outcome of the North Carolina-Oklahoma game may have been determined three days before when Choo-Choo Charlie Justice, the Tar Heels' engine, came down with a virus.

Despite the illness, Justice had North Carolina looking like the favorite it was early, driving to the Oklahoma 7. Then he took the snap from the Tar Heel single-wing formation, started to roll out, stumbled and tried to force a pass in the flat anyway.

Oklahoma linebacker Myrle Greathouse picked it off and brought the crowd to its feet as he picked up three blockers and rumbled 69 yards to the UNC 14 before Eddie Knox tackled him from behind.

Eight plays later, quarterback Jack Mitchell scored from the 1.

The 'Heels got right back in it, taking advantage of a lost Sooner fumble on the OU 30. A spectacular double reverse on which Bob Kennedy, who had taken the ball from Hosea Rodgers, gained 27 yards set up Rogers for a short TD plunge. A missed PAT kept the Sooners on top.

North Carolina still had a chance to go into the half in front, going to the 8 in the fading minutes before intermission. But Justice was off-target with one pass and failed to gain the necessary two yards on fourth down. The Tar Heels didn't get past their own side of the field again until the last stages of the Sugar Bowl.

"North Carolina never used it as an excuse," said OU's Darrell Royal, "but I always felt Charley Justice's strength diminished as the game went along, that his health had a lot to do with it."

The Sooners added a second touchdown on a fortuitous play in the third quarter. Royal, who moved to quarterback for one snap, lofted a long pass to Frankie Anderson, but it was underthrown. However, defender Dick Bunting deflected it right to Anderson at the 10. Lindell Pearson followed with an 8-yard scoring run allowing the Sooners to concentrate on ball control and defense the rest of the way.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,383**

Oklahoma	7	0	7	0	-	14
North Carolina	6	0	0	0	-	6

### SCORING SUMMARY

Okla: Jack Mitchell 1-yard run (Les Ming kick)  
 UNC: Hosea Rodgers 2-yard run (Kick failed)  
 Okla: Lindell Pearson 8-yard run (Ming kick)

Oklahoma	Team Statistics	North Carolina
15	First Downs	12
186	Rushing Yards	128
1-4-0	Passing	8-21-2
43	Passing Yards	82
229	Total Yards	210
5-36.8	Punts	7-38.0
1-1	Fumbles – Lost	0-0
40	Penalty Yards	30

### Rushing Leaders

OU: Leon Heath 12-58; George Thomas 19-51  
 UNC: Charlie Justice 16-84; Hosea Rodgers 12-25, 1 TD

### Passing Leaders

OU: Darrell Royal 1-1-0, 43 yards  
 UNC: Charlie Justice 6-13-1, 57 yards

### Receiving Leaders

OU: Frankie Anderson 1-43  
 UNC: Art Weiner 3-35; Bob Kennedy 4-25

**Miller Award recipient:** Jack Mitchell, Oklahoma quarterback

**January 2, 1950**

**#2 Oklahoma 35 (11-0-0)**

**#9 LSU 0 (8-3-0)**

# 16



An overflow crowd of 82,000 was on hand in the Sugar Bowl as Bud Wilkinson's second-ranked Oklahoma Sooners put a record 35-0 whipping on LSU behind the sensational quarterbacking of Darrell Royal.

The Sooners, with Royal pitching frequently to George Thomas and Leon Heath, both of whom scored twice, rolled up 286 yards rushing and set a Sugar Bowl scoring record. The win also pushed the Sooners' winning streak to 21 games.

For 15 minutes the LSU line actually outperformed Bud Wilkerson's alternating units. On its first two possessions, the Tigers reached the Sooners 15, then the 35; while Sooner quarterback

Darrell Royal had to change things up to cope with the LSU defense. "Our drop-back passes were completely useless because they knew exactly what was coming," Royal said. "The passes I did complete were a new set of plays that we didn't practice."

Early in the second quarter, Royal went to his alternate plan, lateralling to halfback Lindell Pearson, who threw to a wide-open Bobby Goad 40 yards downfield on the 8. Despite that big play, LSU held on fourth down inside the 1.

However, after a lost fumble by the Tigers, the Sooner struck with back-to-back scores from George Thomas - one on a 27-yard Pearson pass and one on a 5-yard run. And the rout was on.

Early in the second half, after a long LSU punt, Sooner fullback Leon Heath wheeled out of the Sooner split-T and blazed 86 yards, the longest scoring run of all the previous Sugar Bowls, to effectively end the game.

Another lost fumble and interception near the LSU goal led to two more Oklahoma touchdowns, ballooning the score.

In the first 15 games the Sugar Bowl had a remarkable matchmaking record with an average of seven points separating the opponents. However, the 1950 game remains the worst scoring differential in Sugar Bowl history.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 82,000**

Oklahoma	0	14	7	14	-	35
LSU	0	0	0	0	-	0

### SCORING SUMMARY

OU: George Thomas 27-yard pass from Lindell Pearson (Ken Tipps kick)  
 OU: Thomas 5-yard run (Tipps kick)  
 OU: Leon Heath 86-yard run (Tipps kick)  
 OU: Darrell Royal 5-yard run (Tipps kick)  
 OU: Heath 34-yard run (Tipps kick)

Oklahoma	Team Statistics	LSU
10	First Downs	8
286	Rushing Yards	38
2-11-2	Passing	9-20-4
74	Passing Yards	121
360	Total Yards	159
7-37.4	Punts	8-33.6
4-4	Fumbles – Lost	4-4
8-40	Penalties – Yards	6-40

### Rushing Leaders

OU: Leon Heath 15-170, 2 TDs  
 LSU: Billy West 5-28

### Passing Leaders

OU: Lindell Pearson 2-7-0, 74 yards, 1 TD  
 LSU: Charlie Pevey 5-11-0, 82 yards

### Receiving Leaders

OU: Bobby Goad 1-47  
 LSU: Billy Baggert 4-50

**Miller Award recipient:** Leon Heath, Oklahoma fullback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1951

#7 Kentucky 13 (11-1-0)

#1 Oklahoma 7 (10-1-0)

# 17



Bear Bryant had a plan: to offset Oklahoma's lightning-quick split-T offense, which carried the Sooners to 31 straight victories, he was going to use a multi-look defense, that often ballooned to a nine-man line. The key to the look would be Walt Yowarsky, who was playing defense for just the second time in his life.

With four Kentucky tackles, including Yowarsky, on the line of scrimmage, the Wildcats' early pressure paid dividends as Oklahoma fumbled on its first play and Yowarsky recovered at the Oklahoma 22.

Quarterback Babe Parilli dropped back on first down, faked a handoff, faked a jump pass, then threw into the end zone for Wilbur Jamerson and a 7-0 Wildcat lead.

After Oklahoma reached the Wildcat 31 in the second quarter, Yowarsky got the ball back for Kentucky by slamming Arnold down for a 12-yard loss. Shortly, Parilli heaved a shot to a streaking Al Bruno, who made an over-the-shoulder reception at the OU 15, then dragged Jack Lockett several yards before going down inside the 1. Jamerson dove over on the next play. Gain missed the conversion.

Despite being behind in most of the crucial stats, Kentucky went into the dressing room ahead on the scoreboard 13-0.

On the first Oklahoma possession of the second half, the Sooners got to the Kentucky 4 with a first-and-goal. However, on third down, from the 2, Yowarsky shot into the line and threw Vessels for a monumental 5-yard loss. An incomplete pass ended the series.

With six minutes to go, though, Oklahoma's Billy Vessels started wide, drew up and passed 17 yards to Merrill Green for a touchdown, making it 13-7.

After Kentucky couldn't move, the Wildcats punted back to the Sooners with plenty of enough time to score – and steal the victory. Lockett attempted to field the ball on the bounce, but lost control and fumbled. Recovering on the Oklahoma 32 was Yowarsky. That sealed the outcome.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,206

Kentucky	7	6	0	0	-	13
Oklahoma	0	0	0	7	-	7

## SCORING SUMMARY

- UK: Wilbur Jamerson 22-yard pass from Babe Parilli (Gain kick)
- UK: Jamerson 1-yard run (Kick failed)
- OU: Merrill Green 17-yard pass from Billy Vessels (Weathersall kick)

Kentucky	Team Statistics	Oklahoma
7	First Downs	18
40-84	Rushing Att-Yards	54-189
9-12-0	Passing	3-8-1
105	Passing Yards	38
189	Total Yards	227
8-41.9	Punts	6-33.7
0-0	Fumbles – Lost	5-5
40	Penalty Yards	30

## Rushing Leaders

- UK: Wilbur Jamerson 15-58 TD; Emory Clark 15-33; Bill Leskovar 7-5.
- OU: Leon Heath 20-121; Billy Vessels 17-68; Tommy Gray 5-17.

## Passing

- UK: Babe Parelli 9-12-0, 105 yards, 1 TD.
- OU: Claude Arnold 2-5-0, 21 yards; Billy Vessels 1-2-0, 17 yards, TD.

## Receiving

- UK: Wilbur Jameson 4-45 TD; Al Bruno 3-57; Bill Leskovar 2-3.
- OU: Billy Vessels 2-21; Merrill Green 1-17 TD

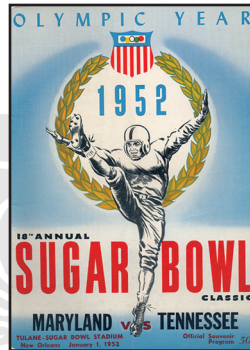
Miller Award recipient: Walt Yowarsky, Kentucky tackle

January 1, 1952

#3 Maryland 28 (10-0-0)

#1 Tennessee 13 (10-1-0)

# 18



Tennessee came into this Sugar Bowl contest ranked No. 1 and powered by All-American New Orleanian Hank Lauricella at halfback. Maryland countered with its own All-America back, Ed Modzelewski, who finished as the game's "Most Outstanding" player.

Maryland coach Jim Tatum changed his defense in order to cut off Lauricella's wide runs and to put additional pressure on the passer. The changes also upset Tennessee's blocking schemes.

Tennessee coach Bob Neyland's defense was rigged to stop the option and wide plays – taylor-made for Modzelewski, a line-busting back.

It was a Terrapin day from the start. Modzelewski keyed a first-quarter drive, grinding out the yards before Ed Fullerton scored from the 2.

On the ensuing kickoff Lauricella was sandwiched, the ball popped loose, and Maryland recovered at the Tennessee 13. Fullerton tossed a halfback pass to Bob Shemonski in the end zone and the Terrapins had a two-touchdown edge on the national champions with the second quarter barely under way.

Fullerton had his hand in a third Maryland touchdown by intercepting a Lauricella pass and returning it 46 yards for a score.

Hal Payne finally got Tennessee moving in the latter stages of the half, and put the Vols on the scoreboard with a 4-yard pass to Bert Rechichar.

Modzelewski picked up 46 yards in the third quarter before quarterback Jack Scarbath sneaked in for the last Terp touchdown. That pushed Mighty Mo's rushing total for the day to 153 yards – 72 more than the entire Tennessee team, helping offset Maryland's incredible 120 yards in penalties.

A crushed General Neyland wouldn't even meet with the press; he simply sent out a release praising Tatum and the Terrapins. For the second consecutive year, a national champion left its bones on the Sugar Bowl field.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,187

Maryland	7	14	7	0	-	28
Tennessee	0	6	0	7	-	13

## SCORING SUMMARY

- Md: Ed Fullerton 2-yard run (Decker kick)
- Md: Bob Shemonski 6-yard pass from Fullerton (Decker kick)
- Md: Jack Scarbath 1-yard run (Decker kick)
- Tenn: Bert Rechichar 4-yard pass from Hal Payne (Kick failed)
- Md: Fullerton 46-yard interception return (Decker kick)
- Tenn: Hal Payne 2-yard run (Rechichar kick)

Maryland	Team Statistics	Tennessee
18	First Downs	12
64-288	Rushing Att-Yards	25-83
7-13-1	Passing	9-19-4
63	Passing Yards	75
351	Total Yards	158
8-38.8	Punts	7-43.0
7-3	Fumbles – Lost	2-2
12-120	Penalties – Yards	2-20

## Rushing Leaders

- Maryland: Ed Modzelewski 28-153, Chester Hanulak 4-35, Ed Fullerton 9-22 TD.
- Tenn: Hal Payne 11-54 TD, Andy Kozar 9-29, Hank Lauricella 7-1.

## Passing

- Maryland: Jack Scarbath 6-9-0, 61 yards; Ed Fullerton 1-1-0, 6 yards, TD.
- Tenn: Hal Payne 7-14-1, 61 yards; Hank Lauricella 1-5-3, 14 yards.

## Receiving Leaders

- Maryland: Bob Shemonski 3-19 TD
- Tenn: Bert Rechichar 3-27 1 TD

Miller Award recipient: Ed Modzelewski, Maryland fullback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1953**

**#2 Georgia Tech 24 (12-0-0)**

**#7 Ole Miss 7 (8-1-2)**

# 19



Ole Miss almost ran Georgia Tech out of the Sugar Bowl in the first seven minutes, but the Yellow Jackets turned the game around in the second quarter and stretched their unbeaten string to 26 straight games, 24-7.

Jim "King" Lear keyed the Rebels' first scoring drive, which was capped by a four-yard score from Wilson Dillard. Then, after a Tech fumble, the Rebels were once again in prime position. However, the Yellow Jackets held on 4th-and-inches on the goal line to get themselves on track.

Ole Miss fumbled as the second quarter began and the 'Jackets advanced to the Rebel 9 with a first down. Glenn Turner hit the line and fumbled

himself, but he caught it in midair and gained four yards, setting up Bill Brigman, who sneaked over from the 2.

Instead of a two-touchdown lead, Ole Miss was all even with Georgia Tech.

The Rebels, charged right back with a drive to the 'Jackets' 3. But four plays gained one yard and no points as Tech had another strong stand at the goal line.

Leon Hardeman and Billy Teas began finding holes in the line, and soon Tech was at the Ole Miss 5 where Franklin "Pepper" Rodgers kicked a 22-yard field goal to give the Yellow Jackets a 10-7 halftime lead.

A third Rebel fumble on their 18 led to a six-yard touchdown by the 5-foot-6 bowling ball Hardeman in the third quarter.

Tech was in the clear by then, but still added to the lead when Rodgers threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Knox in the fourth period.

Statistically, little separated the Yellow Jackets and Rebels, but the stats were deceiving. In the first half Ole Miss gained 164 yards. In the second half the Rebels had 123 yards against the revamped Tech defense. However, 90 of those second-half Ole Miss yards came after Tech's 24th point.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,206**

<b>Georgia Tech</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Ole Miss</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- Miss: Wilson Dillard 1-yard run (Jimmy Lear kick)
- GT: Bill Brigman 1-yard run (Pepper Rodgers kick)
- GT: Rodgers 25-yard field goal
- GT: Leon Hardeman 6-yard run (Rodgers kick)
- GT: Jeff Knox 24-yard pass from Rodgers (Rodgers kick)

Georgia Tech	Team Statistics	Ole Miss
17	First Downs	15
60-202	Rushing Att-Yards	53-144
10-17-1	Passing	11-23-3
95	Passing Yards	137
297	Total Yards	281
5-39.8	Punts	7-36.6
5-2	Fumbles – Lost	5-3
5-42	Penalties – Yards	5-54

### Rushing Leaders

GT: Leon Hardeman 15-85 TD; Glenn Turner 20-52; Bill Teas 11-47, Larry Ruffin 5-17  
Miss.: Wilson Dillard 17-55 TD; Dick Westerman 7-37; Harol Lofton 11-23

### Passing Leaders

GT: Bill Brigman 4-6-1, 24 yards; Pepper Rodgers 5-9-0, 65 yards  
Miss.: Jimmy Lear 7-18-3, 103 yards; Wilson Dillard 2-2-0, 9 yards

### Receiving Leaders

GT: Jeff Knox 2-30 TD; Leon Hardeman 2-21; Bill Teas 2-11; Glenn Turner 1-12  
Miss.: James Slay 1-45; Jim Tom Bridges 2-25; Wilson Dillard 2-13

**Miller Award recipient:** Leon Hardeman, Georgia Tech halfback

**January 1, 1954**

**#8 Georgia Tech 42 (9-2-1)**

**#10 West Virginia 19 (8-2-0)**

# 20



West Virginia coach Art "Pappy" Lewis adjusted his entire defense in order to shut off Georgia Tech's wide plays, but Tech coach Bobby Dodd seized on what turned into a golden opportunity.

As it turned out, the Mountaineers' defense did shut down Tech's running game but opened the air-ways for Franklin "Pepper" Rodgers, who hit on passes of 20, 15, 9, 11, and 24 yards and a touchdown on Tech's first possession.

On Tech's second series, Rodgers threw another touchdown pass, two yards to Jimmy Durham.

Despite its dismal start, West Virginia didn't run up a white flag. Tommy Allman took a pitch-out sweep and went 60 yards for an apparent TD.

However, the Mountaineers were called for holding. Danny Williams would score on a five-yard run following a 70-yard drive, though Larry Morris blocked Jack Stone's PAT.

The Mountaineers had an excellent opportunity for more when they recovered a fumble on the Tech 25, but a big sack by Cecil Turner was followed by a dropped pass in the end zone on fourth down.

Rodgers again passed the Yellow jackets downfield, and Henry Hair caught a 2-yard throw to inflate the halftime score to 20-6. At intermission Tech had a record 233 yards passing to 13 for West Virginia, and the Sugar Bowl was sealed.

Rodgers, who finished with 16 completions in 26 attempts for 195 yards, was clearly the dominant player and was named recipient of the Miller Memorial Trophy.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 71,666**

<b>Georgia Tech</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- GT: Sam Hensley 24-yard pass from Pepper Rodgers (Rodgers kick)
- GT: Jimmy Durham 2-yard pass from Rodgers (Rodgers kick)
- WVU: Danny Williams 5-yard run (Kick failed)
- GT: Henry Hair 5-yard pass from Rodgers (Kick failed)
- GT: Rodgers 18-yard field goal
- GT: Leon Hardeman 23-yard run (Kick failed)
- WVU: Joe Marconi 1-yard run (Allman kick)
- GT: Larry Ruffin 43-yard run (Kick blocked)
- WVU: Tommy Allman 1-yard run (Kick failed)
- GT: Bill Teas 9-yard run (Glenn Turner kick)

Georgia Tech	Team Statistics	West Virginia
19	First Downs	19
170	Rushing Yards	233
20-35-2	Passing	7-16-2
268	Passing Yards	76
438	Total Yards	309
1-36.0	Punts	2-28.5
3-1	Fumbles – Lost	5-4
7-45	Penalties – Yards	5-35

### Rushing Leaders

GT: Larry Ruffin 3-58, 1 TD; Bill Teas 9-32, 1 TD  
WVU: Ted Anderson 13-57; Bob Moss 5-36

### Passing

GT: Pepper Rodgers 18-26-2, 195 yards, 3 TDs  
WVU: Freddy Wyant 4-15-2, 29 yards; Ted Anderson 3-3-0, 49 yards

### Receiving

GT: Sam Hensley 4-73, 1 TD; Dave Davis 4-33; Leon Hardeman 3-37  
WVU: Joe Papetti 3-51; Bill Hillen 2-14; Tommy Allman 2-13

**Miller Award recipient:** Franklin "Pepper" Rodgers, Georgia Tech quarterback

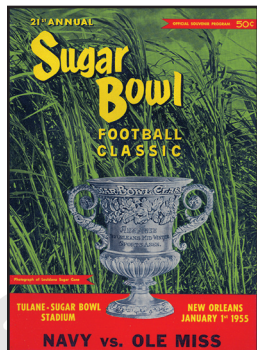
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1955

#5 Navy 21 (8-2-0)

#6 Ole Miss 0 (9-2-0)

# 21



Quarterback George Welsh stepped into the Navy huddle. All he heard was his teammates pleading for a play, not a punt.

It was fourth down with a foot to go at Navy's own 39, against Ole Miss' imposing defense on the game's first series.

"The fellows all said, 'C'mon George, we can make it. Let's try it.'" Welsh related. "So we had (Joe) Gattuso slant off tackle."

Gattuso gained four yards. Despite Ole Miss being off-sides and Navy accepting the penalty, this play was credited with spurring the "Team Named Desire" to victory.

Gattuso would cap the drive with a short touchdown run and Jack Weaver, who had a 24-yard gain in the drive, kicked the extra point.

In the second quarter, it was Navy who again threatened, going from its 40 to the Ole Miss 8. On fourth down Welsh threw a pass to Ron Beagle, who made a flying catch right on the goal line. It was originally called a touchdown, but overruled. Film revealed it to be a highly questionable call.

Navy likely secured the victory in the third quarter when Gattuso broke through right tackle, going 17 yards to the Ole Miss 17. On fourth down, Weaver, despite having Billy Kinard's arms around his neck and Eagle Day practically inside his jersey, made a miraculous catch of a Welsh delivery for a two-score advantage.

Ole Miss hoped to regain life after a 72-yard punt from Day, but Navy ran off four successive first downs, one on a 22-yard run by Gattuso and another on a Gattuso fumble that bounced 14 yards up-field to be recovered by teammate Wilson Whitmire. A Weaver 21-yard dash around end set up Gattuso for his second touchdown of the day.

Gattuso (111 yards) and Weaver (106 yards) each outrushed the Ole Miss offense, which had just 78 yards rushing and 43 passing.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,190**

Navy	7	0	14	0	-	21
Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	-	0

## SCORING SUMMARY

Navy: Joe Gattuso 3-yard run (John Weaver kick)  
 Navy: Weaver 16-yard pass from George Welsh (Weaver kick)  
 Navy: Gattuso 1-yard run (Weaver kick)

Ole Miss	Team Statistics	Navy
5	First Downs	20
78	Rushing Yards	295
5-18-0	Passing	12-28-4
43	Passing Yards	147
121	Total Yards	442
9-36.1	Punts	4-33.8
3-1	Fumbles – Lost	1-0
6-50	Penalties – Yards	1-15

## Rushing Leaders

Miss.: Paige Cothren 7-24, Jimmy Patton 5-21, Allen Muirhead 7-17.  
 Navy: Joe Gattuso 16-111 2TD, John Weaver 16-106, Jack Garrow 6-18.

## Passing Leaders

Miss.: Eagle Day 2-9-0, 16 yards; Houston Patton 3-6-0, 27 yards.  
 Navy: George Welsh 8-14-0, 78 yards, 1 TD; Richard Echard 3-10-2, 40 yards.

## Receiving Leaders

Miss.: Allen Muirhead 2-16, Jimmy Patton 1-19, Bobby Fisher 1-11.  
 Navy: Jack Weaver 3-39 TD, Ron Beagle 3-19, Earle Smith 2-18, Paul Gober 1-18.

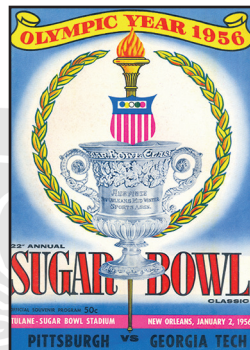
**Miller Award recipient:** Joe Gattuso, Navy fullback

January 2, 1956

#7 Georgia Tech 7 (9-1-1)

#11 Pittsburgh 0 (7-4-0)

# 22



The 1956 Sugar Bowl was a historic game as it featured the first African-American player in the contest's history - Pittsburgh star Bobby Grier. Unfortunately, a questionable call involving Grier turned out to be the most important play of the afternoon.

From the Pitt 32, where Tech had recovered a fumble, quarterback Wade Mitchell lofted a soft pitch to right end Don Ellis near the goal. The ball sailed over both the heads of Ellis and defender Grier. Interference on Grier was called.

The film was inconclusive, but indicated Grier may have been out of position, stumbled, and fell a few yards in front of Ellis. A roar of protest erupted from the stands as the ball was placed on the 1-yard line. After Pitt was penalized a half-yard for offsides, Mitchell followed the surge of his line and made into the end zone by inches. He then added the extra point.

The Panthers took complete control in the second quarter, allowing the Yellow Jackets just five plays, but they were unable to crack the scoring column. A 79-yard drive put Pitt at the Tech 1 with time running out in the first half and Franklin Brooks and Allen Ecker stopped a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-goal.

Pittsburgh had two more opportunities to score in the third quarter, driving to the Tech 16, with a 26-yard crowd-pleasing run by Grier that almost went all the way, but an interception ended the threat; and to the 7, where a fumble killed the drive.

In the fourth period, quarterback Darrell Lewis bearily broke free on a sweep but a last-second tackle sent him pin-wheeling out-of-bounds at the 10. Due to a malfunctioning clock, the time was being kept on the field and Lewis asked an official how much time remained and he said he was told two minutes and 39 seconds. Ralph Jelic gained five yards on a power play. As Pitt lined up again, the officials began waving their arms, signaling the game's end.

Time has a way of affecting memory, particularly in a game like this where Pitt had all the stats and Georgia Tech had the scoreboard. Both Hunter and Lewis felt the loss was racially motivated, pointing to a "crew of Southern officials." It may or may not have been competent, but it was not a crew of Southern officials. It was a split crew, and one agreed to beforehand by Pittsburgh.

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Georgia Tech	7	0	0	0	-	7
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	-	0

## SCORING SUMMARY

GT: Wade Mitchell 1-yard run (Mitchell kick)

Georgia Tech	Team Statistics	Pittsburgh
10	First Downs	19
142	Rushing Yards	217
0-3-1	Passing	8-18-1
0	Passing Yards	94
142	Total Yards	311
6-33.8	Punting	4-38.7
2-0	Fumbles – Lost	4-2
1-15	Penalties – Yards	8-72

## Rushing Leaders

GT: Ken Owen 7-29; Dickie Mattison 7-27; Paul Rotenberry 8-25; Stan Flowers 2-25  
 Pitt: Bobby Grier 6-51; Lou Cimarolli 11-37; Cornelius Salvaterra 13-32

## Passing Leaders

GT: Wade Mitchell 0-1; Toppy Vann 0-2  
 Pitt: Cornelius Salvaterra 4-9-1, 50 yards; Pete Neft 3-5-0, 15 yards

## Receiving Leaders

Pitt: Joe Walton 4-54; Fred Glatz 2-48; Bobby Grier 1-5

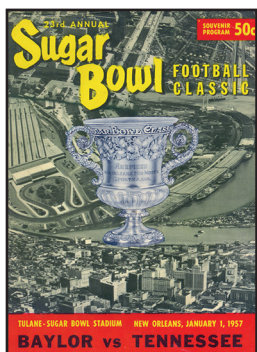
**Miller Award recipient:** Franklin Brooks, Georgia Tech guard

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1957

#11 Baylor 13 (Final: 9-2-0, #11)  
#2 Tennessee 7 (Final: 10-1-0, #2)

# 23



The Baylor Bears came into their first Sugar Bowl appearance feeling confident, despite being heavy underdogs. And while they churned out an impressive win, the victory was overshadowed by a dark incident on the field.

From the start, the Bears seemed in control, driving to the Vols' 4 to start the game. However, a missed field goal ended the threat as the Tennessee band, directed by an Elvis Presley imitator in a cerise jacket, blared the strains of "Hound Dog."

Baylor finally put six points to the scoreboard on an 80-yard touchdown drive accentuated by a 54-yard Del Shofner run and a 12-yard touchdown pass from Bobby Jones to Jerry Marcontell. Berry's extra point was wide.

Johnny Majors, though, had the Vols smoking to open the second half, returning a punt to the Tennessee 46. Majors proceeded to run on nine of 11 plays and scored around end from the 1. The PAT put the Vols in front 7-6.

Everyone braced for the exciting finish that appeared to be developing, but unfortunately, the Sugar Bowl took a sinister turn.

Tennessee guard Bruce Burnham and Baylor guard Charley Horton got into a scuffle on the ground. Burnham got in a couple of punches. Seeing that, Baylor's Larry Hickman rushed in and kicked Burnham in the face. The defenseless Vol lay sprawled on the field quivering, ribbons of blood covering his features. Hickman was banished from the game and Burnham was taken to Touro Infirmary. For the rest of the Sugar Bowl, Hickman sat on the Baylor bench, head in palms, sobbing.

The Bears turned a fourth-quarter opportunity into the winning points. Majors took a Shofner punt at the Vols' 6, raced out to the 15 where he was smacked by Bill Glass, the ball popping out. Ruben Saage recovered for Baylor and Buddy Humphrey – one of four quarterbacks used by Baylor – sneaked over six plays later.

Most of the post game talk centered not on a magnificent upset, but on the kicking incident. Burnham had a concussion and broken nose, but it seemed he wasn't in nearly so much pain as Hickman, who stood in a corner of the Baylor locker room still crying.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 78,084

<b>Baylor</b>	0	6	0	7	-	13
<b>Tennessee</b>	0	0	7	0	-	7

### SCORING SUMMARY

BU: Jerry Marcontell 12-yard pass from Bobby Jones (Kick failed)  
UT: Johnny Majors 1-yard run (Sammy Burklow kick)  
BU: Bobby Humphrey 1-yard run (Donnel Berry kick)

Baylor	Team Statistics	Tennessee
14	First Downs	11
64-275	Rushing Att-Yards	39-146
3-11-0 (24)	Com-Att-Int (Yards)	1-10-4 (16)
75-299	Plays-Total Yards	162
8-32.6	Punts-Avg.	5-41.6
2-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
6-60	Penalties-Yards	5-55

### Rushing Leaders

BU: Del Shofner 14-88, Bobby Peters 8-60, Charley Dupre 5-13  
Tenn.: Johnny Majors 15-51 TD, Bronson 8-56, Gordon 9-40

### Passing Leaders

BU: Bobby Jones 2-4-0, 19 yards, 1 TD  
Tenn.: Johnny Majors 1-7-2, 16 yards

### Receiving Leaders

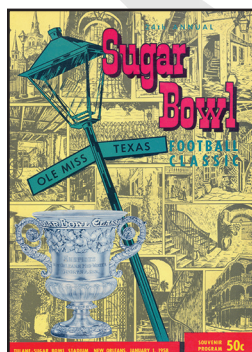
BU: Jerry Marcontell 3-24 TD  
Tenn.: Urbano 1-16

Miller Award recipient: Del Shofner, Baylor halfback

January 1, 1958

#7 Ole Miss 39 (Final: 9-1-1, #7)  
#11 Texas 7 (Final: 6-4-1, #11)

# 24



Ole Miss' Raymond Brown had a day to remember in the 1958 Sugar Bowl, he scored twice, including a record 92-yard run, while adding a passing score and snagging three interceptions - he was the unanimous choice for the Miller Trophy.

Brown's day began with a one-yard scoring run late in the first quarter; he followed that with a three-yard TD pass to Don Williams in the second quarter, then intercepted a pass at the 20 which led to another Rebel touchdown, making it 19-0 at the half.

As the game wound down and Brown already had a lock on the MVP honor, he dropped back to punt in his own end zone, but before he could boot the ball, saw a Texas end boring in unopposed. Brown bolted, circled right end and began steaming for the Longhorn goal 103 yards from where he had been standing. "I was weary, so weary that I thought about asking for a replacement to do the punting," Brown said. "I told the fellows, 'I don't know if I can kick that ball 20 yards I'm so tired. You'll have to get downfield in a hurry...I didn't know I was in the clear 'til I looked back near midfield and saw all those blue shirts around me. And I kept hearing (teammate) Jackie Simpson yelling, 'Lateral, Ray, lateral.' I knew if he wanted the ball there wasn't anyone else around but us Rebels."

Ole Miss scored another, meaningless, touchdown after a Texas fumble with 12 seconds remaining.

Brown's performance, as well as 10 Texas turnovers (six fumbles and four interceptions) spoiled Darrell Royal's return to the Sugar Bowl as a coach.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 77,484

<b>Ole Miss</b>	6	13	7	13	-	39
<b>Texas</b>	0	0	0	7	-	7

### SCORING SUMMARY

Miss: Ray Brown 1-yard run (Kick failed), 3:00 (1st)  
Miss: Don Williams 3-yard pass from Brown (Robert Khayat kick), 13:57 (2nd)  
Miss: Kent Lovelace 9-yard run (Conversion failed), 2:30 (2nd)  
Miss: Bobby Franklin 3-yard run (Khayat kick), 4:43 (3rd)  
Texas: George Blanch 1-yard run (Bobby Lackey kick), 6:28 (4th)  
Miss: Brown 92-yard run (Khayat kick), 1:58 (4th)  
Miss: Tommy Taylor 12-yard pass from Billy Brewer (Kick failed), 0:12 (4th)

Ole Miss	Team Statistics	Texas
21	First Downs	14
52-300	Rushing Att-Yards	48-188
7-16-0	Passing	2-11-4
71	Passing Yards	14
375	Total Yards	206
7-35.1	Punting	5-38.6
5-2	Fumbles - Lost	7-4
9-101	Penalties - Yards	6-50

### Rushing Leaders

Miss: Ray Brown 14-157, 2 TDs; Bobby Franklin 9-60, TD  
Texas: George Blanch 10-57, TD; Don Allen 7-42; Walter Fondren 8-38

### Passing Leaders

Miss: Ray Brown 3-8-0, 24 yards, 1 TD; Bobby Franklin, 2-6-0, 22 yards  
Texas: Bobby Lackey 2-5-2, 14 yards

### Receiving Leaders

Miss: Tommy Taylor 2-20, TD; Don Williams 2-15, TD; James Hall 1-14  
Texas: Mickey Smith 1-11; Rene Ramirez 1-3

Miller Award recipient: Ray Brown, Ole Miss quarterback

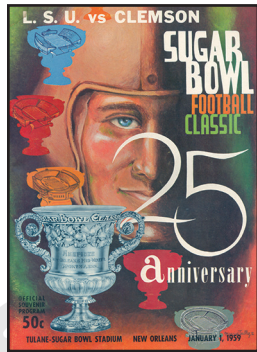
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1959**

**#1 LSU 7 (Final: 11-0-0)**

**#12 Clemson 0 (Final: 8-3-0)**

# 25



Clemson head coach Frank Howard was fully prepared and motivated to knock higher-ranked LSU from its pedestal, but LSU had its sights set on finally winning a Sugar Bowl, after four losses in the game.

Despite Howard's plans, the quick-silver LSU Tigers drove early to the Clemson 22-yard line late in the first quarter before a fumble thwarted the march. After a bad Clemson punt, LSU inched to the 12, but came up empty again when quarterback Warren Rabb missed on four straight passes, including one on a fourth-down fake field goal.

Later in the second, Rabb broke his hand on a 33-yard run, but continued to pilot the drive, completing a 24-yard pass to end Mickey Mangham and guiding the Tigers to the 1. J.W. Brodnax crashed into the end zone but fumbled for a Clemson touchback. LSU had muffed three scoring opportunities in the first half, and lost its quarterback in the process, changing the game plan.

Clemson finally clicked in the third, driving to the LSU 20 – however, George Usry was hit by Red Hendrix and fumbled the ball back to the Bayou Bengals.

The key miscue key came later in the third when the Clemson center bounced the snap on a punt and LSU tackle Duane Leopard fell on the loose ball at the Clemson 11. Taking advantage of the purple-and-golden opportunity, Billy Cannon took a pitch-out on third and nine, rolled to his right, and shot a pass to Mangham, who was clear in the end zone for the lone score of the afternoon.

With time becoming critical, quarterback Harvey White started a drive from the Clemson 17 and whipped his unit to within sight of the goal line. Dietzel sent in his rested Chinese Bandits, the third-string unit of over-achievers that had sparked the Tigers throughout the season.

At the 25 the Chinese Bandits threw up one of their patented stands. Gaining one yard in three plays, White flipped a screen pass to Usry, who appeared to have running room. The left halfback started to run before he had complete possession and dropped the ball.

LSU finally won a Sugar Bowl game – and in the process became the first national champion to do so since 1940.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,331**

<b>LSU</b>	0	0	7	0	-	7
<b>Clemson</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU: Mickey Mangham 9-yard pass from Billy Cannon (Cannon kick), 2:31 (3rd)

LSU	Team Statistics	Clemson
9	First Downs	12
114	Rushing Yards	168
4-11-0	Passing	2-4-0
68	Passing Yards	23
182	Total Yards	191
6-41.7	Punts	6-29.7
4-2	Fumbles – Lost	3-2
5-35	Penalties – Yards	2-20

### Rushing Leaders

LSU: Billy Cannon 13-51; Tommy Davis 2-17, J.W. Brodnax 3-17, Don Purvis 3-13  
Clemson: Rudy Hayes 17-55; George Usry 10-29; Bob Morgan 10-28

### Passing

LSU: Warren Rabb 2-7, 33; Durel Matherne 1-3, 26; Billy Cannon 1-1, 9, 1 TD  
Clemson: Harvey White 1-3, 21; Lowndes Shingler 1-1, 12

### Receiving

LSU: Mickey Mangham 2-33 TD; Scotty McClain 1-26; Billy Cannon 1-9  
Clemson: Wyatt Cox 1-12; Sam Anderson 1-11

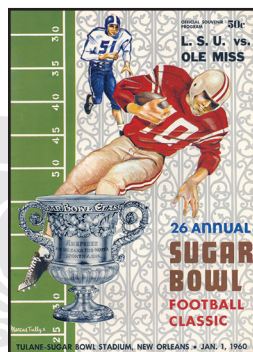
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Billy Cannon, LSU halfback

**January 1, 1960**

**#2 Ole Miss 21 (Final: 10-1-0)**

**#3 LSU 0 (Final: 9-2-0)**

# 26



After LSU shocked Ole Miss on Halloween Night behind star Billy Cannon's fourth-quarter super-human 89-yard punt return for a touchdown, the Ole Miss faithful had an outstanding opportunity for revenge – the Rebels and the Tigers would rematch in the 1960 Sugar Bowl.

Coach Johnny Vaught, criticized for his conservative approach in the 7-3 regular season Tiger win, gave the Rebels the green light to “go for broke.”

Murky, damp weather made the field muddy in spots, and a cold wind lowered the temperature to 49 degrees at kickoff, opening a half in which the seven-point favorite Rebels put constant pressure on the Tigers, who were saved by an interception at the LSU 5, a missed field goal from the 18, and at the 11 where the Tiger defense held.

Despite its problems, LSU kept the Rebels even on the scoreboard until there were 38 seconds left. Ole Miss' Jake Gibbs found James “Cowboy” Woodruff racing downfield behind end Larry Grantham for a wide-open 43-yard score.

Grantham added an 18-yard touchdown pass from Bobby Franklin in the third quarter, and then Franklin threw a nine-yard fourth-period TD pass to George Blair. Those touchdowns were a striking illustration of just how dominant Ole Miss was: The touchdown pass just before halftime was the first passing score against LSU in 14 games, and against the Rebels the Tigers yielded three in one afternoon.

Ole Miss held an awesome edge in statistics, 363 yards to 74, the lowest offensive total in Sugar Bowl annuals; the Tigers gained 49 yards rushing but lost 64 for a net gain of minus 15 yards. The longest Tiger gain of the day was eight yards by Darryl Jenkins of the Chinese Bandits – the defensive unit. It had taken LSU more than 25 minutes to get its initial first down – and that was the only one the Tigers were credited with in the first half. Cannon made eight yards in six carries.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 81,141**

<b>Ole Miss</b>	0	7	7	-	21
<b>LSU</b>	0	0	0	-	0

### SCORING SUMMARY

Miss: James Woodruff 43-yard pass from Jake Gibbs (Franklin kick), 0:38 (2nd)  
Miss: Larry Grantham 18-yard pass from Bobby Franklin (Khayat kick), 12:22 (3rd)  
Miss: George Blair 9-yard pass from Franklin (Robert Khayat kick), 9:18 (4th)

Ole Miss	Team Statistics	LSU
19	First Downs	6
140	Rushing Yards	-15
15-27-2	Passing	9-25-1
223	Passing Yards	89
363	Total Yards	74
6-37.5	Punts	12-34.3
4-2	Fumbles – Lost	2-0
7-65	Penalties – Yards	4-30

### Individual Leaders

#### Rushing

Miss: Charlie Flowers 19-60; George Blair 8-26; James Woodruff 5-20  
LSU: Billy Cannon 6-8; Earl Gros 6-6; Don Purvis 4-6

#### Passing

Miss: Bobby Franklin 10-15-1, 148 yards, 2 TDs; Jake Gibbs 4-10-1, 65 yards  
LSU: Warren Rabb 4-15-0, 36 yards; Durel Matherne 5-9-1, 53 yards

#### Receiving

Miss: Charlie Flowers 4-64; George Blair 2-23; Bobby Crespino 2-16  
LSU: Billy Cannon 3-39; Scotty McClain 3-31; Don Norwood 2-8

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Bobby Franklin, Ole Miss quarterback

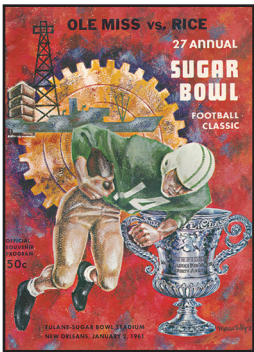
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 2, 1961**

**#2 Ole Miss 14 (Final: 10-0-1)**

**#20 Rice 6 (Final: 7-4-0)**

# 27



Despite being heavily favored for the 1961 Sugar Bowl, Ole Miss wasn't razor sharp for Rice, and the Owls very nearly took advantage.

Ole Miss star Jake Gibbs capped a short early drive by scoring on a dash around end for an early advantage to darken the festive mood in the Rice section of the stands.

However, from that point on, Rice played the favored Rebels on better than even terms.

On fourth-and-one, 163-pound halfback Butch Blume went wide on a fourth-down power sweep to give the Owls a first down at the 10. However, two plays later Allen Green intercepted a Randy Kerbow pass at the Rebel 9. Rice shortly threatened again, but this time Blume's halfback pass was picked off at the Ole Miss 17.

In the second half, Billy Cox led an impressive 18-play Rice drive. It took four downs to get it in from two and a half yards out, but Blume went around end with four Mississippians on his back to finally get the Owls on the boards. Max Webb missed the extra point, leaving Ole Miss with a precarious 7-6 lead.

Another interception of the Owls gave Ole Miss possession on the Rice 11. But a fourth-down rushing attempt was stuffed by the rejuvenated Owls.

Gibbs finally pulled Ole Miss together. In 10 plays, primarily on the strengths of runners Jim Anderson and Art Doty, Mississippi went 42 yards to camp at the Rice 1. There the Owls fought the Rebels to a standstill for three downs.

Gibbs lined up his teammates – who hadn't gained a foot since reaching the apron of the goal line – took the snap, stumbled, and then raced wide. He was hit at the goal by two defenders. Barely slipping in and losing the ball in the process. It was ruled Gibbs had already crossed the line before the fumble. Ole Miss held a 14-6 lead with five minutes and 16 seconds remaining. That was enough.

Across the country, Minnesota was upended by Washington in the Rose Bowl. Despite not winning in impressive fashion, Ole Miss found itself the national champions as selected by the Football Writers Association of America.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 79,707**

Ole Miss	7	0	0	7	-	14
Rice	0	0	6	0	-	6

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Miss: Jake Gibbs 8-yard run (Allen Green kick), 11:42 (1st)  
 Rice: Butch Blume 3-yard run (Kick failed), 1:04 (3rd)  
 Miss: Gibbs 3-yard run (Green kick), 5:16 (4th)

Ole Miss	Team Statistics	Rice
13	First Downs	19
40-143	Rushing Yards	50-103
5-15-0	Passing	14-28-4
43	Passing Yards	178
55-186	Total Yards	78-281
5-40.4	Punts	3-34.0
1-1	Fumbles – Lost	2-0
2-10	Penalties – Yards	6-30

**Rushing Leaders**

Miss: James Anderson 15-59; Art Doty 4-25; Jake Gibbs 11-15 2TD.  
 Rice: Butch Blume 7-54 TD; Gary Poage 4-17; Bob Wayt 7-16

**Passing Leaders**

Miss: Jake Gibbs 5-15-0, 43 yards  
 Rice: Billy Cox 11-20-1, 143 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

Miss: Bobby Crespino 2-21; George Blair 2-18; Art Doty 1-4  
 Rice: Max Webb 3-31; Butch Blume 2-33; Gary Poage 2-27; Gene Raesz 2-21; Tommy Stellman 2-20

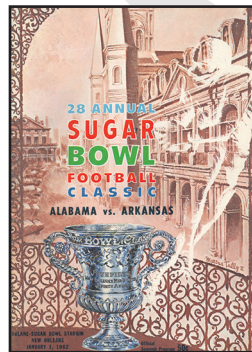
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Jake Gibbs, Ole Miss quarterback

**January 1, 1962**

**#1 Alabama 10 (Final: 11-0-0)**

**#9 Arkansas 3 (Final: 8-3-0)**

# 28



This was Bear Bryant's second trip to the Sugar Bowl, but his first with Alabama, one of the top defensive teams of all-time.

Arkansas coach Frank Broyles knew his team had its work cut out, though he also felt the Razorbacks could move on anybody's defense. They had a weapon no one had been able to neutralize: halfback Lance Alworth, one of the nation's most dangerous ball-carriers, running, receiving or returning kicks.

It took the Tide six plays to score as running back Mike Fracchia scurried past a defender who penetrated into the backfield, past another just beyond the line, and racing down the sidelines 43

yards to the Arkansas 12. On the next play, quarterback Pat Trammel faked a pass and then, around left end, ran it in.

Though the Tide kept pressure on the Hogs, Bama got no more points until late in the half when Butch Wilson intercepted Arkansas quarterback George McKinney and returned the ball 17 yards to the 20. Kicker Tim Davis booted the field goal and Alabama led 10-0 with four minutes to go.

Arkansas nearly got on the board late in the half, but a 42-yard run by Paul Dudley was wasted by a missed field goal.

In the second half, Razorback kicker Mickey Cissell had two more early chances. One of his field goals was blocked, the other was good, making it 10-3, the first points against Alabama since October.

In the final minutes, Arkansas finally managed some big plays - a 31-yard pass to Alworth, a 37-yard completion to Jim Collier at the Tide 40, and another pass that tantalizingly grazed Alworth's fingertips in the end zone. However, Wilson deflected another pass, intercepted it and stepped out of bounds no more than four inches from the Alabama goal, essentially ending the game.

Alabama had won its first Sugar Bowl by allowing the Razorbacks only four real chances at the end zone, and holding Alworth to 15 yards rushing.

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Alabama	7	3	0	0	-	10
Arkansas	0	0	3	0	-	3

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Ala: Pat Trammel 12-yard run (Tim Davis kick), 8:32 (1st)  
 Ala: Davis 32-yard field goal, 3:19 (2nd)  
 Ark: Mickey Cissell 23-yard field goal (3rd)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Arkansas
12	First Downs	7
234	Rushing Yards	113
4-10-0	Passing	2-12-3
20	Passing Yards	55
254	Total Yards	168
6-23.5	Punts	7-33.8
3-3	Fumbles – Lost	3-1
5-53	Penalties – Yards	6-34

**Rushing Leaders**

Ala: Mike Fracchia 20-124; Pat Trammel 18-69; Butch Wilson 5-23  
 Ark: Lance Alworth 10-15; Billy Joe Moody 8-25; Paul Dudley 6-35

**Passing**

Ala: Pat Trammel 4-10-0, 20 yards  
 Ark: George McKinney 2-10-3, 55 yards

**Receiving**

Ala: Bill Oliver 2-13; Cotton Clark 2-7  
 Ark: Lance Alworth 2-55

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Mike Fracchia, Alabama fullback

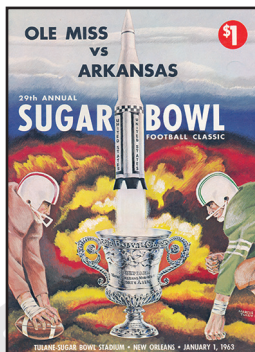
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1963

#3 Ole Miss 17 (Final: 10-0-0)

#6 Arkansas 13 (Final: 9-2-0)

# 29



Ole Miss quarterback Glynn Griffing completed 14 of 23 passes for 242 yards, and broke two records (passing yardage and total yardage) to lead the Rebels to not just a Sugar Bowl victory, but also the culmination of the school's first perfect season.

In addition to Griffing, Ole Miss thanked a Herculean performance by its defensive line, which may have been the biggest factor in the outcome.

Ole Miss opened the scoring with a Billy Carl Irwin field goal, but Arkansas reserve quarterback Billy Gray dropped back and spotted wingback Jerry Lamb for a 68-yard hook-up to the 13 - Buck Randall's desperate diving trip was the only thing that saved a touchdown - for the longest play in

Sugar Bowl history. A 30-yard field goal by Tom McKnelly knotted the score.

Griffing then went to work. The Rebel quarterback dropped a 33-yard pass over the shoulder of Louis Guy for a touchdown and a 10-3 advantage.

An Ole Miss fumble at its own 18 early in the second half allowed Arkansas to even the game once again as Billy Moore rolled out from the 5, and dropped a soft pass into the cradled arms of Jesse Branch in the end zone.

Stung, Griffing brought the Rebels right back, driving 80 yards in 10 plays, including connections of 23- and 35-yards with Guy. Griffing sneaked in from the 1.

Scrappy Arkansas fought back, driving deep into the red zone against the stout Ole Miss defense. However, again it was Randall stepping up, as he broke through to tackle Moore at the 4, forcing the Razorbacks to kick another field goal.

Ole Miss coach Johnny Vaught did not give Broyles another chance. Despite not scoring in the fourth quarter, Ole Miss ate up the clock with three long drives to the 3, 8, and 9. With limited time, Arkansas did not get another sniff of the Rebel goal.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 82,096**

Ole Miss	0	10	7	0	-	17
Arkansas	0	3	10	0	-	13

## SCORING SUMMARY

Miss: Billy Carl Irwin 30-yard field goal, 11:48 (2nd)

Ark: Tom McKnelly 30-yard field goal, 4:00 (2nd)

Miss: Louis Guy 33-yard pass from Glynn Griffing (Irwin kick), 2:13 (2nd)

Ark: Jesse Branch 5-yard pass from Billy Moore (McKnelly kick), 12:18 (3rd)

Miss: Griffing 1-yard run (Irwin kick), 6:52 (3rd)

Ark: McKnelly 23-yard field goal, 1:33 (3rd)

Ole Miss	Team Statistics	Arkansas
22	First Downs	7
160	Rushing Yards	47
18-28-1	Passing	6-18-2
269	Passing Yards	123
429	Total Yards	170
2-36.0	Punts	4-38.3
1-1	Fumbles - Lost	2-0
4-40	Penalties - Yards	2-13

## Rushing Leaders

Miss: Dave Jennings 9-39; Jim Weatherly 9-36; Glynn Griffing 16-15 TD

Ark: Jesse Branch 7-21; Danny Brabham 9-18; Bill Gray 7-7

## Passing

Miss: Glynn Griffing 14-23-1, 242 yards, 1 TD; Jim Weatherly 4-5, 27 yards

Ark: Billy Moore 5-10-0, 55 yards, 1 TD; Bill Gray 1-8 68 yards

## Receiving Leaders

Miss: Louis Guy 5-107 TD; Chuck Morris 5-62; Buck Randall 3-34; Reed Davis 2-41

Ark: Jerry Lamb 3-107; Jesse Branch 3-16 TD

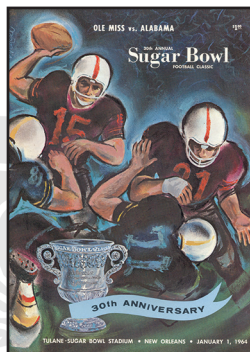
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Glynn Griffing, Ole Miss quarterback

January 1, 1964

#8 Alabama 12 (Final: 9-2-0)

#7 Ole Miss 7 (Final: 7-1-2)

# 30



Tulane Stadium really did resemble a huge sugar bowl on the first day of 1964, as New Orleans had been hit with its biggest snow storm of the century (over three inches) on New Year's Eve. The moist 45-degree temperature played a critical role in the outcome, contributing to a total of 17 fumbles, 11 by the losing team, and bringing on an incredible for-the-time four field goals by Tim Davis.

Playing with a second-string quarterback, 18-year-old Steve Sloan, in place of suspended Joe Namath, and against the nation's best run defense, Bear Bryant figured he was in for an iffy afternoon.

However, on the first series, Sloan took the Crimson Tide on an impressive drive before being stopped at the Rebel 15, forcing Davis to come in and kick a 31-yard field goal.

Following the kickoff, the Rebels set the tone for a frustrating day by losing their first fumble, leading to a 46-yard field goal by Davis, breaking the Sugar Bowl record of 32 yards that he set himself two years before against Arkansas.

Another lost Rebel fumble at the 16 gave Davis another chance. With 16 seconds left until intermission Davis kicked a 22-yarder that gave Alabama a 9-0 halftime lead. Davis would add a 48-yard field goal, at that time the record for any bowl, in the third quarter.

Ole Miss crossed midfield for the first time in the fourth quarter, and Perry Lee Dunn hit Larry Smith with a five-yard touchdown pass; and the Rebels, outplayed most of the day, were now in position to win. Soon they were knocking on the door again, but on a fourth down at the 4, Dunn was stopped at the 2.

Ole Miss, hot now, made a last bid, getting to the 19 where end Joe Petty caught a pass in the numbers and near the sideline. Fittingly, he couldn't hold the ball as he was tackled. 'Bama recovered at the 9 to seal the victory.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,785**

Alabama	3	6	3	0	-	12
Ole Miss	0	0	0	7	-	7

## SCORING SUMMARY

Ala: Tim Davis 31-yard field goal, 1:15 (1st)

Ala: Davis 46-yard field goal, 14:10 (2nd)

Ala: Davis 22-yard field goal (2nd)

Ala: Davis 48-yard field goal (3rd)

Miss: Larry Smith 5-yard pass from Perry Lee Dunn (Irwin kick), 11:58 (4th)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Ole Miss
14	First Downs	9
58-165	Rushing Yards	27-77
3-11-1	Passing	11-21-3
29	Passing Yards	171
69-194	Total Yards	48-248
5-36.8	Punting	4-44.0
6-3	Fumbles - Lost	11-6
3-15	Penalties - Yards	5-45

## Rushing Leaders

Ala: Steve Sloan 16-51; Benny Nelson 16-47; Eddie Versprille 10-25

Miss: Mike Dennis 7-37; Perry Lee Dunn 6-24; Fred Roberts 7-12

## Passing

Ala: Steve Sloan 3-10-1, 29 yards; Jack Hurlburt 0-1-0, 0 yards

Miss: Perry Lee Dunn 8-10-0, 125 yards, 1 TD; Jim Weatherly 3-11-3, 46 yards

## Receiving Leaders

Ala: Charlie Stephens 1-15; Jimmy Dill 1-9; Benny Nelson 1-5

Miss: Dave Wells 4-76; Mike Dennis 2-29; Larry Smith 2-13 TD, Fred Roberts 1-19

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Tim Davis, Alabama kicker

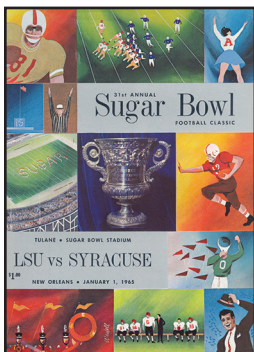
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1965**

**#7 LSU 13 (Final: 8-2-1)**

**Syracuse 10 (Final: 7-4-0)**

# 31



In addition to being an all-time classic on the gridiron, the 1965 Sugar Bowl was a memorable game for off-the-field reasons. It was the first Sugar Bowl to include African-American players since Bobby Grier and Pittsburgh played in 1955. Syracuse featured running backs Floyd Little and Jim Nance, two stars who had scored 25 touchdowns between them, 14 more than LSU scored as a team in that era when defenses dominated the sport.

But it was LSU's Doug Moreau who turned out to be the central figure of the game.

There were field goals, a safety, touchdowns on a blocked punt and a long pass and a two-point conversion. The favored Tigers, down 10-2 in this

topsy-turvy game at intermission, knew they were in for a battle to the wire.

On the first possession of the second half, LSU quarterback Billy Ezell pumped once and lofted the ball to a wide-open Moreau at the 25 from where he trotted into the end zone. A two-point conversion pulled LSU even at 10.

That's where things stood until the game moved into the latter stages of the fourth quarter the Tigers drove to the 8. Coach Charlie McClendon called on Moreau to try to nail his 14th field goal of the season (he had an NCAA record 13 field goals during the season and combined with his pass-receiving duties, scored 73 of the Bengals' 115 total points).

All season, LSU had looked to the junior in crunch time, bringing him to this point, in a socially-significant Sugar Bowl and his 28-yard attempt with 3:48 to play secured victory for the Tigers.

While LSU won on the field, the city of New Orleans was also a big winner. Syracuse was happy with its treatment. Nance exuded without solicitation, "I'm going to tell everyone about the splendid treatment we received down there."

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 60,322**

LSU	2	0	8	3	-	13
Syracuse	10	0	0	0	-	10

### SCORING SUMMARY

Syr: Roger Smith 23-yard field goal, 9:10 (1st)  
 LSU: George Rice tackles Floyd Little in end zone for safety, 5:08 (1st)  
 Syr: Bradlee Clarke returns blocked kick 28 yards (Smith kick), 0:04 (1st)  
 LSU: Doug Moreau 57-yard pass from Billy Ezell (Ezell pass to Joe Labruzzo), 7:37 (3rd)  
 LSU: Moreau 28-yard field goal, 3:48 (4th)

LSU	Team Statistics	Syracuse
11	First Downs	10
46-161	Rushing Yards	35-151
6-15-1	Passing	8-20-1
114	Passing Yards	52
61-275	Total Yards	55-203
9-36.2	Punts	6-37.5
4-0	Fumbles – Lost	3-1
4-46	Penalties – Yards	5-55

### Rushing Leaders

LSU: Donald Schwab 17-81; Joe Labruzzo 10-25; Gawaine DiBetta 13-18  
 Syr: Jim Nance 15-70; Floyd Little 8-46; Walley Mahle 7-23

### Passing

LSU: Billy Ezell 2-5-0, 67 yards, 1 TD; Pat Screen 4-10-1, 47 yards  
 Syr: Richard King 6-15-0, 41 yards; Walley Mahle 2-5-1 11 yards

### Receiving Leaders

LSU: Doug Moreau 2-55 TD; Joe Labruzzo 2-45; Donald Schwab 1-15  
 Syr: James Cripps 2-18; Walley Mahle 3-15; Bradlee Clarke 1-11; Floyd Little 1-5

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Doug Moreau, LSU flanker

**January 1, 1966**

**#6 Missouri 20 (Final: 8-2-1, #6)**

**Florida 18 (Final: 7-4-0)**

# 32



This could have been the Mother of All Comebacks. Didn't quite make it, but it was a rousing display – a two-minute drill that lasted 15.

Down 17-0 at the half, 20-0 in the third quarter, junior quarterback Steve Spurrier and the Florida Gators made the fourth quarter a sparkler.

Charlie Brown dove into the end zone from 10 yards out to score the Tigers' first touchdown and Missouri took further command as Johnny Roland executed a perfect halfback pass to Early Denny after a costly Gator fumble.

Bill Bates booted a pair of field goals for a 20-0 lead in the third quarter, but that's when Spurrier went to work.

Scrambling away from Tiger pressure, the junior completed six passes in six attempts, culminating with a 22-yard touchdown to Jack Harper. Coach Ray Graves sent in instructions to go for two points, but the pass was off target.

Following a Missouri fumble on the ensuing kickoff, Spurrier ran it in from two yards out, but Harper threw an incomplete halfback pass on the attempted two-point conversion.

After forcing a Missouri punt, the Gators mounted another long drive. On third down, Charlie Casey made a miraculous catch in the end zone after Tiger defender Gary Grossnickle had deflected Spurrier's pass. For the third consecutive time Florida's two-point attempt went astray. Given up for dead at the start of the fourth quarter, the Gators trailed just 20-18. But there was just 2:08 remaining and the Tigers ran out the clock.

In the last period, the Florida junior quarterback delivered three touchdowns in barely 11 minutes of play. He completed 16-of-23 passes for 198 yards and two touchdowns, and scored another himself. To put it in perspective, the Sugar Bowl completion record for an entire game had been 17, set by Davey O'Brien in 1939.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 67,421**

Missouri	0	17	3	0	-	20
Florida	0	0	0	18	-	18

### SCORING SUMMARY

Mo: Charlie Brown 10-yard run (Bill Bates kick), 14:44 (2nd)  
 Mo: Early Denny 11-yard pass from Johnny Roland (Bates kick), 11:03 (2nd)  
 Mo: Bates 37-yard field goal, 1:31 (2nd)  
 Mo: Bates 34-yard field goal, 12:01 (3rd)  
 Fla: Jack Harper 22-yard pass from Steve Spurrier (Pass failed), 10:32 (4th)  
 Fla: Spurrier 2-yard run (Pass failed), 7:59 (4th)  
 Fla: Charlie Casey 21-yard pass from Spurrier (Pass failed), 2:13 (4th)

Missouri	Team Statistics	Florida
18	First Downs	18
62-257	Rushing Yards	16-(-2)
5-14-1	Passing	27-46-1
50	Passing Yards	352
76-307	Total Yards	62-350
5-44.0	Punts	6-32.5
2-2	Fumbles – Lost	1-1
2-30	Penalties – Yards	3-25

### Rushing Leaders

Mo: Charlie Brown 23-121 TD; Gary Lane 19-76; Carl Reese 11-27  
 UF: Alan Poe 2-11; Steve Spurrier 7-(-8); Jack Harper (7-(-5))

### Passing

Mo: Gary Lane 4-13-1, 39 yards; Johnny Roland 1-1-0, 11 yards  
 UF: Steve Spurrier 22-45-1, 352 yards, 2 TDs; Jack Harper 0-1-0, 0 yards

### Receiving Leaders

Mo: Monroe Phelps 2-11; Charlie Brown 1-14; Jim Waller 1-14, Early Denny 1-11  
 UF: Charlie Casey 5-108 TD; Barry Brown 9-88; Jack Harper 4-66 TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Steve Spurrier, Florida quarterback

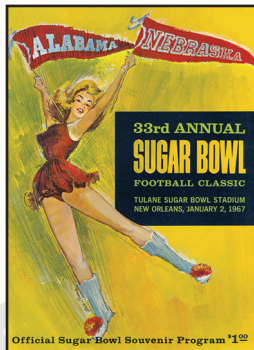
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 2, 1967

#3 Alabama 34 (Final: 12-0-0)

#6 Nebraska 7 (Final: 9-2-0)

# 33



Alabama wasted no time showing its skills in the 1967 Sugar Bowl. On the game's first play from scrimmage, Ken Stabler faked a handoff, stepped back and lofted a pass to Ray Perkins at the 49. Perkins made the catch and slithered down to the Nebraska 27 for a 45-yard gain.

Perkins, who in 1983 succeeded Bryant as coach of the Crimson Tide, said the completion was no big surprise. "We felt it would work because we were pretty certain our receivers could get open on their defensive backs. They were kind of slow."

Seven plays afterward, Les Kelley scored from the 1.

Following the opening tally, Stabler took the Tide on a 71-yard drive, then went around end from the 14 as the Cornhuskers appeared to be grabbing at a ghost. Steve Davis' PAT made the score 14-0 with 7:28 left in the opening quarter.

Davis, brother of Tim, the kicking machine of the 1964 Sugar Bowl, came in to boot a 30-yard field goal with 28 seconds left in the first period. Bear Bryant had used 35 players in digging Nebraska's football grave in that 15-minute swirl of offense.

Only the final score was in question by this time. Bryant had his team gobbling up real estate at a staggering 295-112 yard advantage in the opening 30 minutes.

Davis added another field goal in the second half and Perkins closed the scoring by collecting a 45-yard touchdown delivery from Stabler late in the game to account for the final score.

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Alabama	17	7	3	7	-	34
Nebraska	0	0	0	7	-	7

## SCORING SUMMARY

Ala: Les Kelley 1-yard run (Steve Davis kick), 1st (11:05)  
 Ala: Ken Stabler 14-yard run (Davis kick), 7:28 (1st)  
 Ala: Davis 30-yard field goal, 0:28 (1st)  
 Ala: Wayne Trimble 6-yard run (Davis kick), 7:02 (2nd)  
 Ala: Davis 40-yard field goal, 3:31 (3rd)  
 Neb: Dick Davis 15-yard pass from Bob Churchich (Larry Wachholtz kick), 14:51 (4th)  
 Ala: Ray Perkins 45-yard pass from Stabler (Davis kick), 11:40 (4th)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Nebraska
19	First Downs	16
44-157	Rushing Yards	25-84
15-26-1	Passing	22-38-5
279	Passing Yards	213
70-436	Total Yards	63-297
4-35.2	Punts	5-38.8
3-1	Fumbles – Lost	5-2
1-15	Penalties – Yards	2-30

## Rushing Leaders

Ala: Ken Stabler 9-38 TD; Ed Morgan 10-37; Gene Raburn 3-22; Frank Canterbury 7-15  
 Neb: Dick Davis 10-37; Ben Gregory 4-26; Harry Wilson 4-24

## Passing Leaders

Ala: Ken Stabler 12-18-0, 218 yards, 1 TD; Wayne Trimble 2-6-0, 40 yards  
 Neb: Bob Churchich 21-34-2, 201 yards, 1 TD; Wayne Weber 1-4-3, 12 yards

## Receiving Leaders

Ala: Ray Perkins 7-178 TD; Dennis Homan 5-36; John Reitz 1-31  
 Neb: Dennis Richnafsky 6-68; Tom Penney 6-62; Ben Gregory 4-19; Harry Wilson 2-35

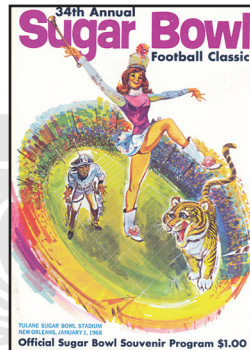
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Ken Stabler, Alabama quarterback

January 1, 1968

LSU 20 (Final: 7-3-1)

#6 Wyoming 13 (Final: 10-1-0)

# 34



LSU struggled again in a Sugar Bowl appearance - but unheralded third-string tailback Glenn Smith, a New Orleans product, saved the day with an unexpected MVP performance.

The Cowboys dominated the first half, building a 13-0 lead while outrushing the Tigers 130-33 and outpassing them 85-5. Jim Kiick had scored on a short plunge and Jerry DePoyster booted a pair of field goals, including a Sugar Bowl record 49-yarder with one second to go.

However, after DePoyster narrowly missed a 46-yard field goal late in the third quarter, Smith was inserted into the lineup. His first touch of the day was a 39-yard reception – LSU's first real sign of life in the game. The sophomore then hammered home a one-yard touchdown, just his third score of the year.

With Smith moving the ball effectively on cutbacks and Stokley running a perfect option, the Tigers threatened again. Tommy Morel out-jumped two defenders for an eight-yard touchdown reception, but Roy Hurd missed the PAT, leaving the score tied with 11:39 to play.

Following a Benny Griffin interception, Stockley rolled out from the Cowboy 14, spotted Morel at the 1 and threw for LSU's go-ahead points with 4:18 to go.

Wyoming still manufactured a wild finish in the final minute. From his 18, Paul Toscano dropped and threw to George Anderson. One of three Tigers converging on the ball reached up and tipped it – right into the tight end's hands. Anderson was suddenly racing, alone, for points. Cornerback Barton Frye somehow tackled Anderson 54 yards downfield, at the LSU 18 with just seconds remaining.

With one second left, Toscano found Gene Huey at the 5, but he was immediately nailed by defensive back Gerry Kent as time ran out.

Smith, with little more than a quarter's playing time, finished with 74 yards rushing and caught one pass for 39 yards to be named the game's MVP.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 72,858**

LSU	0	0	7	13	-	20
Wyoming	0	13	0	0	-	13

## SCORING SUMMARY

Wyo: Jim Kiick 1-yard run (Jerry DePoyster kick), 14:56 (2nd)  
 Wyo: DePoyster 24-yard field goal, 2:58 (2nd)  
 Wyo: DePoyster 49-yard field goal, 0:01 (2nd)  
 LSU: Glenn Smith 1-yard run (Roy Hurd kick), 2:10 (3rd)  
 LSU: Tommy Morel 8-yard pass from Nelson Stokley (Kick failed), 11:39 (4th)  
 LSU: Morel 14-yard pass from Stokley (Hurd kick), 4:22 (4th)

LSU	Team Statistics	Wyoming
12	First Downs	20
48-151	Rushing Yards	48-167
6-20-0	Passing	14-24-4
91	Passing Yards	239
68-242	Total Yards	72-406
9-31.1	Punts	4-49.0
0	Fumbles Lost	1
3-25	Penalties – Yards	5-65

## Rushing Leaders

LSU: Glenn Smith 16-74 TD; Tommy Allen 16-41; Nelson Stokley 11-32  
 Wyo.: Jim Kiick 19-75 TD; Tom Williams 16-64; Paul Toscano 9-17

## Passing

LSU: Nelson Stokley 6-20-0, 91 yards, 2 TDs  
 Wyo.: Paul Toscano 14-23-3, 239 yards; Jim Kiick 0-1-1, 0 yards

## Receiving Leaders

LSU: Tommy Morel 4-38 2 TD; Glenn Smith 1-39  
 Wyo.: George Anderson 3-100; Gene Huey 4-70

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Glenn Smith, LSU halfback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1969**

**#9 Arkansas 16 (Final: 10-1-0, #6)**

**#4 Georgia 2 (Final: 8-1-2, #8)**

# 35

**January 1, 1970**

**#13 Ole Miss 27 (Final: 8-3-0, #8)**

**#3 Arkansas 22 (Final: 9-2-0, #7)**

# 36



Arkansas may have come into the 1969 Sugar Bowl with a questionable defense, but coach Frank Broyles hoped jamming the receivers and blitzing heavily would give his Razorbacks the opportunity to create turnovers.

A game plan has seldom worked as successfully as this one. The Bulldogs lost the ball four times with three fumbles and an interception on their first six possessions. The problem was that Arkansas fared only slightly better, with Bill Montgomery throwing seven incompletions and one interception before his first successful pass, a one-yarder.

However, on the first play of the second quarter, Chuck Dicus faked a down-and-out, then blew downfield on a post pattern and made an arms-extended, fingertip grab at the goal line for a 27-yard touchdown.

Later, after a clipping penalty put Arkansas back to its 6, tailback Bill Burnett started a sweep. But end David McKnight broke through and dropped the runner for a safety.

After a lost Georgia fumble, Montgomery took the Hogs on a long drive—in the process tying the Sugar Bowl record of nine straight completions—resulting in a 24-yard field goal by Bob White for a 10-2 halftime edge.

Georgia quickly threatened early in the second half as Cavan drove the Bulldogs to the Razorbacks 3. However, when Brad Johnson tried to hurdle the line, defenders Dick Bumpus and Lynn Garner sandwiched the runner and the ball jettisoned from Johnson's arm straight out of the end zone for a touchback.

The critical turnover appeared to take the wind out of Georgia. The Dawgs didn't threaten again and a pair of White field goals put the game out of reach.

Dicus finished the game with a then-Sugar Bowl record 12 catches for 169 of Arkansas' 183 air yards. The Arkansas defense recovered all five of Georgia's fumbles while picking off a pass. Broyles had handicapped the game perfectly.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 82,113**

Arkansas	0	10	0	6	-	16
Georgia	0	2	0	0	-	2

### SCORING SUMMARY

Ark: Chuck Dicus 27-yard pass from Bill Montgomery (Bob White kick), 14:55 (2nd)  
 Ga: Safety: Bill Burnett tackled in end zone by David McKnight, 9:44 (2nd)  
 Ark: White 34-yard field goal, 1:59 (2nd)  
 Ark: White 24-yard field goal, 8:58 (4th)  
 Ark: White 31-yard field goal, 6:29 (4th)

Arkansas	Team Statistics	Georgia
13	First Downs	13
41-40	Rushing	47-75
17-39-1	Com-Att-Int	11-31-3
185	Passing Yards	117
225	Total Yards	192
10-33.6	Punts-Avg	10-38.6
4-2	Fumbles-Lost	7-5
4-31	Penalties-Yards	4-25

### Rushing Leaders

Ark: Bill Burnett 20-31; Bruce Maxwell 5-10; Bill Montgomery 15-(-2)  
 UGA: Brad Johnson 12-45; Craig Elrod 5-34; Bruce Kemp 9-20; Mike Cavan 12-(-24)

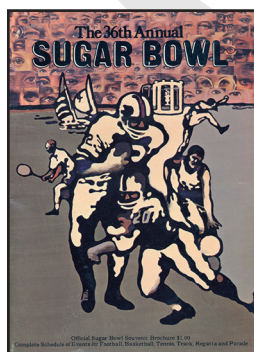
### Passing

Ark: Bill Montgomery 17-39-1, 185 yards, 1 TD  
 UGA: Mike Cavan 9-22-1, 103 yards; Donnie Hampton 2-9-2, 14 yards

### Receiving

Ark: Chuck Dicus 12-169 TD; Max Peacock 3-15; Bill Burnett 2-1  
 UGA: Chas. Whittemore 5-56; Kent Lawrence 3-54; Brad Johnson 2-0

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Chuck Dicus, Arkansas flanker



Arkansas came into the 1970 Sugar Bowl ranked No. 3, but as Ole Miss star Archie Manning said, "We were just a hot football team. Everything was working for us."

The spotlight was temporarily taken from superstar Manning, a mild-mannered, red-haired quarterback who also may have been the best in the country, when his teammate, work-horse fullback Bo Bowen, took a pitch and sideswiped defenders 69 yards to the end zone.

Shortly after that score, Manning displayed his hell-bent-for-leather style on 4th-and-one at the 18 when he hightailed it around end, ran over two Hogs, then slashed through several more before high-stepping into the end zone.

Arkansas replied with a 12-yard scoring run by Bill Burnett but the Rebels followed with a 52-yard field goal from Cloyce Hinton and Manning delivered a scoring strike to Vern Studdard. Arkansas' own talented quarterback, Bill Montgomery closed the half leading a furious drive that was capped by a 47-yard TD hook-up with Chuck Dicus to make it 24-12 at the break.

The Razorbacks rallied by picking off Manning twice in the second half, pulling with five when Montgomery found fullback Brice Maxwell for a six-yard score. Ole Miss' Glenn Cannon capped off a sensational day with the key defensive play when he forced a critical fumble with under two minutes to go to preserve the victory. Cannon had already snared a fourth-quarter interception while tallying a pair of pass break-ups.

The Rebels and Arkansas each broke three Sugar Bowl records in amassing a whopping total of 954 yards.

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Ole Miss	14	10	3	0	-	27
Arkansas	0	12	3	7	-	22

### SCORING SUMMARY

Miss: Bo Bowen 69-yard run (Perry King kick), 8:05 (1st)  
 Miss: Archie Manning 18-yard run (King kick), 1:15 (1st)  
 Ark: Bill Burnett 12-yard run (Kick failed), 9:17 (2nd)  
 Miss: Cloyce Hinton 52-yard field goal, 5:01 (2nd)  
 Miss: Vern Studdard 30-yard pass from Manning (King kick), 2:37 (2nd)  
 Ark: Chuck Dicus 47-yard pass from Bill Montgomery (Pass failed), 0:33 (2nd)  
 Miss: Hinton 36-yard field goal, 7:23 (3rd)  
 Ark: Bill McClard 36-yard field goal, 3:16 (3rd)  
 Ark: Bruce Maxwell 6-yard pass from Montgomery (McClard kick), 10:10 (4th)

Ole Miss	Team Statistics	Arkansas
21	First Downs	24
36-154	Rushing	37-189
21-35-2	Passing	17-35-2
273	Passing Yards	338
71-427	Total Yards	72-527
6-37.6	Punts-Avg	2-30.5
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
11-101	Penalties-Yards	3-22

### Rushing Leaders

Miss: Bo Bowen 12-94 TD; Archie Manning 13-39 TD; Randy Reed 11-21  
 Ark: Bruce Maxwell 8-108; Bill Burnett 17-59 TD; Bill Montgomery 12-22

### Passing

Miss: Archie Manning 21-35-2, 273 yards, 1 TD  
 Ark: Bill Montgomery 17-34-1, 338 yards, 2 TDs; Brice Maxwell 0-1-1, 0 yards

### Receiving Leaders

Miss: Jim Poole 7-72; Vernon Studdard 5-108 TD; Bil Jones 3-29; Randy Reed 2-22  
 Ark: Chuck Dicus 6-171 TD; Bruce Maxwell 9-137 TD; John Rees 2-30

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Archie Manning, Ole Miss quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1971

#4 Tennessee 34 (Final: 11-1-0, #4)

#11 Air Force 13 (Final: 9-3-0, #16)

# 37



Air Force's game plan for the 1971 Sugar Bowl was to use an eight-man front to shut down the potent Tennessee run game. While the Vols only ran for 86 yards, Bobby Scott threw for 288 yards and the Tennessee defense thoroughly shut down Air Force in a lopsided contest.

With Scott avoiding the blitz and connecting on passes, the Vols struck 2:45 into the game when Don McLeary scored from the 5. After a George Hunt field goal made it 10-0, McLeary would add his second touchdown of the afternoon with six minutes to go in the half. Then another Falcon fumble set up a short Scott pass to Gary Theiler, who stepped the rest of the way into the end zone.

In four possessions, Tennessee scored four times and led 24-0 with 3:12 to go in the first quarter.

One of the day's more exciting moments came late in the first half, though it had nothing to do with football. A dog raced on the field and held up the game for more than ten minutes. Some joked that the time the dog spent running around the field represented the longest first-half span that Tennessee did not score.

Air Force finally cracked the scoring column when Scott fumbled a snap and then couldn't hang onto the loose ball after being hit again. Darryl Hass fell on the ball in the end zone to slice the margin to 24-7.

A 57-yard punt return by Bobby Majors the first time Tennessee touched the ball in the third quarter added to the Vols' total.

Each team scored again, but the final score, convincing as it was, didn't reflect the Vols' mistakes. Tennessee, which held the Air Force rushing game to minus 12 yards, came up empty on six other legitimate scoring opportunities.

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Tennessee	24	0	7	3	-	34
Air Force	7	0	6	0	-	13

### SCORING SUMMARY

- Tenn: Don McLeary 5-yard run (George Hunt kick), 12:15 (1st)
- Tenn: Hunt 30-yard field goal, 8:44 (1st)
- Tenn: McLeary 20-yard run (Hunt kick); 6:07 (1st)
- Tenn: Gary Theiler 10-yard pass from Bobby Scott (Hunt kick), 3:21 (1st)
- AFA: Darryl Haas fumble recovery in end zone (Craig Barry kick), 1:56 (1st)
- Tenn: Bobby Majors 57-yard punt return (Hunt kick), 13:30 (3rd)
- AFA: Paul Bassa 27-yard pass from Bob Parker (Kick failed), 8:22 (3rd)
- Tenn: Hunt 32-yard field goal, 9:06 (4th)

Tennessee	Team Statistics	Air Force
24	First Downs	15
42-87	Rushing	24-(-13)
24-45-2	Com-Att-Int	23-46-4
306	Passing Yards	239
87-393	Total Offense	69-222
5-31.4	Punts-Avg.	8-34.5
7-3	Fumbles-Lost	7-4
6-74	Penalties-Yards	0-0

### Rushing Leaders

Tenn: Curt Watson 14-57; Don McLeary 14-39 2TD; Steve Wold 7-16  
AFA: Brian Bream 16-15; Kevin Brennan 2-5; Bob Parker 6-(-38)

### Passing Leaders

Tenn: Bobby Scott 22-39-2, 288 yards, 1 TD  
AFA: Bob Parker 23-46-4, 239 yards, 1 TD

### Receiving Leaders

Tenn: Joe Thompson 9-125; Grey Theiler 4-36; Lester McClain 3-38  
AFA: Paul Bassa 10-114 TD; Mike Bolen 6-60; Brian Bream 4-8

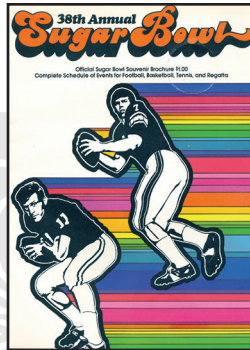
Miller-Digby Award recipient: Bobby Scott, Tennessee quarterback

January 1, 1972

#3 Oklahoma 40 (Final: 11-1-0, #2)

#5 Auburn 22 (Final: 9-2-0, #12)

# 38



Displaying the most potent offense ever seen in a Sugar Bowl to that point, Oklahoma crushed Auburn, 40-22, before a crowd of 84,031. With Jack Mildren directing the OU wishbone attack on the way to the Miller-Digby Award, the Sooners rolled to a then-record 31 points in the first half.

On the night's first play from scrimmage, Mildren gained 17 yards on a keeper and the Sooners never looked back. Six minutes removed from the kickoff, Leon Crosswhite scored from the 4.

Auburn Hesiman Trophy winner, Pat Sullivan misplaced a handoff and Ray Hamilton recovered for Oklahoma on the Auburn 41. In eight plays, with the OU offense humming near-perfectly, the Sooners were back in the end zone as Mildren went in from the 5. John Carroll, who missed the first, made the PAT to lift the score to 13-0.

Joe Wylie was the next Sooner to touch the ball. He gathered in a punt at the Oklahoma 29, slipped through two onrushing Tigers and headed down the right sideline. Mark Driscoll chopped down the last man with a chance of catching the runner, and Wyle skipped into the end zone.

As nobody could catch Wylie, at this point, with a three-touchdown lead and the first quarter not even over, nobody was going to catch Oklahoma either – despite the Sooners missing on five after-touchdown conversions.

"I just started playing bad," Sullivan offered afterward. "As big and strong as they were, I knew they were going to score a lot, and we were just going to have to out-score them. We just weren't able to."

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Oklahoma	19	12	3	6	-	40
Auburn	0	0	7	15	-	22

### SCORING SUMMARY

- OU: Leon Crosswhite 4-yard run (Kick failed), 9:01 (1st)
- OU: Jack Mildren 5-yard run (John Carroll kick), 3:05 (1st)
- OU: Joe Wylie 71-yard punt return (Pass failed), 1:55 (1st)
- OU: Mildren 4-yard run (Run failed), 3:28 (2nd)
- OU: Mildren 7-yard run (Pass failed), 0:47 (2nd)
- OU: Carroll 53-yard field goal, 9:03 (3rd)
- AU: Harry Unger 1-yard run (Gardner Jett kick), 7:54 (3rd)
- OU: Greg Pruitt 2-yard run (Kick failed), 9:25 (4th)
- AU: Sandy Cannon 11-yard pass from Pat Sullivan (Jett kick), 3:44 (4th)
- AU: Unger 1-yard run (Dave Beck run), 2:45 (4th)

Oklahoma	Team Statistics	Auburn
28	First Downs	15
87-439	Rushing	19-40
1-4-0	Passing	20-45-2
11	Passing Yards	250
91-450	Total Offense	64-290
5-35.4	Punting	5-48.6
5-2	Fumbles-Lost	5-1
3-12	Penalties-Yards	0-0

### Rushing Leaders

OU: Jack Mildren 30-149 3 TDs; Greg Pruitt 18-95 TD; Leon Crosswhite 17-78 TD  
AU: Harry Unger 6-38 2 TDs; Tommy Lowry 5-12; Terry Henley 5-8

### Passing

OU: Jack Mildren 1-4-0, 11 yards  
AU: Pat Sullivan 20-44-1, 250 yards, 1 TD; Terry Beasley 0-1-1, 0 yards

### Receiving Leaders

OU: Albert Chandler 1-11  
AU: Terry Beasley 6-117; Harry Unger 5-36; Dick Schmalz 3-52; Terry Henley 3-28

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Jack Mildren, Sr., Oklahoma quarterback

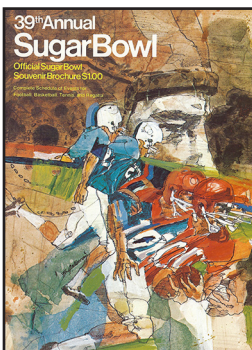
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**December 31, 1972**

**#2 Oklahoma 14 (Final: 11-1-0, #2)**

**#5 Penn State 0 (Final: 10-2-0, #10)**

# 39



Oklahoma freshman Tinker Owens led the methodical Sooners to a 14-0 win over Penn State on New Year's Eve in the first Sugar Bowl played at night. Penn State played without its offensive leader John Cappelletti, who was battling the flu, and went against one of the nation's most stingy defenses. The Nittany Lions didn't cross midfield until late in the third quarter, and its only serious scoring threat of the evening ended with a fumble at the OU 19.

Oklahoma was stymied until the Sooners started hammering the Nittany Lions in the middle. Then quarterback Dave Robertson looked for Owens, who made an over-the-shoulder catch at the 7 between two defenders, worked himself loose and into the end zone.

Two minutes into the fourth quarter, Gary Hayman dropped an Oklahoma punt and Ken Jones recovered on the Lions' 33. After a couple of plays, Joe Wylie unleashed a halfback pass in the highlight (though disputed) of the night.

The Penn State contingent, and some reporters, felt the reception at the 1 was trapped. The film was unclear. Owens maintained it was a catch. "I caught it," he said. "I knew I had it then, I know I had it now."

Leon Crosswhite went in two plays later and, after Rick Fulcher's kick, Oklahoma led 14-0 with 9:46 to go.

Owens, in his third starting assignment, had five receptions for 132 yards, which resulted in one touchdown and set up another. He became the first freshman to receive the Miller-Digby Trophy.

Three months later there was a question of having to change the score: A joint investigation by the University of Oklahoma and the Big Eight Conference revealed that two high school transcripts had been tampered with. As a result, Oklahoma voluntarily forfeited every game in which the pair participated, including the Sugar Bowl. However, the NCAA still recognizes those victories and the Sooners still claim the 1972 conference title.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 80,123**

<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Penn State</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Okl: Tinker Owens 27-yard pass from Dave Robertson (Rick Fulcher kick), 8:28 (2nd)  
Okl: Leon Crosswhite 1-yard run (Fulcher kick), 9:46 (4th)

Oklahoma	Team Statistics	Penn State
20	First Downs	11
76-278	Rushing	28-49
7-12-0	Passing	12-31-1
175	Passing Yards	147
88-453	Total Offense	60-196
8-32.8	Punting	10-42.9
8-5	Fumbles-Lost	6-4
3-55	Penalties-Yards	3-15

**Rushing Leaders**

OU: Gregg Pruitt 21-86; Leon Crosswhite 22-82 TD; Joe Wylie 10-58  
PSU: Bob Nagle 10-22; Walt Addie 7-18; Gary Hayman 4-11

**Passing Leaders**

OU: Dave Robertson 3-6-0, 88 yards, 1 TD; Joe Wylie 3-3-0, 67 yards  
PSU: John Huffnagel 12-31-1, 147 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

OU: Tinker Owens 5-132 TD; Gregg Pruitt 2-43  
PSU: Jim Scott 3-59; Dave Bland 3-39; Ken Andrews 2-25; Walt Addie 2-3

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Tinker Owens, Fr., Oklahoma flanker

**December 31, 1973**

**#3 Notre Dame 24 (Final: 11-0-0, #1)**

**#1 Alabama 23 (Final: 11-1-0, #4)**

# 40



A daring late-game end zone gamble preserved Notre Dame's 24-23 win over Alabama and gave the Fighting Irish, which entered the game ranked No. 3, a claim on the national title in front of 85,161. In a game that saw six lead changes, Tom Clements' 36-yard pass to Robin Weber from his own 2-yard line sealed the win for the Irish.

The electric match-up included a Sugar Bowl record 93-yard kickoff return by Notre Dame's Al Hunter, as well as a 25-yard Alabama touchdown pass from quarterback Mike Stock to quarterback Richard Todd on a trick play that put the Crimson Tide in front 23-21 with 9:33 to go.

The scoring ended with 4:12 remaining in the game when Notre Dame kicker Bob Thomas put the Irish ahead 24-23 with a 19-yard field goal, but the biggest play of the game was still to come.

A series after Thomas' field goal, Greg Gantt boomed a punt that was downed at the Notre Dame 1-yard line with less than three minutes remaining. 'Bama stopped two Notre Dame efforts to set up a third-and-six with 2:12 to go. The entire stadium, including Alabama, expected the Irish to run the ball, but Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian called for a pass out of his own end zone.

The play was designed to find tight end Dave Casper, but he was hung up in the middle of the field by the Tide defense, forcing Clements to look for his second option, Robin Weber, who hadn't practiced in two days because of a knee injury and who hadn't caught a single pass all season.

Weber made the catch and Notre Dame had a new set of downs at the 38, from where the Irish were able to run out the clock.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 85,161**

<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

ND: Wayne Bullock 6-yard run (Kick failed), 5:51 (1st)  
Ala: Randy Billingsley 6-yard run (Bill Davis kick), 10:10 (2nd)  
ND: Al Hunter 93-yard kickoff return (Pete Demmarle pass from Clements), 7:17 (2nd)  
Ala: Davis 39-yard field goal, 0:39 (2nd)  
Ala: Wilbur Jackson 5-yard run (Davis kick), 11:02 (3rd)  
ND: Eric Penick 12-yard run (Bob Thomas kick), 2:30 (3rd)  
Ala: Richard Todd 25-yard pass from Mike Stock (Kick failed), 9:39 (4th)  
ND: Thomas 19-yard field goal, 4:26 (4th)

Notre Dame	Team Statistics	Alabama
20	First Downs	23
59-252	Rushing	52-190
7-12-0	Passing	10-15-1
169	Passing Yards	127
71-421	Total Offense	67-317
7-35.8	Punts	6-46.3
4-3	Fumbles-Lost	5-2
5-45	Penalties-Yards	3-32

**Rushing Leaders**

ND: Wayne Bullock 19-79 TD; Tom Clements 15-74; Art Best 12-45  
Ala.: Wilbur Jackson 11-62 TD; Randy Billingsley 7-54 TD; Paul Spivery 11-44

**Passing Leaders**

ND: Tom Clements 7-12-0, 169 yards  
Ala.: Gary Rutledge 7-12-1, 88 yards; Mike Stock, 1-1-0, 25 yards, 1 TD

**Receiving Leaders**

ND: Dave Casper 3-75; Pete Demmerle 3-59; Robin Weber 1-35  
Ala.: George Pugh 2-28; Wilbur Jackson 2-22; Richard Todd 1-25 TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Tom Clements, Jr., Notre Dame quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**December 31, 1974**

**#8 Nebraska 13 (Final: 9-3-0, #9)**

**#18 Florida 10 (Final: 7-4-0, #15)**

# 41



A fourth-quarter, 13-point awakening gave Nebraska a comeback win over Florida, 13-10, before 68,890 New Year's Eve watchers.

The underdog Florida Gators held a 10-0 third quarter lead and the ball on the Nebraska 1, hoping to put the Cornhuskers away with a fourth-down run. However, James Richards was dropped by defensive back Jim Burrow.

Huskers' coach Tom Osborne then made a key change - replacing quarterback David Humm (two completions in 14 attempts - and four interceptions) and sent in reserve Terry Luck with orders to junk the passing game and use the runners.

Don Westbrook, Monte Anthony, and Tony Davis consistently gained ground - short gains, but steady yardage. Early in the fourth quarter, Anthony bounced into the end zone to cut the lead to 10-7.

The Huskers' next drive was more of the same, but a critical play came on fourth-and-two at the 49. Anthony gained three yards leading to a 37-yard Mike Coyle field goal to tie the score with 7:12 to play.

The dynamics of the game had completely changed. Florida again could not move and the Huskers got the ball at their 25 with four minutes to go. Davis put Nebraska in position for the victory when he broke off a 40-yard gain to the Gators 31. With 1:46 left, Coyle booted a 39-yard field goal to lift Nebraska to the victory.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 68,890**

Nebraska	0	0	0	13	-	13
Florida	7	3	0	0	-	10

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- Fla: Tony Green 21-yard run (Dave Posey kick), 9:49 (1st)
- Fla: Posey 40-yard field goal, 0:02 (2nd)
- Neb: Monte Anthony 2-yard run (Mike Coyle kick), 13:24 (4th)
- Neb: Coyle 37-yard field goal, 7:13 (4th)
- Neb: Coyle 39-yard field goal, 1:46 (4th)

Nebraska	Team Statistics	Florida
18	First Downs	13
60-304	Rushing	55-178
2-14-4	Comp-Att-Int	5-10-1
16	Passing Yards	97
74-320	Total Offense	65-275
4-37.0	Punting	6-32.5
3-1	Fumbles-Lost	3-1
1-17	Penalties-Yards	5-41

**Rushing Leaders**

Neb: Tony Davis 17-126; Monte Anthony 15-64 TD; John O'Leary 18-50  
 UF: Jimmy Dubose 17-84; Tony Green 14-73 TD; James Richards 6-22

**Passing**

Neb: David Humm 2-12-4, 18 yards; Terry Luck 0-2-0, 0 yards  
 UF: Don Gaffney 5-10-1, 97 yards

**Receiving**

Neb: Don Westbrook 2-16  
 UF: Lee McGriff 2-52; Alvis Darby 1-32; Tony Green 1-9; Larry Brinson 1-4

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Tony Davis, Jr., Nebraska fullback

**December 31, 1975**

**#4 Alabama 13 (Final: 11-1-0, #3)**

**#10 Penn State 6 (Final: 9-3-0, #10)**

# 42



For the Sugar Bowl debut in the already-world-famous Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans was treated to a pair of coaches would go down in history as true legends: Alabama's Bear Bryant and Penn State's Joe Paterno.

Alabama quarterback Richard Todd, who had suffered a Christmas-Day cut on his finger, came out with his finger bandaged, and found Joe Dale Harris, who turned a simple turn-in pattern into a 54-yard gain. Danny Ridgeway followed with a 25-yard field goal for a 3-0 Alabama lead that held up to the half.

Chris Bahr tied things with a 42-yard field goal in the third quarter, but Todd brought the Tide roaring back, using a pump fake to free Ozzie Newsome, who broke back to the sideline and caught the pass 30 yards upstream, being brought down on the 10. Mike Stock swept into the end zone behind a ferocious block by Newsome for a 10-3 lead.

Bahr cut the margin to 10-6 with a 37-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but Ridgeway answered with a 28-yarder.

With 3:19 left, Penn State got one last chance. The Nittany Lions inched out to their 39, where, on fourth-and-one, they went for it. Alabama held with 1:15 to go, and Bear Bryant had his first bowl victory since 1967.

Todd, with his bandaged throwing hand, completed 10 of his 12 passes for 210 yards and in the process probably prevented a Nittany Lions victory.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 75,212**

Alabama	3	0	7	3	-	13
Penn State	0	0	3	3	-	6

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- Ala: Danny Ridgeway 25-yard field goal, 5:33 (1st)
- PSU: Chris Bahr 42-yard field goal, 4:33 (3rd)
- Ala: Mike Stock 14-yard run (Ridgeway kick), 1:42 (3rd)
- PSU: Bahr 37-yard field goal, 11:19 (4th)
- Ala: Ridgeway 28-yard field goal, 3:19 (4th)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Penn State
14	First Downs	12
49-106	Rushing	41-157
10-12-0	Comp-Att-Int	8-14-1
210	Passing Yards	57
61-316	Total Offense	55-214
5-40.8	Punting	4-48.5
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
3-22	Penalties-Yards	0-0

**Rushing Leaders**

Ala: Willie Shelby 8-45; Johnny Davis 12-32; Mike Stock 9-21 TD  
 PSU: Steve Geise 8-46; Duane Taylor 12-36; John Andress 5-22

**Passing**

Ala: Richard Todd 10-12-0, 210 yards  
 PSU: John Andress 8-14-1, 57 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

Ala: Ozzie Newsome 4-97; Joe Dale Harris 2-69; Mike Stock 2-24  
 PSU: Jimmy Cefalo 2-18; Woody Petchel 2-13; Mickey Shuler 2-11

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Richard Todd, Sr., Alabama quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1977**

**#1 Pittsburgh 27 (Final: 12-0-0, #1)  
#4 Georgia 3 (Final: 10-2-0, #10)**

# 43



Matt Cavanaugh's passing and Tony Dorsett's running spurred No. 1 Pittsburgh to a 27-3 win over Georgia in the Sugar Bowl's return to New Year's Day.

The Georgia defense was determined to stop Dorsett, the Heisman Trophy winner. But Cavanaugh more than compensated.

Pitt zipped 80 yards on a 12-play drive on its second possession. Split end Gordon Jones caught a 13-yard pass to midfield, then fullback Elliot Walker beat linebacker Jim Griffith and took a pass over the middle that turned into a 36-yard gain. Two snaps later Cavanaugh scored on a keeper from the 6.

Midway through the second quarter, Cavanaugh threw to a slanting Jones who split two defenders and loped 59 yards to the end zone.

Dorsett finally got loose, leaving defenders sprawled in his wake and scoring from the 11 to make the score 21-0 before the half.

The halftime stats read like a Georgia obit. The 'Junkyard Dogs' had held Dorsett to 65 yards on 17 carries. Cavanaugh, however, was 7-of-11 passing for 185 yards.

In the second half, cracks in the Georgia line seemed to widen and Dorsett began swinging wide, left side or right, anywhere there was a sliver of daylight. He gained 137 yards on 15 carries in the final 30 minutes to set a Sugar Bowl record of 202 yards rushing.

Cavanaugh, who got Pitt over the hump, was the MVP, though.

Allan Leavitt kicked a 25-yard field goal for Georgia, but Panther kicker Carson Long countered with 42 and 31-yard field goals to end the scoring.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,117**

<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- Pitt: Matt Cavanaugh 6-yard run (Carson Long kick), 5:13 (1st)
- Pitt: Gordon Jones 59-yard pass from Cavanaugh (Long kick), 8:33 (2nd)
- Pitt: Tony Dorsett 11-yard run (Long kick), 2:02 (2nd)
- UGA: Allan Leavitt 25-yard field goal, 11:30 (3rd)
- Pitt: Long 42-yard field goal, 1:50 (3rd)
- Pitt: Long 31-yard field goal, 7:35 (4th)

<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
24	First Downs	14
66-288	Rushing	40-135
10-18-0	Comp-Att-Int	3-22-4
192	Passing Yards	46
84-480	Total Offense	62-181
5-36.8	Punting	8-42.1
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	4-2
6-66	Penalties-Yards	4-30

**Rushing Leaders**

Pitt: Tony Dorsett 32-202 TD; Elliott Walker 11-35; Matt Cavanaugh 12-15 TD  
UGA: Ray Goff 17-76; Kevin McLee 15-48; Al Pollard 5-16

**Passing Leaders**

Pitt: Matt Cavanaugh 10-18-0, 192 yards, 1 TD  
UGA: Matt Robinson 2-15-2, 33 yards; Ray Goff 1-4-1, 13 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

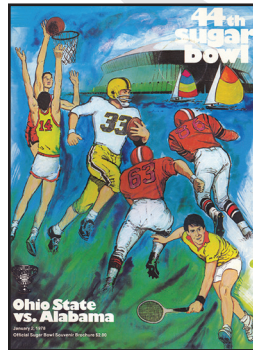
Pitt: Willie Taylor 4-72; Gordon Jones 3-80 TD; Elliott Walker 1-36;  
UGA: Steve Davis 1-19; Jeff Pyburn 1-14; Kevin McLee 1-13

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Matt Cavanaugh, Jr., Pittsburgh quarterback

**January 2, 1978**

**#3 Alabama 35 (Final: 11-1-0, #2)  
#9 Ohio State 6 (Final: 9-3-0, #10)**

# 44



The 1978 Sugar Bowl featured coaching legends on both sides of the field, but Bear Bryant had more horses than Woody Hayes and Alabama rolled over the Buckeyes 35-6.

Alabama was in command from start-to-finish - despite a shocking 10 fumbles (only two were lost).

Sixteen of Alabama's first 17 plays went right into the teeth of the Buckeye defense. The Crimson Tide held the ball for eight minutes, gaining 60 yards, while Ohio State was just hanging on, even at that early stage. David Sadler, Lou Green, Bob Cryder and Jim Bunch, the 'Bama offensive line, thrashed their opposition as the Tide backs consistently gained yardage off tackle. The drive

ended short of points when quarterback Jeff Rutledge was stopped on a two-yard pickup on fourth-and-goal from the 5, but the relentlessness delivered a message.

On its second possession, Rutledge continued the assault. A 29-yard pass to Ozzie Newsome, with a 15-yard roughing the passer penalty, set up Tony Nathan for a one-yard TD to open the scoring.

Bama's next series was an 11-play, 76-yard drive capped by Rutledge delivering a 27-yard pass to Bruce Bolton down the sideline for a 13-0 edge.

Quarterback Rod Gerald had the Buckeyes in position to get back in the game, guiding Ohio State to the Alabama 3. Hayes, however, passed up a field goal attempt and was stuffed on a fourth-down rush turning it back to Rutledge, who drove for another TD - this one a three-yarder to Richard Neal. Another pass to Neal on a two-point conversion made the score an out-of-reach 21-0.

Gerald and the Buckeyes cracked the scoring column in the fourth with a 38-yard hook-up to Jim Harrell, but Major Ogilvie and Johnny Davis added rushing scores to close the day for the Tide.

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<b>Alabama</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- Ala: Tony Nathan 1-yard run (Roger Chapman kick), 11:31 (2nd)
- Ala: Bruce Bolton 27-yard pass from Jeff Rutledge (Kick failed), 4:08 (2nd)
- Ala: Rick Neal 3-yard pass from Rutledge (Nathan pass from Rutledge), 1:13 (3rd)
- OSU: Jim Harrell 38-yard pass from Rod Gerald (Run failed), 13:34 (4th)
- Ala: Major Ogilvie 1-yard run (Chapman kick), 6:30 (4th)
- Ala: Johnny Davis 5-yard run (Chapman kick), 5:09 (4th)

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>
25	First Downs	13
68-280	Rushing	38-160
8-11-0	Comp-At-Int	7-17-3
109	Passing Yards	103
79-389	Total Offense	55-263
1-33.0	Punting	4-37.5
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	10-2
1-5	Penalties-Yards	4-40

**Rushing Leaders**

Ala: Johnny Davis 24-95 TD; Tony Nathan 11-35 TD; John Crow 5-46; Major Ogilvie 6-29 TD  
OSU: Ron Springs 10-74; Jeff Logan 13-57; Paul Campbell 4-14; Doug Donley 1-12

**Passing**

Ala: Jeff Rutledge 8-11-0, 109 yards, 2 TDs  
OSU: Rod Gerald 7-17-3, 103 yards, 1 TD

**Receiving Leaders**

Ala: Ozzie Newsome 2-45; Mitch Ferguson 2-28, Bruce Bolton 1-27  
OSU: Charles Hunter 2-25; Ron Springs 2-6; James Harrell 1-11; Jimmy Moore 1-22

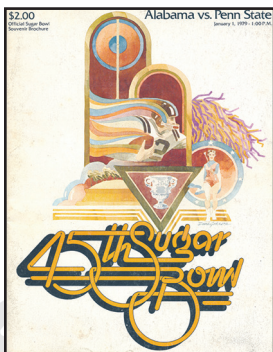
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Jeff Rutledge, Jr., Alabama quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1979

#2 Alabama 14 (Final: 11-1-0, #1)  
#1 Penn State 7 (Final: 11-1-0, #4)

# 45



Billed as the game to determine college football's supremacy, No. 2 Alabama got a game-saving, goal-line stand in the fourth quarter to preserve a 14-7 win over No. 1 Penn State for the national title.

If there is a single image that paints the Sugar Bowl picture, it's Alabama linebacker Barry Krauss, seemingly shot out of a missile silo, zeroing in on Penn State's Mike Guman at the goal line to cap one of the most fabled goal-line stands in college football history.

The Tide held a 14-7 edge, but Penn State's Joe Lally recovered an Alabama fumble on the Tide 19 with 7:57 to play.

On the next play, fullback Matt Suhey ran 11 yards to the Bama 8 for a first down. Then Guman took a pitch and gained two yards to the 6.

On second down, Chuck Fusina dropped back and quickly delivered a pass to Scott Fitzkee at the 1, but before he could turn to find the end zone he was slammed out of bounds by cornerback Don McNeal two feet short of a touchdown.

On third down, Matt Suhey took the handoff up the middle, but he was wrapped up by linebacker Rich Wingo.

On fourth down, the Nittany Lions tried to muscle it in again, but Guman ran into Krauss who became a Sugar Bowl legend.

Krauss, who had all but resigned himself to the likelihood that Penn State was going to score, never thought the hit would knock Guman short of the goal line. "It seemed like he was so close," Krauss said. "He was falling, and what was actually a couple of seconds seemed like five minutes."

In a hard-fought defensive battle, Alabama opened the scoring when Jeff Rutledge threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to split end Bruce Bolton with eight seconds left in the first half for a 7-0 lead. The Nittany Lions tied it on a 17-yard pass from Chuck Fusina to Scott Fitzkee in the third quarter, but a 62-yard punt return by Alabama's Lon Ikner set up Major Ogilvie for an eight-yard touchdown that made it 14-7 in the third period.

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Alabama	0	7	7	0	-	14
Penn State	0	0	7	0	-	7

### SCORING SUMMARY

Ala: Bruce Bolton 30-yard pass from Jeff Rutledge (Alan McElroy kick), 0:08 (2nd)  
PSU: Scott Fitzkee 17-yard pass from Chuck Fusina (Matt Bahr kick), 4:25 (3rd)  
Ala: Major Ogilvie 8-yard run (McElroy kick), 0:21 (3rd)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Penn State
12	First Downs	12
60-208	Rushing	38-19
8-15-2	Comp-Att-Int	15-30-4
91	Passing Yards	163
299	Total Offense	182
10-38.8	Punting	10-38.7
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
11-75	Penalties-Yards	8-51

### Rushing Leaders

Ala: Tony Nathan 21-127; Steve Whitman 11-51; Major Ogilvie 14-40 TD  
PSU: Matt Suhey 10-48; Mike Guman 9-22; Booker Moore 9-6

### Passing

Ala: Jeff Rutledge 8-15-2, 91 yards, 1 TD  
PSU: Chuck Fusina 15-30-4, 163 yards, 1 TD

### Receiving Leaders

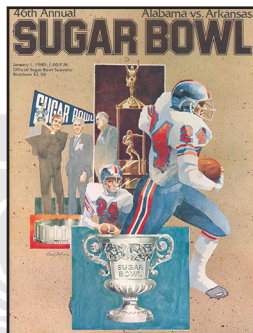
Ala: Bruce Bolton 2-46 TD; Steve Whitman 2-27; Lou Ikner 2-5  
PSU: Mike Guman 5-59; Scott Fitzkee 3-38 TD; Bob Bassett 2-29

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Barry Krauss, Sr., Alabama linebacker

January 1, 1980

#1 Alabama 24 (Final: 12-0-0, #1)  
#6 Arkansas 9 (Final: 10-2-0, #8)

# 46



Alabama rode the running of Major Ogilvie, who became the first player to score in three straight Sugar Bowls, to a win over Arkansas and a repeat as national champions in the 1980 Sugar Bowl.

After the Razorbacks got a 34-yard field goal, courtesy of a lost Alabama fumble on the opening kickoff, the Tide went to work with an 82-yard drive featuring a fumble in motion and a lot of counter-action to slow the Hogs' defensive charge. Ogilvie scored from 22 yards out after quarterback Steadman Shealy pitched out at precisely the last instant.

Four plays after receiving the ensuing kickoff, a Razorback fumble was recovered by linebacker Thomas Boyd on the Hog 22. Ogilvie scored his second touchdown from the 1 to put the Tide ahead 14-3 with 3:46 left in the first period, forcing Arkansas into an accelerated passing game.

Alan McElroy kicked a 25-yard field goal to get the Razorbacks on the board, but with a 17-3 advantage at intermission, Alabama seemed content with the way the game was going.

However, Hogs' quarterback Kevin Scanlon, hurried and hit on virtually every play in the first half by the relentless 'Bama defense, got hot, sweeping the Razorbacks downfield 80 yards after the second-half kickoff. Robert Ferrell made an over-the-shoulder three-yard catch for a touchdown, though the two-point conversion fell short, making it 17-9.

But Alabama continued to grind out yards with its option attack. When the Crimson Tide reached the 12 - on a third-and-11, Shealy made a perfect read of the defensive end, and stuck the ball into the 230-pound frame of fullback Steve Whitman, who shot through the middle for the touchdown. The 98-yard drive, Alabama's longest of the season, broke the back of the Razorbacks.

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Alabama	14	3	0	7	-	24
Arkansas	3	0	6	0	-	9

### SCORING SUMMARY

Ark: Ish Ordonez 34-yard field goal, 12:54 (1st)  
Ala: Major Ogilvie 22-yard run (Alan McElroy kick), 6:37 (1st)  
Ala: Ogilvie 1-yard run (McElroy kick), 3:46 (1st)  
Ala: McElroy 25-yard field goal, 0:25 (2nd)  
Ark: Robert Farrell 3-yard pass from Kevin Scanlon (Run failed), 11:34 (3rd)  
Ala: Steve Whitman 12-yard run (McElroy kick), 8:59 (4th)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Arkansas
18	First Downs	21
53-284	Rushing	41-97
4-7-0	Comp-Att-Int	22-40-2
70	Passing Yards	245
354	Total Offense	342
8-36.2	Punting	7-36.2
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
7-61	Penalties-Yards	1-15

### Rushing Leaders

Ala: Billy Jackson 13-120; Major Ogilvie 14-67 2TD; Steve Whitman 6-37 TD  
Ark: Darryl Bowles 15-46; Gary Anderson 6-28; Roland Sales 5-15

### Passing

Ala: Steadman Shealy 4-7-0, 70 yards  
Ark: Kevin Scanlon 22-39-1, 245 yards, 1 TD; Tom Jones 0-1-1, 0 yards

### Receiving Leaders

Ala: Keith Pugh 3-62; Billy Jackson 1-8  
Ark: Gary Anderson 7-53; Robert Farrell 3-51 TD; Gary Stiggers 5-59

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Major Ogilvie, Jr., Alabama running back

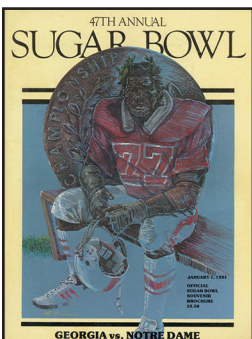
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1981**

**#1 Georgia 17 (Final: 12-0-0, #1)**

**#7 Notre Dame 10 (Final: 9-2-1, #9)**

# 47



Georgia staked claim to college football's No. 1 spot with a 17-10 victory over Notre Dame before 77,896 (including President Jimmy Carter), a then-Superdome record. Herschel Walker gained 150 yards, scored twice and won the Miller-Digby Award, while Scott Woerner had two interceptions (one a touchdown saver, the other stopped Notre Dame's final drive), but the critical play came from Georgia quarterback Buck Belue.

With 2:05 to play and Walker already over 30 carries, the Bulldogs had a precarious third-and-seven at midfield. And Belue was an inauspicious 0-for-11 passing on the day.

Nevertheless, Belue dropped back and completed his first - and only - pass, seven yards to Amp Arnold. That allowed Georgia to run out the clock, and secure its first consensus national title.

Things didn't look good at the start for the Dawgs. Notre Dame went ahead on a 50-yard Harry Oliver field goal, Belue struggled to get on track; Walker separated his shoulder; and the Irish were in position for a second field goal.

However, Bulldog reserve Terry Hoage sliced through the Notre Dame middle, leaped and caught Oliver's kick in the chest. From that blocked kick, Rex Robinson booted a 46-yard field goal to tie the score.

Miscommunication on the ensuing kickoff led to Georgia recovering at the Irish one. Two plays afterward, Walker, his shoulder stabilized, launched himself over the Notre Dame line to put Georgia in front 10-3.

After another Irish miscue, Walker beat two defensive backs to the outside for a three-yard touchdown and Georgia was ahead at the half, 17-3.

After weathering a Notre Dame touchdown drive in the third quarter, and another to the 20 - where Woerner dropped Phil Carter for a yard loss on third down, forcing a missed field goal attempt, Georgia still had a task at hand.

That's when Belue completed his only pass of the day.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,896**

<b>Georgia</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- ND: Harry Oliver 50-yard field goal, 10:44 (1st)
- UGA: Rex Robinson 46-yard field goal, 1:45 (1st)
- UGA: Herschel Walker 1-yard run (Robinson kick), 1:04 (1st)
- UGA: Walker 2-yard run (Robinson kick), 13:49 (2nd)
- ND: Phil Carter 1-yard run (Oliver kick), 0:54 (3rd)

Georgia	Team Statistics	Notre Dame
10	First Downs	17
52-120	Rushing	50-190
1-13-0	Comp-Att-Int	12-28-3
7	Passing Yards	138
65-127	Total Offense	78-328
11-38.5	Punting	5-42.0
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
6-32	Penalties-Yards	8-69

**Rushing Leaders**

UGA: Herschel Walker 36-150 2 TD; Buck Belue 13-(-34); Carnie Norris 2-2  
 ND: Phil Carter 27-109 TD; Blair Kiel 10-27; Mike Courey 5-40

**Passing**

UGA: Buck Belue 1-12-0, 7 yards; Herschel Walker 0-1-0, 0 yards  
 ND: Blair Kiel 14-27-3, 138 yards; Mike Courey 0-1-1, 0 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

UGA: Amp Arnold 1-7  
 ND: Pete Holohan 4-44; Tony Hunter 3-29; Phil Carter 2-24

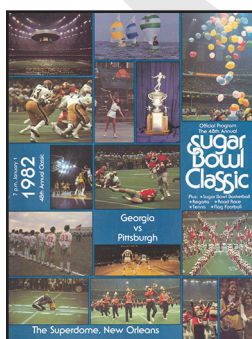
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Herschel Walker, Fr., Georgia tailback

**January 1, 1982**

**#8 Pittsburgh 24 (Final: 11-1-0, #4)**

**#2 Georgia 20 (Final: 10-2-0, #6)**

# 48



The battle of heavyweights between Pittsburgh's Dan Marino and Georgia's Herschel Walker lasted the entire game but the Panthers prevailed, 24-20, over the No. 2-rated Bulldogs in the first New Year's night Sugar Bowl.

It came down to this: down 24-20 with 42 seconds to go, Jackie Sherrill's Pittsburgh Panthers faced a do-or-die fourth-and-five at the Georgia 33. A long field goal would tie the game, but the Panthers and Marino had bigger things in mind.

With an all-out Bulldog blitz barreling down on him, Marino connected with John Brown for a 33-yard score with 35 seconds to go to clinch the victory.

Georgia's lead was the result of two Walker touchdowns, and five turnovers forced by the Bulldogs' opportunistic and elastic bend-but-don't-break defense.

Seeming more aggressive after intermission when Georgia led 7-3, the Panthers took two leads, 10-7 and 17-13, but the Bulldogs found an answer each time and went ahead 20-17 on a leaping six-yard catch of a Buck Belue pass by tight end Clarence Kay with 8:13 to go.

After Pitt failed to convert on a fourth-down pass at midfield, with 5:29 remaining, all Georgia had to do was crank out two or three first downs for yet another hard-to-believe Sugar Bowl victory.

Instead, after three plays Georgia's Jim Broadway had to punt away.

Pitt took over at its 20 with 3:46 remaining. Marino drove the Panthers 47 yards on 11 plays, throwing for one first down and running for another, but an incomplete pass on third-and-five set things up for his heroics.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,224**

<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- UGA: Herschel Walker 8-yard run (Kevin Butler kick), 7:18 (2nd)
- Pitt: Raymond Everett 41-yard field goal, 1:59 (2nd)
- Pitt: Julius Dawkins 30-yard pass from Dan Marino (Everett kick), 11:59 (3rd)
- UGA: Walker 10-yard run (Kick failed), 6:42 (3rd)
- Pitt: John Brown 6-yard pass from Marino (Everett kick), 11:40 (4th)
- UGA: Clarence Kay 6-yard pass from Belue (Butler kick), 8:31 (4th)
- Pitt: Brown 33-yard pass from Marino (Everett kick), 0:35 (4th)

Pittsburgh	Team Statistics	Georgia
27	First Downs	11
44-208	Rushing	36-141
26-41-2	Comp-Att-Int	8-15-2
261	Passing Yards	83
85-469	Total Offense	51-224
2-44.5	Punting	6-39.5
5-3	Fumbles-Lost	2-2
14-96	Penalties-Yards	5-35

**Rushing Leaders**

Pitt: Bryan Thomas 26-129; Wayne DiBartola 13-68; Dan Marino 4-11  
 UGA: Herschel Walker 25-84 2TD; Buck Belue 7-45; Ronnie Stewart 4-12

**Passing**

Pitt: Dan Marino 26-41-2, 261 yards, 3 TDs  
 UGA: Buck Belue 8-15-2, 83 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

Pitt: Julius Dawkins 6-77 TD; Wayne DiBartola 8-64; John Brown 6-62 2TD  
 UGA: Herschel Walker 3-53; Norris Brown 1-8; Clarence Kay 1-6 TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Dan Marino, Jr., Pittsburgh quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1983

**#2 Penn State 27 (Final: 11-1-0, #1)**

**#1 Georgia 23 (Final: 11-1-0, #4)**

# 49



The 1983 Sugar Bowl between No. 1 Georgia and No. 2 Penn State was a showdown for the nation's top spot and it lived up to its billing. In the end, Penn State outlasted the Bulldogs, 27-23, before a then-Superdome record crowd of 78,124.

Using a big-play offense spearheaded by Todd Blackledge, the game's "Most Outstanding" player, the Nittany Lions jumped off to a 20-3 lead late in the second on two Curt Warner touchdowns and two Nick Gancitano field goals.

Georgia cut the margin to 10 with five seconds left in the first half on a John Lastinger to Herman Archie pass. Herschel Walker became the second player to score a touchdown in three successive

Sugar Bowls (the first was Major Ogilvie of Alabama in 1978, '79 and '80) when he pulled the Bulldogs within three points, 20-17, in the third quarter.

However, Penn State clinched its title when Blackledge ran a flawless play-action fake and delivered a deep ball to a diving Greg Garrity for a 47-yard TD with 13:16 to go.

Georgia capitalized on a Lion fumble with a nine-yard TD pass by Lastinger with 3:54 to go, but Walker was stopped short on the two-point conversion effort.

Blackledge and Garrity connected again to ice the championship victory - this time it was a six-yard pass on third-and-three which allowed the Nittany Lions to run out the clock.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 78,124**

<b>Penn State</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23</b>

## SCORING SUMMARY

- PSU: Curt Warner 2-yard run (Nick Gancitano kick), 12:09 (1st)
- UGA: Kevin Butler 27-yard field goal, 6:05 (1st)
- PSU: Nick Gancitano 38-yard field goal, 11:47 (2nd)
- PSU: Warner 9-yard run (Gancitano kick), 2:43 (2nd)
- PSU: Gancitano 45-yard field goal, 0:44 (2nd)
- UGA: Herman Archie 10-yard pass from John Lastinger (Butler kick), 0:05 (2nd)
- UGA: Walker 1-yard run (Butler kick), 10:37 (3rd)
- PSU: Gregg Garrity 47-yard pass from Todd Blackledge (Gancitano kick), 13:16 (4th)
- UGA: Clarence Kay 9-yard pass from Lastinger (Run failed), 3:54 (4th)

<b>Penn State</b>	<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
19	First Downs	19
44-160	Rushing Att-Yards	46-139
13-23-0 (228)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	12-28-2 (166)
160	Return Yards	84
67-388	Total Offense	74-305
7-42.5	Punting	8-41.7
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	3-0
7-39	Penalties-Yards	7-42

## Rushing Leaders

PSU: Curt Warner 18-177 2 TD; John Williams 13-55; Sketter Nichols 5-12  
UGA: Hershel Walker 28-103 TD; Chris McCarthy 9-36; John Lastinger 9-21

## Passing

PSU: Todd Blackledge 13-23-0, 228 yards, 1 TD  
UGA: John Lastinger 12-27-2, 166 yards, 2 TDs; Chuck Jones 0-1-0, 0 yards

## Receiving Leaders

PSU: Gregg Garrity 4-116 TD; Mike McCloskey 3-53; Roger Jackson 2-35  
UGA: Clarence Kay 5-61 TD; Kevin Harris 4-67; Herman Archie 2-23

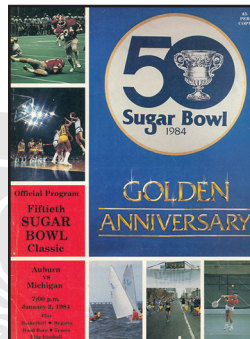
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Todd Blackledge, Jr., Penn State quarterback

January 2, 1984

**#3 Auburn 9 (Final: 11-1-0, #3)**

**#8 Michigan 7 (Final: 9-3-0, #10)**

# 50



Al Del Greco had the chance to realize every kid's dream. The Auburn kicker had to make a kick for the Tigers to beat Michigan in the Sugar Bowl and win the national championship - though the storybook finish turned into a horror story.

Michigan scored on its second possession with quarterback Steve Smith rolling in from the 4 after an interception.

Two turnovers and the workmanlike Wolverine defense kept the Tigers off the scoreboard in the first half - only the second time all season Auburn had been held scoreless at halftime. Auburn superstar Bo Jackson had handled the ball only eight times for 67 yards in the first half.

Finally, after Auburn's second series of the second half, Del Greco put the Tigers on the scoreboard with a 31-yard field goal.

Nursing a 7-3 lead early in the final quarter, Smith was hit by linebacker Jeff Jackson and his pass fluttered weakly into the arms of linebacker Gregg Carr.

The Auburn wishbone, which would spring Jackson for 131 yards, Tommy Agee for 93 and Lionel James for 84, was now operating at a high degree of efficiency, going to the 15 where Del Greco booted his second field goal, this one of 32 yards.

On the following Auburn series, at the end of a drive that consumed 7:21 while going 61 yards in 10 plays, Del Greco got to live his imaginary game: With seconds to go, for what might be for the national championship, he booted a 19-yard field goal.

In other bowls, Georgia beat No. 2 Texas (20-9) and Miami upset No. 1 Nebraska (31-30), seeming to set up the Tigers for the title. However, the next day fifth-ranked Miami leaped to No. 1. Third-place Auburn, after playing a schedule that included nine bowl teams and won a cumulative 70-percent of its games, remained at No. 3.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,893**

<b>Auburn</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

## SCORING SUMMARY

- Mich: Steve Smith 4-yard run (Bob Bergeron kick), 7:30 (1st)
- AU: Al Del Greco 31-yard field goal, 6:17 (3rd)
- AU: Del Greco 32-yard field goal, 8:51 (4th)
- AU: Del Greco 19-yard field goal, 0:23 (4th)

<b>Auburn</b>	<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
21	First Downs	12
67-301	Rushing Att-Yards	31-118
2-6-1 (21)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	9-25-1 (125)
73-322	Total Offense	56-243
39	Return Yards	72
4-42.0	Punting	8-38.3
4-3	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
3-15	Penalties-Yards	6-49

## Rushing Leaders

AU: Bo Jackson 22-130; Tommie Agee 16-93; Lionel James 18-83  
Mich.: Rick Rogers 17-86; Eddie Garrett 5-18; Steve Smith 9-14 TD

## Passing

AU: Randy Campbell 2-6-1, 21 yards  
Mich.: Steve Smith 9-25-1, 125 yards

## Receiving

AU: Lionel James 1-15; Bo Jackson 1-6  
Mich.: Triando Markray 3-68; Vince Bean 3-37; Sim Nelson 3-20

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Bo Jackson, So., Auburn tailback

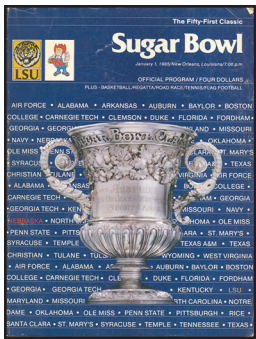
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1985**

**#5 Nebraska 28 (Final: 10-2-0, #4)**

**#11 LSU 10 (Final: 8-3-1, #15)**

# 51



Nebraska's Craig Sundberg, the game's "Most Outstanding" player, rebounded from the flu and threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as he led the Cornhuskers to a 28-10 come-from-behind win over LSU before 75,608 fans.

The underdog Tigers shocked the nation's top defense early, jumping out to a 10-0 lead on a 27-yard Ron Lewis field goal and a Dalton Hilliard 2-yard TD run. Sundberg hit Doug Dubose with a 31-yard scoring screen to get the Huckers going and make it 10-7 at the half.

Despite tallying 291 total yards, LSU had a TD pass called back by penalty and missed a 19-yard field goal which could have made quite a difference in the game.

The second half belonged to Nebraska and Sundberg. The Cornhusker defense completely shut down LSU's offense, holding the Tigers to just 113 second-half yards. They choked off the running game and intercepted four passes, including picks by Doug Daffer on the first two possessions of the second half - the first setting up a go-ahead TD run by Sundberg.

In the fourth quarter, LSU ran 11 plays - resulting in a total of six yards. Meanwhile, the Cornhuskers tallied 184 yards, including a pair of TD hook-ups between Sundberg and Todd Frain - a 24-yard score with 10:54 to go and a 17-yard connection with 8:40 to go. Dubose was also critical for Nebraska, running for 42 of his 102 yards in the final quarter.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 75,608**

<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>LSU</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- LSU: Ronnie Lewis 31-yard field goal, 4:40 (1st)
- LSU: Dalton Hilliard 2-yard run (Lewis kick), 13:11 (2nd)
- Neb: Doug DuBose 31-yard pass from Sundberg (Dale Klein kick), 10:31 (2nd)
- Neb: Craig Sundberg 9-yard run (Klein kick), 8:14 (3rd)
- Neb: Todd Frain 24-yard pass from Sundberg (Klein kick), 10:54 (4th)
- Neb: Frain 17-yard pass from Sundberg (Klein kick), 8:40 (4th)

Nebraska	Team Statistics	LSU
23	First Downs	19
59-280	Rushing Att-Yards	34-183
10-18-3 (143)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	20-38-5 (221)
77-423	Total Offense	72-404
76	Return Yards	71
5-30.6	Punting	4-39.8
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-1
9-74	Penalties-Yards	5-36

**Rushing Leaders**

Neb: Doug DuBose 20-102; Jeff Smith 17-84; Scott Porter 6-28  
 LSU: Dalton Hilliard 16-86 TD; Garry James 9-65; Sam Martin 5-23

**Passing**

Neb: Craig Sundberg 10-15-2, 143 yards, 3 TDs; Travis Turner 0-2-1, 0 yards  
 LSU: Jeff Wickersham 20-37-4, 221 yards; Doug Powell 0-1-1, 0 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

Neb: Todd Frain 4-53 2 TD; Doug DuBose 2-39 TD; Brian Heimer 2-30  
 LSU: Eric Martin 4-58; Herman Fontenot 4-56; Garry James 3-30

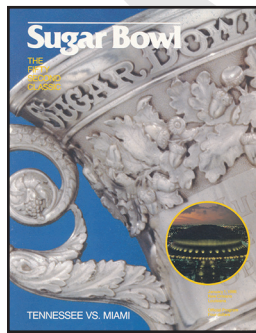
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Craig Sundberg, Sr., Nebraska quarterback

**January 1, 1986**

**#8 Tennessee 35 (Final: 9-1-2, #4)**

**#2 Miami 7 (Final: 10-2-0, #9)**

# 52



Defense and Daryl Dickey were the keys for Tennessee as the underdog Volunteers ripped second-ranked Miami 35-7 in the 52nd Sugar Bow; before a raucous and heavily orange-clad crowd.

Miami star quarterback Vinny Testaverde, after having to call a timeout before his first snap because of crowd noise, threw an 18-yard touchdown to Michael Irvin on the game's first series.

No one could have guessed, though, that the Hurricanes, averaging just under 40 offensive points, were through scoring for the night.

After a big sack of Testaverde by Richard Brown, the tying touchdown was scored by Jeff Smith from the 6 one play into the second quarter. Dickey cranked up another drive with just under five minutes to go until halftime which was capped with a fortuitous bounce as Tim McGee fell on a first-down fumble in the end zone for a touchdown and a 14-7 Tennessee lead.

By the time the score mounted to a jarring 34-7, with six minutes left and an extra point still to be kicked, the fans were treated to the sight of a player skipping off the field with his index finger raised to the Superdome ceiling. It was Dickey celebrating early the 6-0-1 record he had charted as a starter since Tony Robinson was injured.

The Tennessee defense squeezed Miami as it hadn't been squeezed in years. The Hurricanes had a net of 269 yards. Testaverde was sacked seven times for losses of 84 yards, and was belted into losing the ball three times.

Yet, a mixture of chemistry, of an unheralded Daryl Dickey at quarterback and retread defensive coordinator Ken Donahue, gave Tennessee one of its most satisfying football moments. The Vols became the biggest underdog to win a Sugar Bowl.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,432**

<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Miami</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- UM: Michael Irvin 18-yard pass from Vinny Testaverde (Greg Cox kick), 11:01 (1st)
- UT: Jeff Smith 6-yard pass from Daryl Dickey (Carlos Reveiz kick), 14:55 (2nd)
- UT: Tim McGee fumble recovery in end zone (Reveiz kick), 3:28 (2nd)
- UT: Sam Henderson 1-yard run (Reveiz kick); 9:09 (3rd)
- UT: Jeff Powell 60-yard run (Reveiz kick), 7:10 (3rd)
- UT: Charles Wilson 6-yard run (Reveiz kick), 6:00 (4th)

Tennessee	Team Statistics	Miami
16	First Downs	22
43-211	Rushing	30-32
15-25-1 (131)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	23-44-4 (237)
68-342	Total Offense	74-269
119	Return Yards	147
6-39.1	Punts-Avg.	6-37.6
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	5-2
11-125	Penalties-Yards	15-120

**Rushing Leaders**

Tenn.: Jeff Powell 11-104 TD; Charles Wilson 7-27 TD; Sam Henderson 4-1 TD  
 Mia.: Warren Williams 8-45; Alonzo Highsmith 6-22; Vinny Testaverde 10-(-78)

**Passing Leaders**

Tenn.: Daryl Dickey 15-25, 131 yards, 1 TD  
 Mia.: Vinny Testaverde 20-36-3, 217 yards, 1 TD; Geoff Torretta 2-7-1, 13 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

Tenn.: Tim McGee 7-94; Eric Swanson 3-17; Joey Clinkscales 2-7  
 Mia.: Michael Irvin 5-91 TD; Brett Perriman 4-43; Willie Smith 4-26

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Daryl Dickey, Sr., Tennessee quarterback

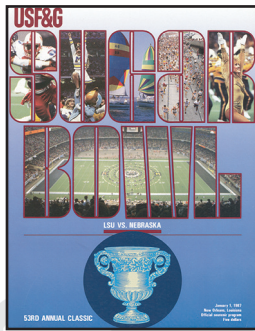
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1987**

**#6 Nebraska 30 (Final: 10-2-0, #5)**

**#5 LSU 15 (Final: 9-3-0, #10)**

# 53



Sixth-ranked Nebraska made the most of its season finale, cruising to a 30-15 victory over fifth-ranked LSU.

On the game's first play from scrimmage, Tommy Hodson found Wendell Davis for a 43-yard Tiger gain to the Nebraska 23. Six plays later, Harvey Williams scored from the 1 to give LSU a 7-0 lead.

That – with 2:54 gone in the first quarter – was the LSU high point. The Tigers self-destructed in attempting to build on the lead. Back-to-back drives inside the 30 were foiled by penalties and sacks. And then Nebraska took control. Until the final three-and-a-half minutes of the game, LSU made

only two first downs and 32 plays that produced a total of 38 yards.

Nebraska took advantage of an LSU fumble to score its first points on a 42-yard field goal. On the next 'Husker series, Steve Taylor quarterbacked Nebraska 78 yards in nine plays. Taylor's score from the 1 gave the Cornhuskers a 10-7 halftime margin.

Nebraska began pulling away with a third-quarter touchdown, but one dramatic play made Tiger pulses race. Facing fourth-and-15 at the LSU 35, with a 10-point lead and a minute to go in the period, Osborne decided to go for a 52-yard field goal. Noseguard Henry Thomas roared in, blocked the kick and put LSU in business at the Nebraska 17. But Hodson was sacked twice for losses of 15 and nine yards. For the third time, the Bengals had penetrated the Huskers' 30 and were turned away pointless. The Sugar Bowl essentially ended there.

The defeat stung the Tigers because LSU was clearly an improved team and Nebraska not quite as good as it was two years before when the squads played, a more competitive game in the Superdome.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,234**

Nebraska	0	10	7	13	-	30
LSU	7	0	0	8	-	15

### SCORING SUMMARY

LSU: Harvey Williams 1-yard run (David Browndyke kick), 12:06 (1st)  
 Neb: Dale Klein 42-yard field goal, 10:01 (2nd)  
 Neb: Steve Taylor 2-yard run (Klein kick), 0:39 (2nd)  
 Neb: Tyreese Knox 1-yard run (Klein kick), 10:35 (3rd)  
 Neb: Todd Millikan 3-yard pass from Taylor (Klein kick), 6:02 (4th)  
 Neb: Knox 1-yard run (Kick failed), 3:26 (4th)  
 LSU: Tony Moss 24-yard pass from Hodson (Alvin Lee pass from Hodson), 2:01 (4th)

Nebraska	Team Statistics	LSU
22	First Downs	10
60-242	Rushing	29-32
11-20-0 (110)	Com-Att-Int (Yards)	14-30-1 (159)
80-352	Total Offense	59-191
66	Return Yards	171
4-30.5	Punts-Avg.	6-42.0
5-2	Fumbles-Lost	6-1
5-78	Penalties-Yards	12-130

### Rushing Leaders

Neb: Tyreese Knox 16-84 2TD; Steve Taylor 20-63 TD; Ken Kaelin 6-32  
 LSU: Harvey Williams 12-48 TD; Sam Martin 7-4; Tommy Hodson 7-(-7)

### Passing

Neb: Steve Taylor 11-19-0, 110 yards, 1 TD; Clete Blakeman 0-1-0, 0 yards  
 LSU: Tommy Hodson 14-30-1, 159 yards, 1 TD

### Receiving Leaders

Neb: Tom Banderas 4-42; Rod Smith 2-24; Todd Millikan 2-23 TD  
 LSU: Wendell Davis 3-63; Sam Martin 3-19; Rogie Magee 2-24

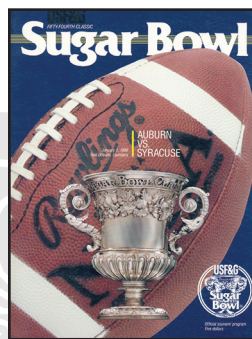
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Steve Taylor, So., Nebraska quarterback

**January 1, 1988**

**#4 Syracuse 16 (Final: 11-0-1, #4)**

**#6 Auburn 16 (Final: 9-1-3, #7)**

# 54



When Auburn kicker Win Lyle's third field goal of the night sailed through the yellow uprights, Syracuse coach Dick MacPherson vented his anger by throwing his game plan to the Superdome turf.

The source of MacPherson's ire was the decision by Tiger coach Pat Dye to go for a tying field goal with four seconds remaining. Dye, whose team had no chance at a national championship, was willing to settle for the tie. However, the tie was the only blot on Syracuse's record and a fire in MacPherson's belly.

Minutes before, when his team had to decide whether to go for it on fourth-and-inches at the Auburn 22, MacPherson's choice had been to kick for a 16-13 lead, feeling a team with no shot at No. 1 would have to go for the winning touchdown against an unbeaten, untied opponent in a bowl game. So he called for Tom Vesling to boot the go-ahead 38-yarder.

Dye said his Tigers – two and a half point favorites – simply played with "too much character and class" to risk going for a 13-yard touchdown in the fading seconds against the fourth-ranked Orangemen.

Following the kick, the Tigers drove 62 yards to the 13. And with four seconds remaining, Dye sent in Lyle, to the accompaniment of boos from all ends of the Superdome.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,496**

Syracuse	0	7	3	6	-	16
Auburn	7	3	0	6	-	16

### SCORING SUMMARY

Aub: Lawyer Tillman 17-yard pass from Jeff Burger (Win Lyle kick), 5:47 (1st)  
 Syr: Deval Glover 12-yard pass from Don McPherson (Tim Vesling kick), 14:54 (2nd)  
 Aub: Lyle 40-yard field goal, 0:47 (2nd)  
 Syr: Vesling 27-yard field goal, 5:34 (3rd)  
 Aub: Lyle 41-yard field goal, 13:27 (4th)  
 Syr: Vesling 32-yard field goal, 8:53 (4th)  
 Syr: Vesling 38-yard field goal, 2:04 (4th)  
 Aub: Lyle 30-yard field goal, 0:01 (4th)

Auburn	Team Statistics	Syracuse
14	First Downs	23
22-41	Rushing Att-Yards	55-174
25-34-1 (229)	Comp-Att-Int (yds)	11-21-0 (140)
56-270	Total Plays-Yards	76-314
105	Return Yards	92
6-44.8	Punts-Avg.	5-35.6
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
5-43	Penalties-Yards	2-20

### Rushing Leaders

AU: Stacy Danley 13-42; Reggie Ware 4-3; Jeff Burger 4-(-2)  
 Syr: Robert Drummond 17-82; Daryl Johnston 14-50; Don McPherson 20-31

### Passing

AU: Jeff Burger 24-33-1, 171 yards, 1 TD; Duke Donaldson 1-1-0, 58 yards  
 Syr: Don McPherson 11-21-0, 140 yards, 1 TD

### Receiving Leaders

AU: Lawyer Tillman 6-125 TD; Stacy Danley 7-34; Duke Donaldson 4-14  
 Syr: Deval Glover 6-91 TD; Tommy Kane 2-30; Pat Kelly 1-8

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Don McPherson, Sr., Syracuse quarterback

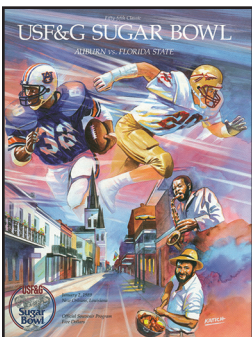
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1989**

**#4 Florida State 13 (Final: 11-1-0, #3)**

**#7 Auburn 7 (Final: 10-2-0, #8)**

# 55



The 1989 Sugar Bowl was expected to be a showcase game for Auburn's stifling defense – a much ballyhooed unit that came into the game surrendering just 63.2 yards per game. No single back had cracked it for a hundred yards since 1986.

But on Florida State's first series, the Seminoles took straight aim at the Tigers, driving 84 yards before scoring on a two-yard touchdown run by fullback Dayne Williams. All but 23 yards of the drive were by rushing – just a hair under Auburn's per game yield – and tailback Sammie Smith gained 34 on his own.

The Seminoles then added a pair of field goals by Bob Mason to build a 13-0 lead.

Auburn climbed back into the game in the second quarter when Reggie Slack hit Walter Reeves with a 20-yard touchdown pass after Deion Sanders bit on a fake pitch and left his zone uncovered.

Leading 13-7 early in the fourth period, FSU mishandled a pass play on third-and-goal from the 1 and wound up fumbling the ball to the Tigers at the 18.

With 8:05 remaining, on fourth-and-nine from the FSU 15, Auburn went for it all. The Seminoles chased Slack out of the pocket and Slack was called for grounding the football. Auburn did get the ball back and Slack mounted an impressive last-minute drive, converting three fourth-down situations to reach the FSU 22 with 12 seconds left.

He then lofted an end zone shot to Lawyer Tillman. Sanders, though, timed his pursuit of the ball perfectly. Seemingly out of nowhere, the star defender stepped in front of Tillman and snatched the potential winning touchdown away from the receiver, securing the victory for the third-ranked Seminoles.

The Seminoles gained 305 yards, most of any Auburn opponent in 1988, and Smith gained 115 of that total. Further, the Tigers managed only 270 total yards, 135 fewer than their season average.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 75,098**

<b>Florida State</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Auburn</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- FSU: Dayne Williams 2-yard run (Richie Andrews kick), 9:48 (1st)
- FSU: Bill Mason 35-yard field goal, 5:57 (1st)
- FSU: Bill Mason 31-yard field goal, 11:00 (2nd)
- AU: Walter Reeves 20-yard pass from Reggie Slack (Win Lyle kick), 4:09 (2nd)

Auburn	Team Statistics	Florida State
18	First Downs	21
36-108	Rushing Att-Yards	47-148
19-33-3 (162)	Com-Att-Int (Yards)	14-27-1 (157)
69-270	Plays-Total Offense	74-305
4-35.8	Punts-Avg.	4-35.0
3-2	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
5-65	Penalties-Yards	6-45
26:25	Time of Possession	33:35

**Rushing Leaders**

- FSU: Sammie Smith 24-115, Dexter Carter 7-25, Dayne Williams 7-16
- AU: Stacy Danley 19-68, James Joseph 8-47, Vincent Harris 4-6

**Passing**

- FSU: Chip Ferguson 14-26-1, 157 yards
- AU: Reggie Slack 19-33-3, 162 yards, 1 TD

**Receiving**

- FSU: Terry Anthony 3-47, Dexter Carter 3-25, Tom O'Malley 2-31
- AU: Greg Taylor 5-35, Lawyer Tillman 4-48, Freddy Weygand 3-46

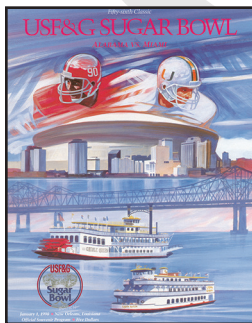
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Sammie Smith, Jr., Florida State tailback

**January 1, 1990**

**#2 Miami 33 (Final: 11-1-0, #1)**

**#7 Alabama 25 (Final: 10-2-0, #9)**

# 56



Miami, ranked No. 2 in the country, was a heavy favorite to not only win the 1990 Sugar Bowl, but also to collect its third national title in eight years. However, in the final minutes of the game, SEC champion Alabama was suddenly within reach of tie.

With 2:53 to go, Alabama's Gary Hollingsworth found Prince Wimbley for a nine-yard touchdown, then connected with Lamonde Russell for the two-point conversion and all of a sudden 'Bama could foil the dreams of the Hurricanes.

However, the Hurricanes saved their title hopes when fullback Alex Johnson pounced on a bounding on-sides kick to retain possession.

Alabama's 17 points in the first half were the most the Hurricanes had allowed in a half all season, but Miami still held a 20-17 advantage.

The Hurricane defense asserted itself in the second half, limiting the Crimson Tide to just 89 yards. Meanwhile, quarterback Craig Erickson, who had been red-hot all game, connected with Rob Chudzinski for an 11-yard touchdown midway through the third quarter and then found Randy Bethel from 12 yards out to make it 33-20 early in the fourth quarter, which proved to be enough for the Canes.

In winning the national championship, Miami coach Dennis Erickson became the first man to win a national title in his first season as head coach at a school since Bennie Oosterban at Michigan in 1948.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,452**

<b>Miami</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- MIA: Stephen McGuire 3-yard run (Carlos Huerta kick), 4:55 (1st)
- ALA: Marco Battle 4-yard pass from Gary Hollingsworth (Philip Doyle kick), 14:07 (2nd)
- MIA: Wesley Carroll 19-yard pass from Craig Erickson (Kick blocked), 12:10 (2nd)
- ALA: Doyle 45-yard field goal, 8:58 (2nd)
- MIA: Alex Johnson 3-yard run (Huerta kick), 5:08 (2nd)
- ALA: Lamonde Russell 7-yard pass from Hollingsworth (Doyle kick), 0:40 (2nd)
- MIA: Rob Chudzinski 11-yard pass from Erickson (Pass failed), 6:54 (3rd)
- MIA: Randy Bethel 12-yard pass from Erickson (Huerta kick), 12:35 (4th)
- ALA: Prince Wembley 9-yard pass from Hollingsworth (Russell pass from Hollingsworth), 2:53 (4th)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Miami
17	First Downs	24
29-38	Rushing Att-Yards	50-227
27-43-1 (214)	Com-Att-Int (Yards)	17-27-1 (250)
72-252	Plays-Total Offense	77-477
34	Return Yards	13
8-38.3	Punts-Avg.	5-31.4
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-2
3-24	Penalties-Yards	11-77
29:22	Time of Possession	30:38

**Rushing Leaders**

- ALA: Siran Stacy 9-21, Derrick Lassic 4-13, Martin Houston 4-6
- MIA: Leonard Conley 18-84, Stephen McGuire 17-80 TD, Alex Johnson 9-58 TD

**Passing**

- ALA: Gary Hollingsworth 27-43-1, 214, 3 TDs
- MIA: Craig Erickson: 17-27-1, 250, 3 TDs

**Receiving Leaders**

- ALA: Marco Battle 4-42 TD, Lamonde Russell 3-25 TD, Prince Wimbley 3-48 TD
- MIA: Wesley Carroll 5-88 TD, Randal Hill 4-64, Rob Chudzinski 2-21 TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Craig Erickson, Jr., Miami quarterback

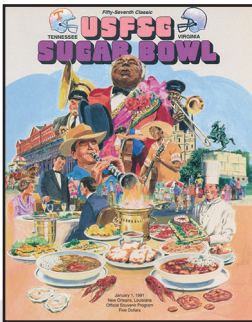
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1991

#10 Tennessee 23 (Final: 9-2-2, #8)

Virginia 22 (Final: 8-4-0, #23)

# 57



Andy Kelly capped a superb evening with a handoff to Tony Thompson, who banged into the end zone. There were 31 seconds left in the Sugar Bowl and this was the last of 20 fourth-quarter points to which Kelly had directed his team – each one obviously consequential in the thrilling one-point victory.

On that final drive, Kelly connected on 7-of-9 passes for 64 yards, before Thompson, who gained 151 yards on the night, crashed in for the win.

Perhaps the game's most important play came seconds earlier, on fourth-and-one at the Virginia 23, with 50 seconds to play, when Greg Amsler

slammed into the line for six yards.

Despite dislocating the thumb on his throwing hand early, Cavalier quarterback Shawn Moore and the Cavs moved almost at will, holding the ball for nearly 22 minutes in the first two quarters, building a 16-0 advantage.

The Vols cracked the scoring column on a 27-yard Greg Burke field goal and an interception by the Vols' Floyd Miley late in the third quarter halted a Cavalier drive deep into Tennessee territory. The Vols then drove 94 yards, slicing the margin to 16-10 on a seven-yard run by Thompson with 12:51 to go.

Virginia responded with another field goal, but Kelly found Carl Pickens for a 15-yard score with 4:24 remaining to pull within two at 19-17. The injured Moore coolly directed another Cavalier drive that led to a 44-yard field goal with 2:31 on the clock. From then on it was Kelly against the clock.

### Louisiana Superdome • Att: 75,132

Tennessee	0	0	3	20	-	23
Virginia	9	7	0	6	-	22

### SCORING SUMMARY

- UVA: Gary Steele 10-yard run (Kick blocked), 9:19 (1st)
- UVA: Jake McInerney 22-yard field goal, 0:35 (1st)
- UVA: Terry Kirby 1-yard run (McInerney kick), 4:06 (2nd)
- TENN: Greg Burke 27-yard field goal, 9:05 (3rd)
- TENN: Tony Thompson 7-yard run (Burke kick), 12:51 (4th)
- UVA: McInerney 43-yard field goal, 7:34 (4th)
- TENN: Carl Pickens 15-yard pass from Andy Kelly (Burke kick), 4:24 (4th)
- UVA: McInerney 44-yard field goal, 2:31 (4th)
- TENN: Thompson 1-yard run (Pass failed), 0:31 (4th)

Virginia	Team Statistics	Tennessee
25	First Downs	28
58-287	Rushing	38-191
9-24-3 (62)	Com-Att-Int (Yards)	24-35-2 (273)
82-349	Total Offense	73-464
108	Return Yards	133
1-48.0	Punting	2-20.0
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
5-30	Penalties-Yards	5-65
36:28	Time of Possession	23:32

### Rushing Leaders

- TENN: Tony Thompson 25-154 2 TD, Greg Amsler 6-28, Roland Poles 4-18
- UVA: Nikki Fisher 15-90, Shawn Moore 11-76, Terry Kirby 21-75 TD

### Passing

- TENN: Andy Kelly 24-35-2, 273 yards, 1 TD
- UVA: Shawn Moore 9-22-2, 62 yards

### Receiving

- TENN: Vincent Moore 7-97, Carl Pickens 6-87 TD, Alvin Harper 4-34
- UVA: Terry Kirby 4-27, Herman Moore 2-13, Mark Cooke 1-11, Aaron Mundy 1-8

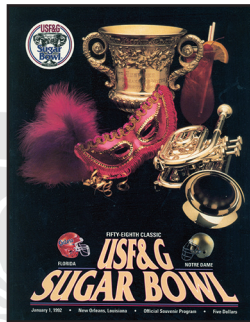
Miller-Digby Award recipient: Andy Kelly, Jr., Tennessee quarterback.

January 1, 1992

#18 Notre Dame 39 (Final: 10-3-0, #13)

#3 Florida 28 (Final: 10-2-0, #7)

# 58



After a first half dominated by heavy favorite Florida, Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz didn't waver, he stuck to the Irish's strength - the ground game. At that point, the Irish were behind 16-7, and had a grand total of 34 yards rushing.

Holtz' faith was bolstered by the presence of bruising back Jerome Bettis, who rewarded the coach with an imagination-stretching span of 2:44 late in the fourth quarter when he broke loose for touchdown runs of 3, 49 and 39 yards and brought Notre Dame back for a surprising 39-28 victory.

Florida quarterback Shane Matthews moved the ball well throughout, but his only touchdown in the first 47 minutes was a 15-yard first quarter connection with Willie Jackson. The Gators had to settle for five Arden Czyzewski goals, but still held a 22-17 advantage with five minutes to go.

Then Bettis and the Irish front line truly came to the fore.

Notre Dame finished with 279 yards for the night, of which 141 came in the fourth quarter. The Gators gained an eye-popping 511 total yards. Still, Florida's inability to punch in touchdowns when the it reached the red zone was its downfall. In the highest scoring Sugar Bowl up to that time, the Gators had the ball inside the Notre Dame 20-yard line seven times and could come away with only two touchdowns and a Czyzewski record number of field goals.

### Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,447

Notre Dame	0	7	10	22	-	39
Florida	10	6	0	12	-	28

### SCORING SUMMARY

- UF: Willie Jackson 15-yard pass from Shane Matthews (Czyzewski kick), 10:40 (1st)
- UF: Arden Czyzewski 26-yard field goal, 3:36 (1st)
- UF: Czyzewski 24-yard field goal, 10:29 (2nd)
- ND: Lake Dawson 40-yard pass from Rick Mirer (Craig Hentrich kick), 8:01 (2nd)
- UF: Czyzewski 36-yard field goal, 0:20 (2nd)
- ND: Kevin Pendergast 23-yard field goal, 10:03 (3rd)
- ND: Irv Smith 4-yard pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 2:12 (3rd)
- UF: Czyzewski 37-yard field goal, 13:42 (4th)
- UF: Czyzewski 24-yard field goal, 11:21 (4th)
- ND: Jerome Bettis 3-yard run (Tony Brooks pass from Mirer), 4:48 (4th)
- ND: Bettis 49-yard run (Pendergast kick), 3:32 (4th)
- UF: Harrison Houston 36-yard pass from Matthews (Pass failed), 2:28 (4th)
- ND: Bettis 39-yard run (Pendergast kick), 2:04 (4th)

Notre Dame	Team Statistics	Florida
23	First Downs	29
49-279	Rushing	33-141
14-19-1 (154)	Com-Att-Int (Yards)	28-58-2 (370)
68-433	Total Offense	91-511
188	Return Yards	90
2-34.0	Punting	2-52.5
4-3	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
3-15	Penalties-Yards	4-40
29:00	Time of Possession	31:00

### Rushing Leaders

- ND: Jerome Bettis 16-150 3 TD, Rodney Culver 13-93, Tony Brooks 13-68
- UF: Errict Rhett 15-63, Willie McClendon 7-34, Shane Matthews 7-27

### Passing

- ND: Rick Mirer 14-19-1, 154 yards, 2 TDs
- UF: Shane Matthews 28-58-2, 370 yards, 2 TDs

### Receiving Leaders

- ND: Tony Smith 7-75, Lake Dawson 2-49 TD, Derek Brown 1-11
- UF: Willie Jackson 8-148 TD, Harrison Houston 3-52 TD, Alonzo Sullivan 4-47

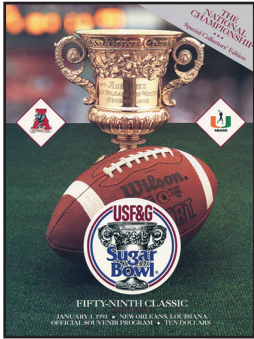
Miller-Digby Award recipient: Jerome Bettis, So., Notre Dame fullback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 1993**

**#2 Alabama 34 (Final: 13-0-0, #1)  
#1 Miami 13 (Final: 11-1-0, #3)**

**59**



It was billed as the game of the year in college football as unbeaten No. 1-ranked Miami faced unbeaten No. 2-ranked Alabama for the national championship. In the end, 'Bama showed why its defense was considered the best in the nation by completely shutting down the Hurricanes.

In the opening 30 minutes, Alabama outtrashed the Hurricanes 152-6 to take a 13-6 lead at the break. Then the Crimson Tide hit the Hurricanes with a roundhouse blow by scoring two touchdowns in the span of 16 seconds early in the third quarter.

Cornerback Tommy Johnson intercepted Torretta at the Miami 44 and returned it to the 20, leading to

Derrick Lassic's 1-yard touchdown run. On the very next play, Torretta was picked off again – George Teague stepped in front of receiver Jonathan Harris at the 31, took off down the right sideline and high-stepped into the end zone.

Bama rolled up 267 yards on the ground, including 135 yards and two touchdowns from Lassic, who went on to earn the Miller-Digby Award as the game's Most Outstanding Player. Miami runners gained a paltry 48 rushing yards.

The national title was the first for Alabama since the retirement of Bear Bryant and it came in the program's centennial year. It was also interesting that the Tide had been under-the-radar for much of the season. Despite coming to New Orleans with a 22-game winning streak and leading the nation in four defensive categories, the Hurricanes, with a 29-game victory streak of their own, and known for their cockiness, weren't impressed.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,789**

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Miami</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- ALA: Michael Proctor 19-yard field goal, 10:56 (1st)
- MIA: Dane Prewitt 49-yard field goal, 7:49 (1st)
- ALA: Proctor 23-yard field goal, 10:48 (2nd)
- ALA: Sherman Williams 2-yard run (Proctor kick), 6:09 (2nd)
- MIA: Prewitt 42-yard field goal, 0:00 (2nd)
- ALA: Derrick Lassic 1-yard run (Proctor kick), 10:12 (3rd)
- ALA: George Teague 31-yard interception return (Proctor kick), 9:56 (3rd)
- MIA: Kevin Williams 78-yard punt return (Prewitt kick), 12:08 (4th)
- ALA: Lassic 4-yard run (Proctor kick), 6:46 (4th)

Miami	Team Statistics	Alabama
16	First Downs	15
18-48	Rushing Att-Yards	60-267
24-56-3 (278)	Com-Att-Int (Yards)	4-13-2 (18)
75-326	Plays-Total Offense	74-285
121	Return Yards	139
5-41.6	Punts	6-44.5
4-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
6-37	Penalties-Yards	7-46
23:56	Time of Possession	36:04

**Rushing Leaders**

ALA: Derrick Lassic 28-135 2 TD, Tarrant Lynch 5-39; Sherman Williams 7-23 TD  
MIA: Larry Jones 5-28, Donnell Bennett 3-26, Stephen McGuire 4-1

**Passing**

ALA: Jay Barker 4-13-2, 18 yards  
MIA: Gino Torretta 24-56-3, 278 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

ALA: Prince Wimbley 2-11, David Palmer 1-6, Derrick Lassic 1-1  
MIA: Lamar Thomas 6-52, Donnell Bennett 4-17, Larry Jones 3-64, Kevin Williams 3-49

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Derrick Lassic, Sr., Alabama halfback

**January 1, 1994**

**#8 Florida 41 (Final: 11-2-0, #5)  
#3 West Virginia 7 (Final: 11-1-0, #7)**

**60**



Third-ranked and undefeated West Virginia entered the USF&G Sugar Bowl versus eighth-ranked Florida hoping to sneak its way into the national championship picture, and after the Mountaineers' first possession it appeared they were on their way to doing just that. Quarterback Jake Kelchner took the WVU offense on an easy 80-yard scoring march that concluded when he hooked up with Jay Kearney for a 32-yard scoring pass. With less than four minutes gone in the game, WVU led 7-0.

To the chagrin of Coach Don Nehlen's bunch, that touchdown would turn out to be the only points a stingy Gator defense would allow. Meanwhile, Florida's offense found its stride and came up with two first-half scores. The Gator defenders got in on the scoring act as well, counting a touchdown on Lawrence Wright's 52-yard interception return, to give Florida a 21-7 lead at the half. Florida's Errict Rhett scored twice on short runs in the third quarter and was later named the winner of the Miller-Digby Award, after rushing for 105 yards on 25 carries and three TDs. Florida's Judd Davis added a pair of fourth-quarter field goals to round out the 41-7 romp.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 75,437**

<b>Florida</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- WVU: Jay Kearney 32-yard pass from Jake Kelchner (Tom Mazzone kick), 10:14 (1st)
- UF: Errict Rhett 3-yard run (Judd Davis kick), 0:21 (1st)
- UF: Lawrence Wright 52-yard interception return (Davis kick), 9:12 (2nd)
- UF: Willie Jackson 39-yard pass from Terry Dean (Davis kick), 0:51 (2nd)
- UF: Errict Rhett 2-yard run (Davis kick), 10:58 (3rd)
- UF: Rhett 1-yard run (Davis kick), 8:58 (3rd)
- UF: Davis 43-yard field goal, 7:16 (4th)
- UF: Davis 26-yard field goal, 1:55 (4th)

Florida	Team Statistics	West Virginia
30	First Downs	16
48-201	Rushing Att-Yards	31-122
24-39-1	Comp-Att-Int	16-40-1
280	Passing Yards	143
87-481	Plays-Total Yards	71-265
61	Return Yards	138
3-52.7	Punts-Avg	8-42.0
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
5-43	Penalties-Yards	8-71
33:22	Time of Possession	26:38

**Rushing Leaders**

UF: Errict Rhett 25-105, 3 TDs; Terrence Foy 10-53; Chris Bilkie 2-11  
WVU: Robert Walker 13-59; Rodney Woodard 2-18; Jake Kelchner 5-11

**Passing**

UF: Terry Dean 22-37-1, 244 yards, 1 TD; Eric Kresser 2-2-0, 26 yards  
WVU: Jake Kelchner 13-27-0, 123 yards, 1 TD; Darrem Studstill 3-11, 20 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

UF: Willie Jackson 9-131 TD; Jack Jackson 3-32; Harrison Houston 3-28  
WVA: Jay Kearney 4-59, 1 TD; Mike Baker 4-46, Rahssan Vanterpool 3-19

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Errict Rhett, Sr., Florida tailback

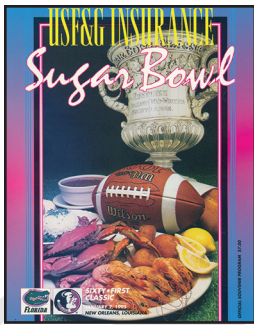
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 2, 1995

#7 Florida State 23 (Final: 10-1-1, #4)

#5 Florida 17 (Final: 10-2-1, #7)

# 61



An improbable 31-31 tie in their regular season clash produced a rematch of intrastate rivals in the 61st USF&G Insurance Sugar Bowl. The meeting between the fifth-ranked Florida Gators and the seventh-ranked Florida State Seminoles was appropriately dubbed "Overtime" or the "Fifth Quarter in the French Quarter," and certainly lived up to its advance billing. After the Sunshine State rivals traded a pair of field goals in the first quarter, the Seminoles tallied the game's first touchdown with a 73-yard halfback pass from Warrick Dunn, the Miller-Digby winner, to 'Omar Ellison. FSU scored again on its next possession when

quarterback Danny Kanell, who completed 23-of-40 passes for 252 yards in the contest, hit receiver Kez McCorvey with a 16-yard touchdown pass to complete a 72-yard drive. The Gators answered immediately when Danny Wuerffel and speedy Ike Hilliard connected on an 82-yard scoring strike that established a Sugar Bowl record. Then, just before the half, the Seminoles got a 24-yard field goal from Dan Mowrey to make the score 20-10 in FSU's favor. Neither squad got much going on offense in the second half. FSU managed another field goal and Florida scored a touchdown late in the fourth quarter when Wuerffel carried it over from the 1 to provide the final 23-17 margin. Still, the outcome was in doubt until the game's waning seconds as Florida regained possession for one more scoring try. However, FSU's All-America linebacker Derrick Brooks picked off an errant Wuerffel pass with 1:32 to play to seal the victory.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,224

Florida State	3	17	3	0	-	23
Florida	3	7	0	7	-	17

### SCORING SUMMARY

- FSU: Dan Mowrey 21-yard field goal, 7:20 (1st)
- UF: Judd Davis 22-yard field goal, 3:57 (1st)
- FSU: 'Omar Ellison 73-yard pass from Warrick Dunn (Mowrey kick), 14:25 (2nd)
- FSU: Kez McCorvey 16-yard pass from Danny Kanell (Mowrey kick), 7:47 (2nd)
- UF: Ike Hilliard 82-yard pass from Danny Wuerffel (Davis kick), 6:07 (2nd)
- FSU: Mowrey 24-yard field goal, 0:36 (2nd)
- FSU: Mowrey 45-yard field goal, 13:57 (3rd)
- UF: Wuerffel 1-yard run (Davis kick), 3:47 (4th)

Florida State	Team Statistics	Florida
21	First Downs	23
30-76	Rushing Att-Yards	29-5
24-41-0	Comp-Att-Int	30-43-1
325	Passing Yards	449
71-401	Plays-Total Yards	72-454
15	Return Yards	9
4-39.0	Punts-Avg.	3-45.7
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-2
0-0	Penalties-Yards	2-2
27:56	Time of Possession	32:04

### Rushing Leaders

FSU: Warrick Dunn 14-58; Zach Crockett 5-19; Rock Preston 4-4  
UF: Elijah Williams 10-27; Fred Taylor 8-18

### Passing Leaders

FSU: Danny Kanell 23-40-0, 252 yards, 1 TD; Warrick Dunn 1-1-0, 73 yards, 1 TD  
UF: Danny Wuerffel 28-39-1, 394 yards, 1 TD; Reidel Anthony 1-1-0, 52 yards

### Receiving

FSU: Warrick Dunn 9-51; Omar Ellison 4-102, 1 TD; Kez McCorvey 4-84, 1 TD  
UF: Jack Jackson 6-128; Ike Hilliard 3-119, 1 TD

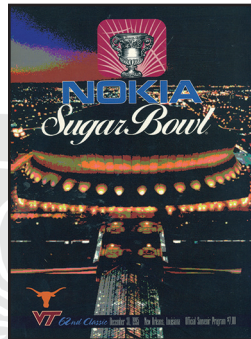
Miller-Digby Award recipient: Warrick Dunn, So., Florida State tailback

December 31, 1995

#13 Virginia Tech 28 (Final: 10-2, #10)

#9 Texas 10 (Final: 10-2-1, #14)

# 62



Entering its first major bowl game, Virginia Tech stunned the critics with an upset of Texas at the 62nd Sugar Bowl Classic. Bryan Still was the Hokie fuse with 179 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns while the Tech defense tallied three interceptions and five sacks while limiting the 'Horns to a mere 78 yards rushing.

The Longhorns jumped to an early 7-0 lead and had an opportunity for more with a second quarter interception at the Hokies' 31. But the Tech defense pushed Texas back two yards and the Longhorns settled for a 52-yard field goal by Phil Dawson to make it 10-0 with 13:19 to go to the half.

That, as it turned out, was the high point of Texas' night. The beginning of the Longhorn's end came a few moments later when they kicked from their 15. Still took the kick at his 40, sprinted through a crease in the middle and broke to the right sideline, running untouched into the end zone.

Still, on offense, and the Tech defense took complete control from that point. First, Still made a 27-yard catch to reach the Texas 2, from which point fullback Marcus Parker scored to put the Hokies ahead 14-10 in the third quarter. Then he raced beyond the Longhorn secondary and hooked up on a 54-yard scoring rainbow to make it 21-10 in the fourth period.

That was more than enough for the Hokies' dominating defense. Gradually, and with emphasis, Tech's defense began turning the screws. On three straight possessions they picked off errant throws by James Brown. Finally, Brown was sacked, the ball squirted out, and the Hokies administered the knockout blow with a 20-yard fumble return by tackle Jim Baron to close the scoring with 5:06 to go.

Virginia Tech's offense tattered Texas for 371 yards and defensively, held the Longhorns, who averaged 433 yards per game during the regular season, to seven-half possessions: three punts, three interceptions and a fumble.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 70,283

Virginia Tech	0	7	7	14	-	28
Texas	7	3	0	0	-	10

### SCORING SUMMARY

- Texas: Pat Fitzgerald 4-yard pass from James Brown (Phil Dawson kick), 4:32 (1st)
- Texas: Dawson 52-yard field goal, 13:19 (2nd)
- VT: Bryan Still 60-yard punt return (Larson kick), 2:34 (2nd)
- VT: Marcus Parker 2-yard run (Larson kick), 2:32 (3rd)
- VT: Still 54-yard pass from Jim Druckenmiller (Larson kick), 12:28 (4th)
- VT: Jim Baron 20-yard fumble return (Larson kick), 5:06 (4th)

Virginia Tech	Team Statistics	Texas
20	First Downs	15
32-105	Rushing Att-Yards	33-78
18-24-1	Comp-Att-Int	14-37-4
266	Passing Yards	148
66-371	Plays-Total Yards	70-226
84	Return Yards	42
8-37.0	Punts-Avg.	9-40.0
5-2	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
11-99	Penalties-Yards	9-91
30:25	Time of Possession	29:35

### Rushing Leaders

VT: Dwayne Thomas 15-62; Ken Oxendine 8-31; Marcus Parker 2-4 TD  
Texas: Ricky Williams 12-62; Shon Mitchell 15-59

### Passing

VT: Jim Druckenmiller 18-34-1, 266 yards, 1 TD  
Texas: James Brown 14-36-3, 148 yards, 1 TD; McLemore 0-1-0, 0 yards

### Receiving Leaders

VT: Bryan Still 6-119, 1 TD; Bryan Jennings 6-77; Jermaine Holmes 2-30  
Texas: Mike Adams 6-92; Pat Fitzgerald 3-21, 1 TD

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Bryan Still, Sr., Virginia Tech flanker

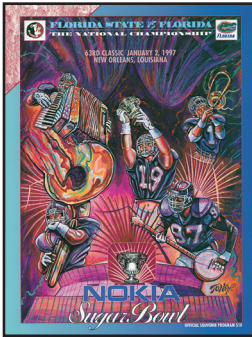
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 2, 1997**

**#3 Florida 52 (Final: 12-1, #1)**

**#1 Florida State 20 (Final: 11-1, #3)**

# 63



A Sugar Bowl record crowd of 78,347 saw Steve Spurrier guide his third-ranked Gators over the top-ranked Florida State Seminoles at the eighth national championship game hosted by the Sugar Bowl in the last 25 years. The Gators, wasted little time putting points on the scoreboard as they drew first blood, on an Ike Hilliard 9-yard TD reception from Danny Wuerffel less than six minutes into the game. The Battle on the Bayou had begun. Florida's strategy was simple: stop Warrick Dunn and protect Wuerffel, while FSU's game plan was attack Wuerffel with its powerful defense and let Dunn wild. When the battle was over, the Gators game plan prevailed. Wuerffel passed for 308 yards (18-of-34) and three touchdowns en route to his Most Outstanding Player Award and Dunn was limited to 40 all-purpose yards and a rushing touchdown. Dunn scored his lone TD with 40 seconds left in the first half. Highlights of the scores included a 42-yard touchdown run by Florida's Terry Jackson, who rushed for two on the night, and FSU's defense which tallied six sacks on Wuerffel and was led by Henry Crockett, who totaled 11 stops.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 78,344**

<b>Florida</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Florida State</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- UF: Ike Hilliard 5-yard pass from Danny Wuerffel (Bart Edmiston kick), 9:48 (1st)
- FSU: Scott Bentley 43-yard field goal, 7:49 (1st)
- UF: Edmiston 32-yard field goal, 2:44 (1st)
- UF: Fred Taylor 2-yard run (Edmiston kick), 11:28 (2nd)
- FSU: E.G. Green 29-yard pass from Thad Busby (Bentley kick), 7:28 (2nd)
- UF: Hilliard 31-yard pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick), 5:18 (2nd)
- FSU: Warrick Dunn 12-yard run (Bentley kick), 0:40 (2nd)
- FSU: Bentley 45-yard field goal, 10:24 (3rd)
- UF: Hilliard 8-yard pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick), 5:43 (3rd)
- UF: Terry Jackson 42-yard run (Edmiston kick), 8:52 (4th)
- UF: Jackson 1-yard run (Edmiston kick), 2:12 (4th)

Florida	Team Statistics	Florida State
26	First Downs	13
43-168	Rushing Att-Yards	21-42
18-34-1 (306)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	17-42-2 (271)
77-474	Plays-Total Offense	63-313
162	Return Yards	226
7-48.1	Punts-Avg.	8-46.4
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
15-102	Penalties-Yards	14-115
36:27	Time of Possession	23:33

**Rushing Leaders**

UF: Terry Jackson 12-118, 2 TDs; Fred Taylor 18-60, 1 TD; Elijah Williams 4-2  
 FSU: Warrick Dunn 9-29, 1 TD; Peter Warrick 1-12; P.B. Williams 2-7

**Passing**

UF: Danny Wuerffel 18-34-1, 306 yards, 3 TDs  
 FSU: Thad Busby 17-41-1, 271 yards, 1 TD; Dan Kendra 0-1-1, 0 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

UF: Ike Hilliard 7-150, 3 TDs; Jacquez Green 5-79; Reidel Anthony 4-50.  
 FSU: Wayne Messam 5-48; Andre Cooper 4-82; E.G. Green 3-86, 1 TD

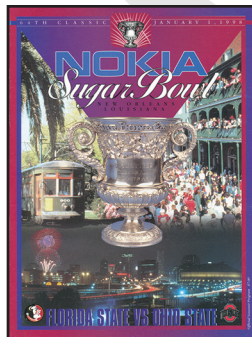
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Danny Wuerffel, Sr., Florida quarterback

**January 1, 1998**

**#5 Florida State 31 (Final: 12-1, #4)**

**#9 Ohio State 14 (Final: 10-4, #9)**

# 64



In the Bowl's first ACC-Big 10 matchup, FSU used a wide-open offensive and defensive attack to thwart OSU's more traditional style of play in front of a New Year's Day crowd of 67,289. Seminole QB Thad Busby passed for 334 yards and one touchdown and the FSU defense blanketed Buckeye quarterbacks and registered six sacks and three interceptions to give FSU the victory. Seminole receiver E.G. Green received Most Outstanding Player honors scoring the Seminoles' only passing touchdown, a 27-yard first quarter strike from Busby. Green also tallied a game-high 176 receiving yards. OSU jumped on the scoreboard first, 3-0, off a 40-yard field goal by Dan Stultz, but FSU retaliated with 21-straight points and took a 21-3 lead into halftime. The Buckeyes shutout FSU in the third quarter and mustered five points of their own. Down 24-8 just seconds into the fourth quarter, OSU gained new life as Joe Germaine hit John Lumpkin on a 50-yard bomb to cut FSU's lead to 24-14. But the Buckeyes couldn't generate any offense on their next possessions and the Seminoles went ahead 31-14 on a William McCray rushing touchdown with 47 seconds left to play.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 67,289**

<b>Florida State</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- OSU: Dan Stultz 40-yard field goal, 1:56 (1st)
- FSU: E.G. Green 27-yard pass from Thad Busby (Janikowski kick), 0:00 (1st)
- FSU: Busby 9-yard run (Sebastian Janikowski kick), 3:25 (2nd)
- FSU: William McCray 1-yard run (Janikowski kick), 0:10 (2nd)
- OSU: Stultz 34-yard field goal, 7:29 (3rd)
- OSU: Safety, 1:13 (3rd)
- FSU: Janikowski 35-yard field goal, 14:56 (4th)
- OSU: John Lumpkin 50-yard pass from Joe Germaine (Pass failed), 8:57 (4th)
- FSU: McCray 1-yard run (Janikowsk kick), 0:47 (4th)

Florida State	Team Statistics	Ohio State
18	First Downs	21
27-60	Rushing Att-Yards	44-118
22-33-2	Comp-Att-Int	16-36-3
334	Passing Yards	207
60-394	Plays-Total Yards	80-325
54	Return Yards	121
6-42.7	Punts-Avg.	7-45.4
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
9-74	Penalties-Yards	10-70
24:56	Time of Possession	35:04

**Rushing Leaders**

FSU: Travis Minor 12-53; Dee Feaster 2-10; William McCray 2-2, 2 TDs  
 OSU: Pepe Pearson 22-60; Matt Keller 6-20; Stanley Jackson 9-19

**Passing**

FSU: Thad Busby 22-33-2, 334 yards, 1 TD  
 OSU: Joe Germaine 10-26-2, 173 yards, 1 TD; Stanley Jackson 6-10-1, 34 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

FSU: Travis Minor 9-55; E.G. Green 7-176, 1 TD; Peter Warrick 3-82  
 OSU: Dee Miller 6-79; David Boston 3-40; John Lumpkin 2-61, 1 TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** E.G. Green, Sr., Florida State flanker

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1999

#3 Ohio State 24 (Final: 11-1, #2)  
#8 Texas A&M 14 (Final: 11-3, #11)

65



Joe Germaine threw for a touchdown, Joe Montgomery rushed for one and the special teams came up with a blocked punt return for a score — all in the first quarter — to lift Big Ten Champion Ohio State to its first Sugar Bowl victory, 24-14 over Texas A&M. David Boston caught 11 passes for 105 yards to earn Most Outstanding Player.

The Aggies scored first with a 9-yard run by Dante Hall at the 10:53 mark in the first quarter, but the Buckeyes had few problems against the Wrecking Crew defense of Texas A&M, despite not delivering a true knockout punch.

Texas A&M, which came from behind in five of its victories this year, never quit. After trailing 24-7 at halftime, the Aggies closed to 24-14 on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Brannndon Stewart to Leroy Hodge. They tried for one more comeback but Jerry Rudzinski tipped a lateral pass and recovered the fumble to end one drive, and the Buckeyes' defense made enough plays to keep the lead.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,503 • ABC Rating: 11.5

Texas A&M	7	0	7	0	-	14
Ohio State	21	3	0	0	-	24

## SCORING SUMMARY

A&M: Dante Hall 9 yd run (Russell Bynum kick), 10:53 (1st)  
OSU: Reggie Germany 18 yd pass from Joe Germaine (Dan Stultz kick), 8:34 (1st)  
OSU: Joe Montgomery 10 yd run (Stultz kick), 4:10 (1st)  
OSU: Kevin Griffin 16 yd blocked punt return (Stultz kick), 1:59 (1st)  
OSU: Stultz 31 yd punt return, 0:16 (2nd)  
A&M: Leroy Hodge 7 yd pass from Stewart (Bynum kick), 5:24 (3rd)

Texas A&M	Team Statistics	Ohio State
17	First Downs	25
27-96	Rushing Att-Yards	42-210
22-39-0 (187)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	21-38-0 (222)
66-283	Plays-Total Offense	80-432
71	Return Yards	71
10-39.8	Punts-Avg.	7-44.3
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	3-0
6-43	Penalties	6-61
28:18	Time of Possession	31:42

## Rushing Leaders

A&M: Ja'Mar Toombs 10-62, Dante Hall 11-53 TD, Ja'Mar Parker 1-6  
OSU: Joe Montgomery 9-96, Michael Wiley 16-88, Jonathan Wells 7-30

## Passing

A&M: Brandon Stewart 22-39-0, 187 yards, 1 TD  
OSU: Joe Germaine 21-38-0, 222 yards, 1 TD

## Receiving Leaders

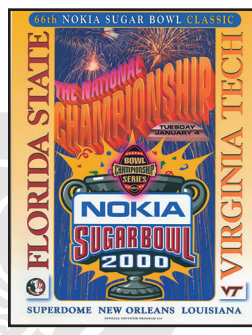
A&M: Chris Taylor 5-42, Derrick Spiller 5-43, SIRR Parker 3-9, Leroy Hodge 2-15 TD  
OSU: David Boston 11-105, Michael Wiley 5-40, Reggie Germany 2-34 TD

Miller-Digby Award recipient: David Boston, Jr., Ohio State receiver

January 4, 2000 • BCS Championship

#1 Florida State 46 (Final: 12-0, #1)  
#2 Virginia Tech 29 (Final: 11-1, #2)

66



Peter Warrick provided the fireworks and Florida State put the exclamation point on its wire-to-wire National Championship season with a convincing 46-29 victory over Virginia Tech.

Warrick set a Sugar Bowl record with 20 points scored as Bobby Bowden posted his first unbeaten season while the Seminoles cemented their claim as the team of the 1990s with their second national title of the decade.

Warrick scored on a 59-yard punt return, a 64-yard touchdown reception, a 43-yard touchdown reception and a two-point conversion.

After FSU pulled ahead 28-7 early in the second quarter, the Hokies scored 22 unanswered points behind quarterback Michael Vick's heroics. But FSU put 18 points on the board in the final quarter to end the Hokies' Cinderella season.

Vick finished with 97 yards rushing and passed for 225 yards. But the Seminoles sacked him seven times and didn't give him time to throw, especially in the fourth quarter.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 79,280 • ABC Rating: 17.5

Virginia Tech	7	7	15	0	-	29
Florida State	14	14	0	18	-	46

## SCORING SUMMARY

FSU: Peter Warrick 64 yd pass from Chris Weinke (Sebastian Janikowski kick), 3:22 (1st)  
FSU: Jeff Chaney 6 yd blocked punt return (Janikowski kick), 2:14 (1st)  
VT: Andre Davis 49 yd pass from Michael Vick (Shayne Graham kick), :30 (1st)  
FSU: Ron Dugans 63 yd pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick), 13:45 (2nd)  
FSU: Warrick 59 yd punt return, 11:40 (2nd)  
VT: Vick 3 yd run (Graham kick), 0:37 (2nd)  
VT: Graham 23 yd field goal, 7:54 (3rd)  
VT: Andre Kendrick 29 yd run (Vick pass failed), 5:57 (3rd)  
VT: Kendrick 6 yd run (Vick pass failed), 2:13 (3rd)  
FSU: Dugans 14 yd pass from Weinke (Warrick pass), 12:59 (4th)  
FSU: Janikowski 32 yd field goal, 10:26 (4th)  
FSU: Warrick 43 yd pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick), 7:42 (4th)

Virginia Tech	Team Statistics	Florida State
24	First Downs	15
52-278	Rushing Att-Yards	23-30
15-29-0 (225)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	20-34-1 (329)
81-503	Plays-Total Offense	57-359
88	Return Yards	80
6-29.3	Punts-Avg.	7-44.3
3-3	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
6-65	Penalties	7-59
36:25	Time of Possession	23:35

## Rushing Leaders

VT: Michael Vick 23-97 TD, Andre Kendrick 12-69 2 TD, Shyrone Stith 11-68.  
FSU: Jeff Chaney 4-43, Travis Minor 9-35.

## Passing

VT: Michael Vick 15-29-0, 225 yards, 1 TD.  
FSU: Chris Weinke 20-34-1, 329 yards, 4 TDs.

## Receiving Leaders

VT: Andre Davis 7-108 TD, Cullen Hawkins 2-49, Andre Kendrick 2-27.  
FSU: Peter Warrick 6-163 2 TD, Ron Dugans 5-99 2 TD, Snoop Minnis 2-25.

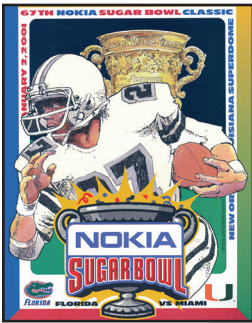
Miller-Digby Award recipient: Peter Warrick, Sr., Florida State receiver

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 2, 2001**

**#2 Miami 37 (Final: 11-1, #2)  
#7 Florida 20 (Final: 10-3, #10)**

# 67



Miami's Ken Dorsey completed 22 passes for 270 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Hurricanes to a 37-20 victory over in-state rival Florida.

Both quarterbacks heated up on their second possession. Rex Grossman finished a 70-yard drive with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Kirk Wells for a 7-0 lead. Dorsey responded by taking the Hurricanes on consecutive scoring drives, including an 8-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jeremy Shockey, for a 10-7 lead after one quarter.

The teams traded field goals in the second quarter before the pivotal third stanza. Florida's Keiwan Ratliff picked off a Dorsey pass, setting up a 36-yard score by Earnest Graham for a 17-13 Gator lead. However, Dorsey found D.J. Williams and Najeh Davenport for touchdowns on back-to-back drives to put the Hurricanes on top for good.

The Gators added another Jeff Chandler field goal in the fourth, but Todd Sievers booted his third of the game and Davenport plunged in from three yards out to clinch the victory for Miami.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 64,407 • ABC Rating: 13.0**

<b>Miami</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- FLA: Kirk Wells 23 yd pass from Rex Grossman (Jeff Chandler kick), 10:48 (1st)
- MIA: Todd Sievers 44 yd field goal, 8:46 (1st)
- MIA: Jeremy Shockey 8 yd pass from Ken Dorsey (Sievers kick), 0:50 (1st)
- MIA: Sievers 29 yd field goal, 10:44 (2nd)
- FLA: Chandler 51 yd field goal, 4:21 (2nd)
- FLA: Earnest Graham 36 yd run (Chandler kick), 13:10 (3rd)
- MIA: D.J. Williams 19 yd pass from Dorsey (Sievers kick), 8:23 (3rd)
- MIA: Najeh Davenport 2 yd pass from Dorsey (Sievers kick), 3:30 (3rd)
- FLA: Chandler 26 yd field goal, 12:50 (4th)
- MIA: Sievers 29 yd field goal, 7:48 (4th)
- MIA: Davenport 3 yd run (Sievers kick), 4:21 (4th)

Miami	Team Statistics	Florida
28	First Downs	25
43-184	Rushing Att-Yards	20-140
22-40-2 (270)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	24-51-3 (312)
83-454	Plays-Total Offense	71-452
157	Return Yards	120
2-44	Punts-Avg.	5-46.8
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
11-109	Penalties	9-79
35:19	Time of Possession	24:41

**Rushing Leaders**

Miami: Clinton Portis 18-97, James Jackson 12-62, Najeh Davenport 6-17 TD.  
Florida: Earnest Graham 15-136 TD, Bo Carroll 2-7, Rex Grossman 2-(-1).

**Passing**

Miami: Ken Dorsey 22-40-2, 270 yards, 3 TDs.  
Florida: Rex Grossman 18-41-2, 252 yards, 1 TD; Jesse Palmer 6-10-1, 60 yards.

**Receiving Leaders**

Miami: Santana Moss 6-89, Jeremy Shockey 4-47 TD, Reggie Wayne 3-49.  
Florida: Jabar Gaffney 7-75, Reche Caldwell 6-110, Earnest Graham 4-43.

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Ken Dorsey, So., Miami quarterback

**January 1, 2002**

**#12 LSU 47 (Final: 10-3, #7)  
#7 Illinois 34 (Final: 10-2, #12)**

# 68



This Sugar Bowl was one for the books - the record books. When the smoke cleared from the shootout, LSU emerged with a convincing victory and no fewer than a dozen records were set in the highest scoring Sugar Bowl, including 595 yards of total offense, 444 passing yards by Most Outstanding Player Rohan Davey, four touchdowns by Domanick Davis and 239 receiving yards by Josh Reed on yet another record 14 receptions.

SEC Champion LSU led from start to finish, stunning Big Ten champ Illinois early with a 34-7 halftime lead. The Fighting Illini regrouped after halftime and outscored LSU 27-13 in the final two quarters behind the rocket arm of Kurt Kittner.

Kittner finished the night with 262 yards and four TDS, but the Illini deficit was too large from which to recover.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,688 • ABC Rating: 8.6**

<b>Illinois</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>LSU</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- LSU: Domanick Davis 4 yd run (John Corbello kick), 7:22 (1st)
- LSU: Davis 24 yd run (Kick blocked), 13:29 (2nd)
- LSU: Davis 16 yd run (Corbello kick), 10:23 (2nd)
- LSU: Josh Reed 5 yd pass from Rohan Davey (Corbello kick), 4:42 (2nd)
- ILL: Brian Hodges 2 yd pass from Kurt Kittner (Peter Christofilakos kick), 3:47 (2nd)
- LSU: Robert Royal 7 yd pass from Davey (Corbello kick), 0:18 (2nd)
- ILL: Brandon Lloyd 17 yd pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick), 10:35 (3rd)
- LSU: Reed 32 yd pass from Davey (Corbello kick), 9:29 (3rd)
- ILL: Lloyd 10 yd pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick), 7:20 (3rd)
- ILL: Walter Young 17 yd pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick), 11:33 (4th)
- LSU: Davis 4 yd run (Davey pass intcpt), 8:39 (4th)
- ILL: Young 40 yd pass from Lloyd (Kittner pass failed), 5:41 (4th)

Illinois	Team Statistics	LSU
14	First Downs	32
21-61	Rushing Att-Yards	44-151
15-36-1 (302)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	31-53-0 (444)
57-363	Plays-Total Offense	97-595
98	Return Yards	183
9-40.4	Punts-Avg.	8-39.4
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
4-39	Penalties	13-113
20:44	Time of Possession	39:16

**Rushing Leaders**

Illinois: Rocky Harvey 9-42, Brandon Lloyd 1-14, Carey Davis 4-13.  
LSU: Domanick Davis 28-122 4 TD, Devery Henderson 13-54.

**Passing**

Illinois: Kurt Kittner 14-35-1, 262 yards, 4 TD; Brandon Lloyd 1-1-0, 40 yards, 1 TD.  
LSU: Rohan Davey 33-53-0, 444 yards, 3 TD.

**Receiving Leaders**

Illinois: Walter Young 6-178 2 TD, Brandon Lloyd 5-56 2 TD, Carey Davis 2-24.  
LSU: Josh Reed 14-239 2 TD, Michael Clayton 8-120, Jerel Myers 4-51.

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Rohan Davey, Sr., LSU quarterback

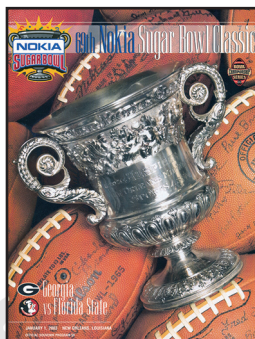
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 2003**

**#4 Georgia 26 (Final: 13-1, #3)**

**#16 Florida State 13 (Final: 9-5, #21)**

**69**



Musa Smith rushed for 145 yards and Billy Bennett kicked four field goals to lead Georgia to a 26-13 win over Florida State.

Georgia's defense forced three turnovers by the ACC champ Seminoles, including cornerback Bruce Thornton's 71-yard interception return for a touchdown. Nose tackle Ken Veal's fumble recovery led to one of Bennett's field goals. Smith for his effort on the ground attack was selected the Bowl's Most Outstanding Player.

UGA, the SEC champ, jumped out to a 3-0 lead with a first quarter field goal by Bennett. FSU took its only lead of the game when Fabian Walker connected with Anquan Boldin on a 5-yard scoring

toss in the second quarter. Georgia got back on the scoreboard and never looked back with Thornton's 71-yard interception for a score, and a 37-yard touchdown strike from D.J. Shockley to Terrence Edwards. The rest of the scoring came on behalf of Bennett's leg.

Boldin hit Craphonso Thorpe on a 40-yard touchdown pass with the time expired in the third quarter to give the Seminoles their only other points.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 74,269 • ABC Rating: 9.2**

Florida State	0	7	6	0	-	13
Georgia	3	17	6	3	-	26

## SCORING SUMMARY

UGA: Billy Bennett 23 yd field goal, 4:19 (1st)  
 FSU: Anquan Boldin 5 yard pass from Fabian Walker (Xavier Beitia kick), 13:41 (1st)  
 UGA: Bruce Thornton 71 yd interception return (Bennett kick), 6:24 (1st)  
 UGA: Terrence Edwards 37 yd pass from Shockley (Bennett kick), 3:43 (1st)  
 UGA: Bennett 42 yd field goal, 11:06 (3rd)  
 UGA: Bennett 25 yd field goal, 8:49 (3rd)  
 FSU: Craphon Thorpe 40 yd pass from Boldin (Boldin rush failed), 0:00 (3rd)  
 UGA: Bennett 35 yd field goal, 10:17 (4th)

Florida State	Team Statistics	Georgia
18	First Downs	11
41-115	Rushing Att-Yards	36-151
13-26-2 (147)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	10-15-0 (125)
67-262	Plays-Total Offense	51-276
125	Return Yards	113
5-40.4	Punts-Avg.	4-48.2
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
5-37	Penalties	6-59
33:51	Time of Possession	26:09

## Rushing Leaders

FSU: Leon Washington 10-48, Anquan Boldin 13-34, Nick Maddox 9-32.  
 UGA: Musa Smith 23-145, Tony Milton 5-13, D.J. Shockley 3-10.

## Passing

FSU: Boldin 6-14-0, 78 yards, 1 TD; Walker 7-12-2, 69 yards, 1 TD.  
 UGA: David Greene 9-14-0, 88 yards; D.J. Shockley 1-1-0, 37 yards, 1 TD.

## Receiving

FSU: Nick Maddox 4-24, Anquan Boldin 3-34, P.K. Sam 2-11, Craphorn Thorpe 1-40.  
 UGA: Terrence Edwards 3-60, Fred Gibson 2-12, Michael Johnson 1-34.

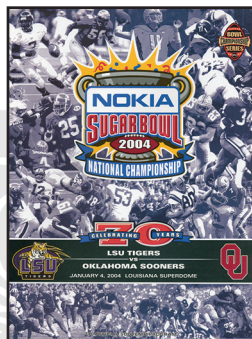
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Musa Smith, Jr., Georgia running back

**January 4, 2004 • BCS Championship**

**#2 LSU 21 (Final: 13-1, #2)**

**#3 Oklahoma 14 (Final: 12-2, #3)**

**70**



LSU rode a dominant defense to its second national title with a 21-14 win over Oklahoma in the BCS National Championship Game.

LSU opened the game up with a 64-yard rush from Justin Vincent on the first play from scrimmage but failed to score on its first possession. The Tigers did score on their next possession after a Corey Webster interception that put LSU on the Oklahoma 32-yard line. Three plays later, Skyler Green scored on a 24-yard end-around to put the Tigers up 7-0.

The teams traded scores in the second quarter as Sooner running back Kejuan Jones tied up the game at 7-7 with a 1-yard touchdown run, and later in the quarter, Vincent dashed into the end zone on an 18-yard TD run to put LSU up again 14-7 at the half.

The Tigers opened the second-half much like they did in the beginning of the game by scoring fast. Marcus Spears intercepted a Jason White pass less than a minute into the third quarter for a 20-yard score.

Oklahoma pulled within seven early in the fourth quarter on another 1-yard run by Jones. The Sooners then made a late-game push to the LSU 12, but four failed pass attempts gave up the ball back to LSU, which let the clock run down for the win.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 79,342 • ABC Rating: 14.8**

LSU	7	7	7	0	-	21
Oklahoma	0	7	0	7	-	14

## SCORING SUMMARY

LSU: Skyler Green 24 yd run (Ryan Gaudet kick), 11:38 (1st)  
 OU: Kejuan Jones 1 yd run (Trey Dicarlo kick), 7:31 (2nd)  
 LSU: Justin Vincent 18 yd run (Gaudet kick), 4:21 (2nd)  
 LSU: Marcus Spears 20 yd interception return (Gaudet kick), 14:13 (3rd)  
 OU: Jones 1 yd run (Dicarlo kick), 11:01 (4th)

LSU	Team Statistics	Oklahoma
13	First Downs	12
40-159	Rushing Att-Yards	33-52
14-24-2 (153)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	13-37-2 (102)
64-312	Plays-Total Offense	70-154
26	Return yards	60
8-34.0	Punts-Avg.	8-45.9
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
8-65	Penalties	11-70
31:19	Time of Possession	28:41

## Rushing Leaders

LSU: Justin Vincent 16-117 TD, Matt Mauck 14-27, Skyler Green 3-22 TD.  
 OU: Kejuan Jones 20-59 2 TD, Mark Clayton 4-28, Renaldo Works 1-2.

## Passing

LSU: Matt Mauck 13-22-2, 124 yards; Blain Bech 1-1-0, 29 yards.  
 OU: Jason White 13-37-2, 102 yards.

## Receiving Leaders

LSU: Michael Clayton 4-38, David Jones 3-54, Devery Henderson 2-24.  
 OU: Mark Clayton 4-32, Travis Wilson 3-31, J.D. Runnels 2-19, Kejuan Jones 2-6.

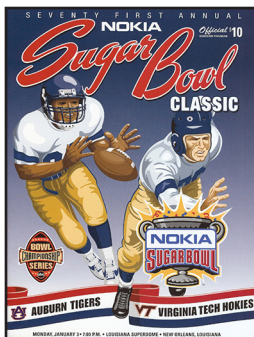
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Justin Vincent, Fr., LSU running back

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 3, 2005**

**#3 Auburn 16 (Final: 13-0, #2)  
#9 Virginia Tech 14 (Final: 10-3, #10)**

# 71



Auburn completed a perfect season as the No. 3 Tigers held off a late Virginia Tech rally for a 16-13 victory.

The Tigers jumped out to a 16-0 lead before the Hokies got on the board in the fourth quarter. Two, late fourth-quarter scores allowed Virginia Tech back into the game, but an onside kick with two minutes left was recovered by the Tigers.

Jason Campbell, voted the Most Outstanding Player, threw for 189 yards on 11-of-16 passing and one score. Campbell connected with Devin Aromashodu on a 5-yard touchdown late in the third quarter, giving the Tigers a 16-0 advantage.

The Tigers running back tandem of Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams rushed for 68 and 61 yards, respectively.

Place kicker John Vaughn connected on three field goals in the first half to give Auburn a 9-0 lead heading into the break.

Virginia Tech's Josh Morgan found the end zone twice in the fourth quarter -- the first on a 29-yard reception from Bryan Randall and the second on an 80-yarder with two minutes to play.

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,349 • ABC Rating: 9.5**

<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Auburn</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- AU: John Vaughn 23 yd field goal, 8:44 (1st)
- AU: Vaughn 19 yd field goal, 1:10 (1st)
- AU: Vaughn 24 yd field goal, 1:50 (2nd)
- AU: Devin Aromashodu 5 yd pass from Jason Campbell (Vaughn kick), 10:39 (3rd)
- VT: Josh Morgan 29 yd pass from Bryan Randall (Randall pass fails), 6:58 (4th)
- VT: Morgan 80 yd pass from Randall (Brandon Pace kick), 2:01 (4th)

Virginia Tech	Team Statistics	Auburn
19	First Downs	14
22-76	Rushing Att-Yards	43-110
21-38-2 (299)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	11-16-1 (189)
60-375	Plays-Total Offense	59-299
71	Return Yards	75
5-35.2	Punts-Avg.	4-43.0
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
7-57	Penalties	4-35
26:26	Time of Possession	33:34

### Rushing Leaders

- VT: Bryan Randall 9-45, Mike Imoh 6-16, Cedric Humes 6-10.
- AU: Ronnie Brown 14-68, Carnell Williams 19-61, Jason Campbell 6-(-3).

### Passing

- VT: Bryan Randall 21-38-2, 299 yards, 2 TD.
- AU: Jason Campbell 11-16-1, 189 yards, 1 TD.

### Receiving Leaders

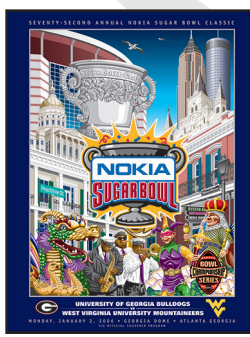
- VT: Josh Hyman 5-71, Josh Morgan 3-126 2 TD, Eddie Royal 3-37, Jeff King 3-12.
- AU: Courtney Taylor 5-87, Anthony Mix 2-68, Cooper Wallace 1-35.

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Jason Campbell, Jr., Auburn quarterback

**January 2, 2006**

**#11 West Virginia 38 (Final: 11-1, #5)  
#8 Georgia 35 (Final: 10-3, #10)**

# 72



In one of the most thrilling Sugar Bowls in history, West Virginia upset Georgia, 38-35, before a sellout crowd in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. The game was moved to Atlanta from New Orleans because of the devastation from Hurricane Katrina.

West Virginia freshman Steve Slaton ran for a Sugar Bowl record 204 yards with three touchdowns, including two 52-yard runs and an 18-yard dash.

The Mountaineers took a commanding 28-0 lead before the Georgia offense came alive in the second quarter when tailback Kregg Lumpkin rushed for a 34-yard score followed by a Thomas Brown 52-yard touchdown run to cut the deficit in half at the 28-14 mark with 8:52 left in the half. After a West Virginia field goal, Georgia answered when D.J. Shockley connected with Leonard Pope on a four-yard TD pass to end the first half.

With 1:51 left in the third quarter, Shockley connected with A.J. Bryant for a 34-yard touchdown pass setting the Georgia Dome into a frenzy as the Bulldogs pulled within three at 31-28.

However, Slaton silenced the Dome with his second 52-yard run of the game for a 38-28 WVU lead with 8:32 left. Shockley answered with a 43-yard pass to Bryan McClendon to put the score at 38-35 with 5:13 remaining, but the Mountaineer's ran out the clock to clinch the victory.

**Georgia Dome • Att: 74,458 • ABC Rating: 9.0**

<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- WVU: Steve Slaton 52 yd run (Pat McAfee kick), 12:12 (1st)
- WVU: Darius Reynaud 3 yd pass from White (McAfee kick), 6:27 (1st)
- WVU: Reynaud 13 yd run (McAfee kick), 4:27 (1st)
- WVU: Slaton 18 yd run (McAfee kick), 14:10 (2nd)
- UGA: Kregg Lumpkin 34 yd run (Brandon Coutu kick), 12:58 (2nd)
- UGA: Thomas Brown 52 yd run (Coutu kick), 8:52 (2nd)
- WVU: McAfee 27 yd field goal, 5:37 (2nd)
- UGA: Leonard Pope 4 yd pass from D.J. Shockley (Coutu kick), 0:58 (2nd)
- UGA: A.J. Bryant 34 yd pass from Shockley (Coutu kick), 1:44 (3rd)
- WVU: Slaton 52 yd run (McAfee kick), 8:32 (4th)
- UGA: Bryan McClendon 43 yd pass from Shockley (Coutu kick), 5:13 (4th)

West Virginia	Team Statistics	Georgia
27	First Downs	27
63-382	Rushing Att-Yards	28-224
11-14-0 (120)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	20-33-0 (277)
77-502	Plays-Total Offense	61-501
130	Return Yards	59
4-36.0	Punts-Avg.	3-45.7
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	4-3
9-74	Penalties	4-50
35:59	Time of Possession	24:01

### Rushing Leaders

- WVU: Steve Slaton 26-204 3 TD, Owen Schmitt 9-82, Pat White 24-77.
- UGA: Thomas Brown 9-78 TD, D.J. Shockley 8-71, Kregg Lumpkin 9-67 TD.

### Passing

- WVU: Pat White 11-14-0, 129 yards, 1 TD.
- UGA: D.J. Shockley 20-33-0, 277 yards, 3 TD.

### Receiving Leaders

- WVU: Darius Reynaud 6-48 TD, Brandon Myles 4-64, Steve Slaton 1-8.
- UGA: Leonard Pope 6-50 TD, Mohamed Massaquoi 4-43, Bryan McClendon 3-72 TD.

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Steve Slaton, Fr., West Virginia running back

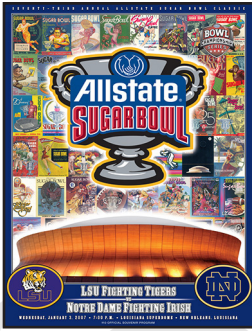
# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 3, 2007

#4 LSU 41 (Final: 11-3, #3)

#11 Notre Dame 14 (Final: 9-4, #17)

# 73



A dominating second half lifted LSU from a 14-all tie late to a decisive 41-14 victory over Notre Dame as the Sugar Bowl made a triumphant return to New Orleans.

LSU's JaMarcus Russell completed 21 of 34 passes for 332 yards with 2 touchdowns while also rushing for a touchdown to lead the Tigers to their third consecutive win in the Sugar Bowl.

After LSU opened the game with touchdowns on its first two possessions, Brady Quinn tossed a pair of touchdowns to knot the game late in the second quarter, before LSU took charge for the remainder of the contest.

Russell drove the Tigers on a five-play, 82-yard scoring drive that ended with his five-yard TD run to give LSU a 21-14 lead with 1:15 to play until halftime.

The big signal-caller then drove the Tigers to scoring drives on four of their first five second-half possessions. A pair of Colt David field goals preceded Russell's 58-yard scoring pass to WR Brandon LeFell to give LSU a 34-14 lead after three quarters.

Keiland Williams, who began the scoring spree for LSU, ended it in the fourth quarter with a 20-yard touchdown run for the final margin.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,781 • FOX Rating: 9.3

Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	-	14
LSU	14	7	13	7	-	41

## SCORING SUMMARY

- LSU: Keiland Williams 3 yd run (Colt David kick), 11:16 (1st)
- LSU: Dwayne Bowe 11 yd pass from JaMarcus Russell (David kick), 6:03 (1st)
- ND: David Grimes 24 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Giola kick), 1:26 (1st)
- ND: Jeff Samardzija 10 yd pass from Quinn (Giola kick), 2:25 (2nd)
- LSU: Russell 5 yd run (David kick), 1:15 (2nd)
- LSU: David 25 yd field goal, 9:34 (3rd)
- LSU: David 37 yd field goal, 3:48 (3rd)
- LSU: Brandon LaFell 58 yd pass from Russell (David kick), 0:18 (3rd)
- LSU: Williams 20 yd run (Gaudet kick), 7:27 (4th)

Notre Dame	Team Statistics	LSU
17	First Downs	31
31-143	Rushing Att-Yards	37-245
15-35-2 (248)	Comp-Att-Int (Yards)	21-34-1 (332)
66-291	Plays-Total Offense	71-577
128	Return yards	48
5-47.4	Punts-Avg.	2-43.5
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
4-40	Penalties	9-95
28:14	Time of Possession	31:46

## Rushing Leaders

- ND: Darius Walker 22-128, James Aldridge 3-7, Brady Quinn 3-6.
- LSU: Keiland Williams 14-107 2 TD, Justin Vincent 12-71, Jacob Hester 3-25.

## Passing

- ND: Brady Quinn 15-35-2, 148 yards, 1 TD.
- LSU: JaMarcus Russell 21-34-1, 332 yards, 2 TD.

## Receiving Leaders

- ND: Jeff Samardzija 8-59 TD, Rhema McNight 3-22, Darius Walker 2-30.
- LSU: Early Doucet 8-115, Dwayne Bowe 5-78 TD, Buster Davis 4-50.

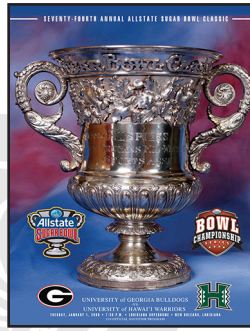
**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** JaMarcus Russell, Jr., LSU quarterback

January 1, 2008

#4 Georgia 41 (Final: 11-2, #2)

#10 Hawai'i 10 (Final: 12-1, #19)

# 74



Hawai'i entered the 2008 Sugar Bowl with a gaudy offense, but the game was characterized by one play from the other side of the ball: Georgia defensive end Marcus Howard sped through the shredded Hawai'i line, took aim at his target, and crashed into a back-peddling Colt Brennan at the Warriors' 5-yard line. The ball popped free and rolled into the end zone, where Howard recovered it for the score.

The touchdown gave Howard as many as the vaunted Warrior offense would get for the night. It lifted the third-quarter score to 31-3 as the Bulldogs dispatched the upstarts from the islands.

Brennan was sacked eight times for minus 53 yards, and was hurried or hit on at least that many. He threw three interceptions and lost two fumbles while finishing 22-of-38 for 164 yards, less than half of his 348-yard average. Hawai'i as a team was held to 306 yards, 228 fewer than its average – and 151 of that total came in the fourth quarter.

Georgia scored the first four times it had the ball, on runs of 17 and 11 yards by redshirt freshman Knowshon Moreno, a 52-yard field goal by senior kicker Brandon Coutu, and an 11-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Matt Stafford to senior receiver Sean Bailey. That made the score 24-3 midway through the second quarter, and school was out for Hawai'i.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 74,383 • FOX Rating: 7.0

Hawai'i	3	0	0	7	-	10
Georgia	14	10	14	3	-	41

## SCORING SUMMARY

- UGA: Knowshon Moreno 17 yd run (Brandon Coutu kick), 9:42 (1st)
- UH: Dan Kelly 41 yd field goal, 4:20 (1st)
- UGA: Moreno 11 yd run (Coutu kick), 0:57 (1st)
- UGA: Coutu 52 yd field goal, 9:36 (2nd)
- UGA: Sean Bailey 11 yd pass from Matt Stafford (Coutu kick), 8:00 (2nd)
- UGA: Marcus Howard 0 yd fumble recovery (Coutu kick), 8:57 (3rd)
- UGA: Thomas Brown 1 yd run (Coutu kick), 1:40 (3rd)
- UGA: Coutu 45 yd field goal, 14:32 (4th)
- UH: Ryan Grice-Mullen 16 yd pass from Tyler Graunke (Kelly kick), 10:32 (4th)

Georgia	Team Statistics	Hawai'i
20	First Downs	19
18-(-5)	Rushing att-yards	40-159
311	Net passing yards	175
35-57-4	Comp-Att-Int	14-27-1
183	Return Yards	128
3-102	Punts-Avg.	3-145
2-2	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
11-90	Penalties	11-100
30:39	Time of Possession	29:21

## Rushing Leaders

- UH: Kealoha Pilares 7-26, Daniel Libre 1-7, David Farmer 1-0, Colt Brennan 9-(-38).
- UGA: Thomas Brown 19-73 TD, Knowshon Moreno 9-61 2 TD, A.J. Bryant 1-20.

## Passing

- UH: Colt Brennan 22-38-3, 169 yds, 0 TD; Tyler Graunke 13-19-1, 142 yards, 1 TD.
- UGA: Matt Stafford 14-23-1, 175 yds, 1 TD; Joe Cox 0-4-0, 0 yards, 0 TD.

## Receiving Leaders

- UH: Jason Rivers 10-105, Davone Bess 7-53, Ryan Grice-Mullen 6-37 TD, C.J. Hawthorne 4-73, Daniel Libre 3-15.
- UGA: Mohamed Massaquoi 5-54, Kris Durham 3-48, Knowshon Moreno 2-26, Sean Bailey 2-18 TD.

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Marcus Howard, Sr., Georgia defensive end

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

## January 7, 2008 • BCS Championship

#2 LSU 38 (Final: 12-2, #1)

#1 Ohio State 24 (Final: 11-2, #5)



LSU captured its second BCS championship trophy in four years while sending Ohio State to its second straight loss in the BCS championship game, 38-24.

Ohio State started fast as sophomore Chris Wells broke loose for a 65-yard touchdown on the Buckeyes' first possession. On Ohio State's second series, backup Brandon Saine found himself free, courtesy of broken coverage, and caught a 44-yard pass to the LSU 15. Three plays later, Ryan Pretorius kicked a 25-yard field goal.

However, from that point on, it was all LSU. The Tigers had 15 of the next 19 first downs and scored 31 unanswered points - a 32-yard Colt David field goal, a short Jacob Hester run and three touchdown passes from Matt Flynn. The go-ahead touchdown came after LSU's Ricky Jean-Francois blocked a Buckeye field-goal attempt midway through the second quarter.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 79,651 • FOX Rating: 14.4

LSU	3	21	7	7	-	38
Ohio State	10	0	7	7	-	24

### SCORING SUMMARY

OSU: Chris Wells 65 yd run (Ryan Pretorius kick), 13:34 (1st)  
 OSU: Pretorius 25 yd field goal, 9:12 (1st)  
 LSU: Colt David 32 yd field goal, 2:21 (1st)  
 LSU: Richard Dickson 13 yd pass from Matt Flynn (David kick), 13:00 (2nd)  
 LSU: Brandon LaFell 10 yd pass from Flynn (David kick), 7:25 (2nd)  
 LSU: Jacob Hester 1 yd run (David kick), 4:16 (2nd)  
 LSU: Early Doucet 4 yd pass from Flynn (David kick), 9:04 (3rd)  
 OSU: Brian Robiskie 5 yd pass from Todd Boeckman (Pretorius kick), 1:38 (3rd)  
 LSU: Dickson 5 yd pass from Flynn (David kick), 1:50 (4th)  
 OSU: Brian Hartline 15 yd pass from Boeckman (Pretorius kick), 1:13 (4th)

Ohio State	Team Statistics	LSU
17	First Downs	25
30-145	Rushing att-yards	49-152
208	Net passing yards	174
15-26-2	Comp-Att-Int	19-27-1
156	Return yards	82
3-50.0	Punts-Avg.	3-56.7
3-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
7-83	Penalties	4-36
26:04	Time of Possession	33:56

### Rushing Leaders

OSU: Chris Wells 20-146 TD, Brian Hartline 1-6.  
 LSU: Jacob Hester 21-86 TD, Richard Murphy 2-33, Keiland Williams 2-20.

### Passing

OSU: Todd Boeckman 15-26-2, 208 yards, 2 TD.  
 LSU: Matt Flynn 19-27-1, 174 yards, 4 TD.

### Receiving Leaders

OSU: Brian Hartline 6-75 TD, Brian Robiskie 5-50 TD, Brandon Saine 3-69, Ray Small 1-14.  
 LSU: Early Doucet 7-51 TD, Richard Dickson 4-44 2TD, Demetrius Byrd 2-28, Brandon LaFell 2-15 TD, Keith Zinger 1-18, Charles Scott 1-16.

**Most Outstanding Offensive Player:** Matt Flynn, Sr., LSU quarterback

**Most Outstanding Defensive Player:** Ricky Jean-Francois, So., LSU defensive tackle

## January 2, 2009

#7 Utah 31 (Final: 13-0, #2)

#4 Alabama 17 (Final: 12-2, #6)

# 75



In a battle between fourth-ranked Alabama, with its illustrious history and tradition in the Southeastern Conference, and seventh-ranked Utah, the undefeated little guys from the lightly regarded Mountain West Conference, the Utes executed a perfect game plan en route to a 31-17 victory.

Utah jumped out of the gate, scoring three first-quarter touchdowns. Quarterback Brian Johnson threw a pair of scoring passes and Matt Asiata ran one in after a key interception by Robert Johnson.

Utah scored three touchdowns and gained 150 yards of offense in a possession time of 4:53 of the first quarter; Alabama had the ball for 10:07 and mustered a total of 43 yards.

Despite the early deficit, the Tide climbed back into hailing distance. A Leigh Tiffin 52-yard field goal was followed by Javier Arenas returning a Utah punt 73 yards for a touchdown, and suddenly the Tide had a pulse, behind just 21-10.

Things tightened more in the third period when Johnson was sacked and fumbled, and Bama recovered at the Utah 30. Glen Coffee eventually took a four-yard pass from John Parker Wilson for a score that made it 21-17.

However, Johnson responded with a 71-yard scoring drive, ending with a 28-yard touchdown pass to David Reed.

After a closing 28-yard field goal by Louie Sakoda, the Utes sealed a convincing victory, their second in a BCS bowl in five years, and the biggest upset in the three-quarters of a century old Sugar Bowl.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 71,872 • FOX Rating: 7.8

Utah	21	0	7	3	-	31
Alabama	0	10	7	0	-	17

### SCORING SUMMARY

Utah: Brent Casteel 7 yd pass from Brian Johnson (Louie Sakoda kick), 11:02 (1st)  
 Utah: Matt Asiata 2 yd run (Sakoda kick), 8:37 (1st)  
 Utah: Bradon Godfrey 18 yd pass from Johnson (Sakoda kick), 4:01 (1st)  
 Ala: Leigh Tiffin 52 yd field goal, 14:55 (2nd)  
 Ala: Javier Arenas 73 yd punt return (Tiffin kick), 5:28 (2nd)  
 Ala: Glen Coffee 4 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Tiffin kick), 11:41 (3rd)  
 Utah: David Reed 28 yd pass from Johnson (Sakoda kick), 10:04 (3rd)  
 Utah: Sakoda 28 yd field goal, 2:49 (4th)

Utah	Team Statistics	Alabama
22	First Downs	15
13-24	Rushing att-yards	33-31
336	Net passing yards	177
27-41-0	Comp-Att-Int	18-30-2
95	Return yards	222
6-45.2	Punts-Avg.	4-41.5
3-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
10-91	Penalties	7-67
28:42	Time of Possession	31:18

### Rushing Leaders

Utah: Matt Asiata 13-29 TD, Darrell Mack 4-8.  
 Ala: Glen Coffee 13-36, Mark Ingram 8-26.

### Passing

Utah: Brian Johnson 27-41-0, 336 yards, 3 TD, 2 sacks.  
 Ala: John Parker Wilson 18-30-2, 177 yards, 1 TD, 8 sacks.

### Receiving Leaders

Utah: Freddie Brown 12-125, Bradon Godfrey 6-75 TD, Jereme Brooks 4-45, David Reed 2-58 TD, Brent Casteel 1-17 TD, Darrell Mack 1-14.  
 Ala: Julio Jones 7-77, Glen Coffee 4-40 TD, Nick Walker 3-25.

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Brian Johnson, Sr., Utah quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 2010

#5 Florida 51 (Final: 13-1, #3)  
#3 Cincinnati 24 (Final: 12-1, #8)

# 76



Florida's Tim Tebow set Sugar Bowl and BCS records with 533 yards of offense to help lead the Gators to a 51-24 win over Cincinnati at the 76th Sugar Bowl. Florida became the first FBS team to post back-to-back 13-win seasons.

Tebow finished with 482 yards passing and three touchdowns on 31-of-35 passing and added 51 yards and another TD on the ground. The passing yards, touchdowns, completions and completion percentage were also Sugar Bowl records.

The Gators held the high-scoring Bearcats to 24 points and 246 yards, well below their averages of 39.8 points and 464.2 yards per game.

Tebow completed his first seven pass attempts including a 7-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Hernandez on the first drive and the rout was on. A Gator field goal and another Tebow scoring pass put the Gators up 16-0.

Florida made it 23-0 lead before Cincinnati connected on a 47-yard field goal. However, Tebow hit Riley Cooper with an 80-yard touchdown strike on the Gators' very next play and Florida took a 30-3 lead into the break.

In the second half, the teams each scored three touchdowns, including Tebow's rushing score, but the game was essentially over.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 65,207 • FOX Rating: 8.50

Cincinnati	0	3	7	14	-	24
Florida	9	21	14	7	-	51

## SCORING SUMMARY

- UF: Aaron Hernandez 7 yd pass from Tim Tebow (Caleb Sturgis kick failed), 6:13 (1st)
- UF: Sturgis 40 yd FG, 1:20 (1st)
- UF: Deonte Thompson 7 yd pass from Tebow (Sturgis kick), 9:07 (2nd)
- UF: Emmanuel Moody 6 yd run (Sturgis kick), 7:05 (2nd)
- UC: Jacob Rogers 47 yd FG, 3:11 (2nd)
- UF: Riley Cooper 80 yd pass from Tebow (Sturgis kick), 3:02 (2nd)
- UF: Moody 2 yd run (Sturgis kick), 11:13 (3rd)
- UC: Marcus Waugh 2 yd pass from Tony Pike (Rogers kick), 4:46 (3rd)
- UF: Tebow 4 yd run (Sturgis kick), 2:06 (3rd)
- UC: Armon Binns 3 yd pass from Pike (Rogers kick), 10:07 (4th)
- UF: Chris Rainey 6 yd run (Sturgis kick), 7:06 (4th)
- UC: Kazeem Alli 6 yd pass from Pike (Rogers kick), 3:43 (4th)

Cincinnati	Team Statistics	Florida
19	First Downs	28
23-76	Rushing att-yards	34-177
170	Net passing yards	482
27-45-0	Comp-Att-Int	31-36-0
226	Return yards	126
6-42.2	Punts-Avg.	1-44.0
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
3-40	Penalties	12-90
27:40	Time of Possession	32:20

## Rushing Leaders

- UC: Isaiah Pead 7-48, Jacob Ramsey 6-18, Tony Pike 7-(-12).
- UF: Mike Gillislee 5-78, Tim Tebow 14-51 TD, Chris Rainey 4-27 TD, Emmanuel Moody 78-14 2 TD.

## Passing

- UC: Tony Pike 27-45-0, 170 yards, 3 TD.
- UF: Tim Tebow 31-35-0, 482 yards, 3 TD.

## Receiving Leaders

- UC: Mardy Gilyard 7-41, Armon Binns 5-29 TD, Ben Giudugli 5-22, DJ Woods 4-46.
- UF: Aaron Hernandez 9-111 TD, Riley Cooper 7-181 TD, Deonte Thompson 5-63 TD, Chris Rainey 4-71, Emmanuel Moody 4-19.

Miller-Digby Award Recipient: Tim Tebow, Sr., Florida quarterback

January 4, 2011

#6 Ohio State 31 (Final: 12-1, #5)\*  
#8 Arkansas 26 (Final: 10-3, #12)

# 77



Ohio State held off a furious second-half Arkansas rally as the Buckeyes claimed a 31-26 win in the 77th Annual Allstate Sugar Bowl Classic.

The Buckeyes led 28-10 at halftime but Arkansas pulled within 31-26 and had a chance for the win after blocking an Ohio State punt and recovering the ball on the Buckeye's 18-yard line with just over a minute remaining. But OSU's Solomon Thomas intercepted a Ryan Mallett pass and the Buckeyes ran out the clock to claim victory.

With Arkansas trailing by 18 to open the second half, the two teams traded field goals before the Hogs pulled within 10 when Mallett hit Jarius Wright for a 22-yard score and D.J. Williams stretched the ball over the goal line for the two-point conversion.

The Razorbacks opened the fourth quarter with a safety and a field goal to pull within five, 31-26, with 8:55 left in the game.

The game opened with Terrelle Pryor scrambling 34 yards to the Arkansas three-yard line, only to lose the ball into the end zone. But Ohio State's Dane Sanzenbacher corralled the loose ball to put the Buckeyes up 7-0.

Arkansas answered with a Mallett TD strike to Joe Adams, but Ohio State's Dan Herron rushed in from nine yards out to make it 14-7. Pryor then threw touchdown passes to Sanzenbacher and DeVier Posey to push the Ohio State advantage to 28-7 before Arkansas ended the half with a Zach Hocker field goal.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 73,879 • ESPN Rating: 8.20

Ohio State	14	14	3	0	-	31
Arkansas	7	3	11	5	-	26

## SCORING SUMMARY

- OSU: Dane Sanzenbacher 0 yd fumble recovery (Devin Barclay kick), 11:41 (1st)
- ARK: Joe Adams 17 yd pass from Ryan Mallett (Zach Hocker kick), 9:43 (1st)
- OSU: Dan Herron 9 yd run (Barclay kick), 7:17 (1st)
- OSU: Sanzenbacher 15 yd pass from Terrelle Pryor (Barclay kick), 9:53 (2nd)
- OSU: DeVier Posey 43 yd pass from Pryor (Barclay kick), 1:59 (2nd)
- ARK: Hocker 20 yd field goal, 0:00 (2nd)
- ARK: Hocker 46 yd field goal, 9:14 (3rd)
- OSU: Barclay 46 yd field goal, 4:10 (3rd)
- ARK: Jarius Wright 22 yd pass from Mallett (D.J. Williams pass from Mallett), 0:58 (3rd)
- ARK: Jake Bequette safety, 11:52 (4th)
- ARK: Hocker 47 yd field goal, 8:55 (4th)

Ohio State	Team Statistics	Arkansas
20	First Downs	23
45-225	Rushing att-yards	31-125
221	Net passing yards	277
14-25-0	Comp-Att-Int	24-47-1
118	Return yards	85
5-31.2	Punts-Avg.	7-43.7
2-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-0
2-15	Penalties	6-48
27:59	Time of Possession	32:01

## Rushing Leaders

- OSU: Terrelle Pryor 15-115, Dan Herron 24-87 TD, Brandon Saine 4-25.
- ARK: Knile Davis 26-139, Ronnie Wingo 1-14, Ryan Mallett 4-(-28).

## Passing

- OSU: Terrelle Pryor 14-25-0, 221 yards, 2 TDs.
- ARK: Ryan Mallett 24-47-1, 277 yards, 2 TDs.

## Receiving Leaders

- OSU: DeVier Posey 3-70 TD, Dane Sanzenbacher 3-59 TD, Jake Stoneburner 3-39.
- ARK: Joe Adams 9-120 TD, D.J. Williams 5-38, Jarius Wright 4-70 TD, Knile Davis 3-8.

Miller-Digby Award Recipient: Terrelle Pryor, Jr., Ohio State quarterback

\* - Ohio State's participation was later vacated.

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 3, 2012

#13 Michigan 23 (Final: 12-1, #12)

#11 Virginia Tech 20 (Final: 11-3, #21)

# 78



Michigan's Brendan Gibbons hit a 37-yard field goal in overtime to lift Michigan to a 23-20 win over Virginia Tech in the 78th Allstate Sugar Bowl.

The game was the first Sugar Bowl to reach overtime.

Michigan wide receiver Junior Hemingway took home MVP honors after a pair of highlight reel touchdown catches. The first, a 45-yard scoring strike from quarterback Denard Robinson, gave the Wolverines a 7-6 lead just before halftime. The second, a catch in traffic at the back of the end zone, put Michigan up 17-6 early in the third quarter.

Virginia Tech pulled to within 17-9 on a 36-yard Justin Myer field goal in the third quarter to set up a wild final frame that twice saw the Hokies tie the game.

Hokie quarterback Logan Thomas capped off a 61-yard drive with a one-yard rushing touchdown before hitting Marcus Davis on the two-point conversion to knot the score at 17-17 with 10:22 left in the game.

Michigan re-took the lead when Gibbons nailed a 39-yard field goal with 4:00 left in the game. But Thomas led the Hokies on an 83-yard drive, culminating in Myer's 25-yard field goal that tied the score at 20-20 and forced overtime.

Virginia Tech nearly scored a touchdown on their overtime possession but Thomas' pass to Danny Coale in the end zone was ruled incomplete after video review. That led to a 37-yard field goal attempt from Myer that sailed wide right and set up Gibbons' winner for the Wolverines.

**Mercedes-Benz Superdome • Att: 64,512 • ESPN Rating: 6.1**

<b>Michigan</b>	0	10	7	3	3	-	23
<b>Virginia Tech</b>	3	3	3	11	0	-	20

### SCORING SUMMARY

- VT: Justin Myer 37 yd field goal, 7:04 (1st)
- VT: Myer 43 yd field goal, 14:10 (2nd)
- UM: Junior Hemingway 45 yd pass from Denard Robinson (Gibbons kick), 0:49 (2nd)
- UM: Gibbons 24 yd field goal, 0:00 (2nd)
- UM: Hemingway 18 yd pass from Robinson (Gibbons kick), 9:43 (3rd)
- VT: Myer 36 yd field goal, 4:48 (3rd)
- VT: Logan Thomas 1 yd run (Marcus Davis pass from Thomas), 10:22 (4th)
- UM: Gibbons 39 yd field goal, 4:00 (4th)
- VT: Myer 25 yd field goal, 0:02 (4th)
- UM: Gibbons 37 yd field goal (OT)

Michigan	Team Statistics	Virginia Tech
12	First Downs	22
30-56	Rushing att-yards	48-163
128	Net passing yards	214
10-22-1	Comp-Att-Int	19-28-1
53	Return yards	115
5-36.2	Punts-Avg.	1-36.0
2-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
4-26	Penalties	7-68
23:10	Time of Possession	36:50

### Rushing Leaders

UM: Fitzgerald Toussaint 13-30, Denard Robinson 13-13, Jeremy Gallon 1-7.  
VT: David Wilson 24-82, Logan Thomas 16-53, Josh Oglesby 7-35.

### Passing

UM: Denard Robinson 9-21-1, 117 yards, 2 TDs.  
VT: Logan Thomas 19-28-1, 214 yards, 0 TDs.

### Receiving Leaders

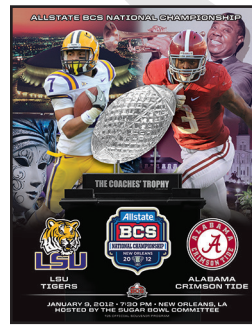
UM: Junior Hemingway 2-63 2 TDs, Kevin Koger 2-9, Fitzgerald Toussaint 1-14.  
VT: Danny Coale 8-117, Jarrett Boykin 4-30, D.J. Coles 2-31.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Junior Hemingway, Sr., Michigan receiver

January 9, 2012 - BCS Championship

#2 Alabama 21 (Final: 12-1, #1)

#1 LSU 0 (Final: 13-1, #2)



Alabama's defense held LSU to just 92 total yards as the Crimson Tide claimed the national championship with a 21-0 victory over LSU in the 2012 Allstate BCS National Championship game.

The Crimson Tide won their second BCS title in the last three years, avenging a 9-6 regular-season overtime loss to the Tigers in the process.

Alabama quarterback A.J. McCarron earned Offensive Most Valuable Player honors after throwing for 234 yards on 23-of-34 passing. Crimson Tide kicker Jeremy Shelley tied an all bowls record with five made field goals which gave Alabama a 15-0 lead after three quarters before

Tide running back Trent Richardson sealed the win with a 34-yard touchdown run with 4:36 left in the game.

Alabama's Courtney Upshaw earned Defensive Most Valuable Player honors after leading the Tide with seven tackles, including six individual stops and a sack.

The Crimson Tide posted 384 yards of total offense while holding the Tigers to just 92, the second-fewest in a BCS game. The Tide also had 21 first downs to just five for LSU.

Shelley opened the scoring for the tide with a 23-yard field goal after a 49-yard punt return by Marquis Maze gave Alabama the ball in LSU territory. Coming into the game, LSU had allowed just six punt return yards all season.

Shelley added to the lead with a pair of three-pointers in the second quarter, the first from 34 yards out and the second a 41-yarder as time expired.

McCarron again led the Tide down the field to open the second half with a 35-yard Shelley field goal and a 12-0 lead. Shelley added his fifth with 22 seconds left in the third quarter to give Alabama a 15-0 advantage.

The Tigers didn't cross midfield until midway through the fourth quarter and quarterback Jordan Jefferson was 11-of-17 for 53 yards passing.

**Mercedes-Benz Superdome • Att: 78,237 • ESPN Rating: 14.0**

<b>Alabama</b>	3	6	6	6	-	21
<b>LSU</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

### SCORING SUMMARY

- ALA: Jeremy Shelley 23 yd field goal, 5:00 (1st)
- ALA: Shelley 34 yd field goal, 4:18 (2nd)
- ALA: Shelley 41 yd field goal, 0:00 (2nd)
- ALA: Shelley 35 yd field goal, 12:49 (3rd)
- ALA: Shelley 44 yd field goal, 0:22 (3rd)
- ALA: Trent Richardson 34 yd run (Shelley kick failed), 4:36 (4th)

Alabama	Team Statistics	LSU
21	First Downs	5
35-150	Rushing att-yards	27-39
234	Net passing yards	53
23-34-0	Comp-Att-Int	11-17-1
99	Return yards	126
3-44.3	Punts-Avg.	9-45.7
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-1
1-5	Penalties	5-35
35:26	Time of Possession	24:34

### Rushing Leaders

ALA: Trent Richardson 20-96 TD, Eddie Lacy 11-43, AJ McCarron 4-11.  
LSU: Kenny Hilliard 5-16, Jordan Jefferson 14-15, Spencer Ware 3-7.

### Passing

ALA: AJ McCarron 23-34-0, 234 yards, 0 TDs.  
LSU: Jordan Jefferson 11-17-1, 53 yards, 0 TDs.

### Receiving Leaders

ALA: Brad Smelley 7-39, Darius Hanks 5-58, Kevin Norwood 4-78.  
LSU: Odell Beckham 5-38, Rueben Randle 3-13, Deangelo Peterson 1-7.

**Offensive MVP:** AJ McCarron, So., Alabama quarterback

**Defensive MVP:** Courtney Upshaw, Sr., Alabama linebacker

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 2, 2013

#21 Louisville 33 (Final: 11-2, #13)

#3 Florida 23 (Final: 11-2, #9)

# 79



An MVP-caliber performer by Louisville quarterback Teddy Bridgewater led the Cardinals to a 33-23 upset of Florida in the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

The Cardinals jumped to a quick start as cornerback Terrell Floyd intercepted a pass on the game's first play from scrimmage and returned the ball 38 yards for the first score of the game with just 15 seconds off the clock.

After forcing a Gator punt, the Cardinals orchestrated another scoring drive as Jeremy Wright ran it in from the one for an early 14-0 edge.

In the second quarter, Florida tallied its first points with a 33-yard field goal, but Louisville answered with a 27-yarder of its own. The Cardinals

added to their lead as Bridgewater found DeVante Parker for a 15-yard scoring strike and a 24-3 advantage. Gator quarterback Jeff Driskel then threw for 45 yards and rushed for 24 to set up a one-yard plunge by Matt Jones to make it 24-10 with just 10 seconds remaining in the half.

The game was effectively put away when the Gators attempted an onside kick to start the third quarter but Louisville not only recovered, but saw the Gators charged with two personal fouls. On the first play, Bridgewater connected with Damian Copeland for a 19-yard touchdown pass in the corner of the endzone.

With 7:41 to go in the game, Andre Dubose registered the longest kick return in Sugar Bowl history, taking the boot 100 yards for a score to give the Gators a sign of life. Florida then went on a long drive, capped by a five-yard Driskel touchdown pass to Kent Taylor, however, Louisville was able to run out the clock for the victory.

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Louisville	14	10	6	3	-	33
Florida	0	10	0	13	-	23

### SCORING SUMMARY

- LOU: Terrell Floyd 38 yd INT (Wallace, John kick), 14:45 (1st)
- LOU: Jeremy Wright 1 yd run (Wallace kick), 6:47 (1st)
- UF: Caleb Sturgis 33 yd field goal, 14:50 (2nd)
- LOU: Wallace 27 yd field goal, 8:39 (2nd)
- LOU: DeVante Parker 15 yd pass from T. Bridgewater (Wallace kick), 2:57 (2nd)
- UF: Matt Jones 2 yd run (Sturgis kick), 0:10 (2nd)
- LOU: Damian Copeland 19 yd pass from Bridgewater (Kick blocked), 14:52 (3rd)
- LOU: Wallace 30 yd field goal, 7:54 (4th)
- UF: Andre Debose 100 yd kick return (Sturgis kick), 7:41 (4th)
- UF: Kent Taylor 5 pass from Jeff Driskel (Pass failed), 2:13 (4th)

Louisville	Team Statistics	Florida
23	First Downs	17
36-70	Rushing att-yards	30-111
266	Net passing yards	175
20-32-1	Comp-Att-Int	16-29-2
10	Return yards	218
1-39.0	Punts-Avg.	4-41.2
2-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
2-25	Penalties	9-98
35:37	Time of Possession	24:23

### Rushing Leaders

- LOU: Jeremy Wright 25-84 TD, Corvin Lamb 2-5.
- UF: Mike Gillislee 9-48, Trey Burton 5-24, Matt Jones 3-16 TD.

### Passing

- LOU: Teddy Bridgewater 20-32-1, 266 yards, 2 TDs.
- UF: Jeff Driskel 16-29-2, 175 yards, 1 TD.

### Receiving Leaders

- Louisville: A. Smith 4-55, E. Rogers 4-62, J. Wright 3-19, D. Copeland 2-31 TD.
- Florida: Q. Dunbar 5-77, O. Hines 3-34, F. Hammond 2-22, K. Taylor 1-5 TD.

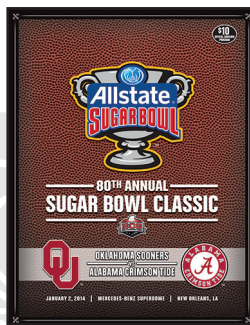
**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Teddy Bridgewater, So., Louisville quarterback

January 2, 2014

#11 Oklahoma 45 (Final: 11-2, #6)

#3 Alabama 31 (Final: 11-2, #7)

# 80



Trevor Knight threw four touchdown passes while the defense tallied seven sacks and forced four turnovers as Oklahoma defeated Alabama, 45-31, in the 80th Annual Allstate Sugar Bowl Classic. Knight was named MVP after setting a Sugar Bowl record with 32 completions.

The teams traded scores early as T.J. Yeldon scored on a short run for the Tide and Lacoltan Bester snagged a 45-yard touchdown pass from Knight. After 'Bama took the lead on a Cade Foster field goal, Oklahoma made it 14-10 with another Knight TD strike.

The Crimson Tide reclaimed the lead momentarily, 17-14, with a 67-yard scoring pass from quarterback AJ McCarron to DeAndrew White but then Oklahoma took control with 17 unanswered points.

The burst opened with Michael Hunnicutt knotting the game on a field goal, then Knight connected with Saunders for another touchdown before Sterling Shepard took an end-around handoff from Knight and broke free around the right end to make it a 31-17 game at the half.

The Crimson Tide made it a one-score game twice in the second half. However, the Sooner defense quieted any comeback bids as Eric Striker stripped McCarron of the ball with a sack before Geneo Grissom scooped up the loose ball and rumbled eight yards for the final score with 44 seconds on the clock.

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Oklahoma	14	17	0	14	-	45
Alabama	10	7	7	7	-	31

### SCORING SUMMARY

- ALA: T.J. Yeldon 1 yd rush (Kick by Cade Foster), 13:11 (1st)
- OU: Lacoltan Bester 45 yd pass from T. Knight (Kick by M. Hunnicutt), 9:43 (1st)
- ALA: Cade Foster 27 yd FG, 7:02 (1st)
- OU: Jalen Saunders 8 yd pass from Knight (Kick by Hunnicutt), 1:53 (1st)
- ALA: DeAndrew White 67 yd pass from AJ McCarron (Kick by Foster), 14:03 (2nd)
- OU: Hunnicutt 47 yd FG, 11:45 (2nd)
- OU: Saunders 43 yd pass from Knight (Kick by Hunnicutt), 2:59 (2nd)
- OU: Sterling Shepard 13 yd rush (Kick by Hunnicutt), 1:05 (2nd)
- ALA: Derrick Henry 43 yd rush (Kick by Foster), 8:49 (3rd)
- OU: Shepard 9 yd pass from Knight (Kick by Hunnicutt), 10:44 (4th)
- ALA: Henry 61 yd pass from McCarron (Kick by Foster), 6:22 (4th)
- OU: Geneo Grissom 8 yd fumble recovery (Kick by Hunnicutt), 0:47 (4th)

Oklahoma	Team Statistics	Alabama
24	First Downs	20
30-81	Rushing att-yards	35-129
348	Net passing yards	387
32-44-1	Comp-Att-Int	19-30-2
156	Return yards	122
6-42.3	Punts-Avg.	4-43.5
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-3
11-95	Penalties	6-45
30:55	Time of Possession	29:05

### Rushing Leaders

- OU: Brennan Clay 17-44; Keith Ford 3-15; Sterling Shepard 3-14 TD.
- ALA: Derrick Henry 8-100 TD; T.J. Yeldon 17-72 TD; AJ McCarron 10-(-43).

### Passing

- OU: Trevor Knight 32-44-1, 348 yards, 4 TDs, 1 sack.
- ALA: AJ McCarron 19-30-2, 387 yards, 2 TDs, 7 sacks.

### Receiving Leaders

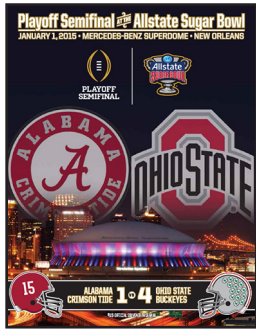
- OU: S. Shepard 7-62 TD; B. Clay 7-36; L. Bester 6-105 TD; J. Saunders 5-75 2 TDs.
- ALA: A. Cooper 9-121; D. White 3-139 TD; K. Norwood 2-30; D. Henry 1-61 TD.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Trevor Knight, Fr., Oklahoma quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 2015 - CFP Semifinal**  
**#4 Ohio State 42 (Final: 14-1, #1)**  
**#1 Alabama 35 (Final: 12-3, #4)**

# 81



Ohio State tailback Ezekiel Elliott set an Allstate Sugar Bowl record with 230 rushing yards as the Buckeyes punched their ticket to the inaugural College Football Playoff Championship Game with a 42-35 victory over Alabama. Ohio State would go on to defeat Oregon in the inaugural College Football Playoff Championship in Arlington, Texas.

The Crimson Tide jumped out early as Derek Henry and T.J. Yeldon both ran for scores and Amari Cooper snagged a 15-yard Blake Sims delivery while the Buckeyes managed just two field goals and Alabama led 21-6 with 8:07 remaining in the opening half.

However, Ezekiel Elliott scored on a three-yard run, and on a trick play, receiver Evan Spencer connected with Michael Thomas for a toe-tapping catch in the endzone to make it 21-20 at the break.

Ohio State added a 47-yard scoring toss from Cardale Jones to Devin Smith on the opening drive of the third quarter to take a 27-21 lead they would not relinquish. Defensive end Steve Miller added to the scoring onslaught with a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown with 3:21 to play in the third, but Alabama refused to go away quietly as Sims scored on a five-yard keeper to make it 34-28 with 1:01 remaining in the third quarter. However, an 85-yard TD run by Elliott iced the victory with 3:24 remaining on the clock.

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Ohio State	6	14	14	8	-	42
Alabama	14	7	7	7	-	35

### SCORING SUMMARY

OSU: Sean Nuernberger 22 yd field goal, 11:32 (1st)  
 ALA: Derrick Henry 25 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), 9:25 (1st)  
 OSU: Nuernberger 21 yd field goal, 5:17 (1st)  
 ALA: Amari Cooper 15 yd pass from Blake Sims (Griffith kick), 2:06 (1st)  
 ALA: T.J. Yeldon 2 yd run (Griffith kick), 8:07 (2nd)  
 OSU: Ezekiel Elliott 3 yd run (Nuernberger kick), 2:55 (2nd)  
 OSU: Michael Thomas 13 yd pass from Evan Spencer (Nuernberger kick), 0:12 (2nd)  
 OSU: Devin Smith 47 yd pass from Cardale Jones (Nuernberger kick), 12:44 (3rd)  
 OSU: Steve Miller 41 yd INT return (Nuernberger kick), 3:21 (3rd)  
 ALA: Sims 5 yd run (Griffith kick), 1:01 (3rd)  
 OSU: Elliott 85 yd run (Thomas pass from Jones), 3:24 (4th)  
 ALA: Cooper 6 yd pass from Sims (Griffith kick), 1:59 (4th)

Ohio State	Team Statistics	Alabama
23	First Downs	21
42-281	Rushing att-yards	34-170
256	Net passing yards	2237
19-36-1	Comp-Att-Int	22-36-3
33	Return yards	112
6-46.5	Punts-Avg.	7-55.0
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
4-24	Penalties	4-36
31:19	Time of Possession	28:41

### Rushing Leaders

OSU: Ezekiel Elliott 20-230 2 TDs, Cardale Jones 17-43, Jalin Marshall 3-11.  
 ALA: Derrick Henry 13-95 TD, T.J. Yeldon 10-47 TD, Blake Sims 10-29 TD.

### Passing

OSU: Cardale Jones 18-35-1, 243 yards, 1 TD; Evan Spencer 1-1-0, 13 yards, 1 TD.  
 ALA: Blake Sims 22-36-3, 237 yards, 2 TDs.

### Receiving Leaders

OSU: Michael Thomas 7-66 TD, Jalin Marshall 5-55, Devin Smith 2-87 TD.  
 ALA: Amari Cooper 9-71 2 TDs, DeAndrew White 3-65, Derrick Henry 2-54.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipients:** Ezekiel Elliott, So., Ohio State running back (off.); Darron Lee, Fr., Ohio State linebacker (defense).

**January 1, 2016**  
**#16 Oklahoma State 20 (Final: 10-3, #20)**  
**#12 Ole Miss 48 (Final: 10-3, #10)**

# 82



Fans of the 2016 Allstate Sugar Bowl may have expected a shootout but instead Ole Miss proved that it had a vaunted defense to go with a prolific attack as it rolled past Oklahoma State, 48-20.

After being held on its first two drives, Ole Miss scored the next six times it had the ball to take a commanding 34-6 lead at halftime.

Quarterback Chad Kelly, the Miller-Digby Award winner, threw for 300 yards and matched the bowl record with four TD connections, while Laquon Treadwell, who also completed a 45-yard pass, tied the bowl record with three touchdown grabs.

After the teams traded field goals, Kelly found Cody Core for a 31-yard touchdown and connected with Treadwell for scoring strikes of 34 and 10 yards. Gary Wunderlich added a second field goal with 3:39 to play in the second quarter to stake the Rebels to a commanding 27-6 lead.

The Cowboys added another field goal, but Ole Miss capped the half in dramatic fashion as offensive lineman Laremy Tunsil hauled in a backward lateral on a trick play and barreled in from two yards out to give the Rebels a 28-point advantage as the clock hit 0:00.

Ole Miss added a 36-yard touchdown run by Jordan Wilkins late in the third quarter. Following a two-yard scoring scramble by OSU quarterback J.W. Walsh with 1:11 remaining in the third quarter, the Rebels nabbed their final touchdown on a 14-yard pass from Kelly to Treadwell (1:56) into the final frame. The Cowboys closed out the scoring on an eight-yard Walsh run with 3:03 left in regulation.

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Oklahoma State	3	3	7	7	-	20
Ole Miss	10	24	7	7	-	48

### SCORING SUMMARY

OSU: Ben Grogan 26 yd FG, 4:52 (1st)  
 MISS: Gary Wunderlich 34 yd FG, 2:15 (1st)  
 MISS: Cody Core 31 yd pass from Chad Kelly (Kick by Wunderlich), 0:20 (1st)  
 MISS: Laquon Treadwell 34 yd pass from Kelly (Kick by Wunderlich), 11:28 (2nd)  
 MISS: Treadwell 10 yd pass from Kelly (Kick by Wunderlich), 6:58 (2nd)  
 MISS: Wunderlich 38 yd FG, 3:39 (2nd)  
 OSU: Grogan 31 yd FG, 1:22 (2nd)  
 MISS: Laremy Tunsil 2 yd rush (Kick by Wunderlich), 0:00 (2nd)  
 MISS: Jordan Wilkins 36 yd rush (Kick by Wunderlich), 4:26 (3rd)  
 OSU: J.W. Walsh 2 yd rush (Kick by Grogan), 1:11 (3rd)  
 MISS: Treadwell 14 yd pass from Kelly (Kick by Wunderlich), 13:04 (4th)  
 OSU: Walsh 8 yd rush (Kick by Grogan), 3:03 (4th)

Oklahoma State	Team Statistics	Ole Miss
20	First Downs	28
30-63	Rushing att-yards	37-207
303	Net passing yards	347
27-45-0	Comp-Att-Int	22-35-1
42	Return yards	113
7-38.1	Punts-Avg.	4-45.8
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
7-77	Penalties	5-75
31:53	Time of Possession	28:07

### Rushing Leaders

OSU: J.W. Walsh 10-74 2 TD; Chris Carson 10-13; Raymond Taylor 1-3.  
 MISS: Chad Kelly 10-73; Jordan Wilkins 5-48 TD; Jaylen Walton 8-40.

### Passing Leaders

OSU: Mason Rudolph 18-31-0, 179 yards, 0 TD, 3 sacks.  
 MISS: Chad Kelly 21-33-1, 302 yards, 4 TDs, 2 sacks.

### Receiving Leaders

OSU: Marcell Ateman 5-70; David Glidden 4-59; Chris Carson 4-59.  
 MISS: Evan Engram 6-96; Laquon Treadwell 6-71 3 TDs; Cody Core 4-91 TD.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Chad Kelly, Jr., Ole Miss quarterback

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 2, 2017

#14 Auburn 19 (Final: 8-5, #24)  
#7 Oklahoma 35 (Final: 11-2, #5)

# 83



Oklahoma's high-octane offense didn't disappoint in the 83rd Allstate Sugar Bowl. The seventh-ranked Sooners rolled up 524 yards to key their 35-19 victory against 14th-ranked Auburn.

Baker Mayfield, who was honored as the game's Most Outstanding Player, completed 19-of-28 passes for 296 yards and two touchdowns. Joe Mixon rushed for 91 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns and had five receptions for 89 yards.

As good as the Sooners offense was, give a nod to the much-maligned Oklahoma defense, too. The unit, which allowed 439.8 yards (89th in the nation) and 29.7 points per game during the season, held

Auburn's offense to 339 yards.

Auburn was at a big disadvantage when it lost starting quarterback Sean White to a broken arm in the first half.

The Sooners took over in the second half as Mayfield found Dede Westbrook for a 7-yard touchdown and Mixon scored on a 4-yard run.

With 12:29 left in the fourth quarter, the Sooners took a comfortable 35-13 lead as Samaje Perine carried two yards for the score.

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Auburn	7	6	0	6	-	19
Oklahoma	0	14	14	7	-	35

## SCORING SUMMARY

AU: Chandler Cox 3 yd rush (Kick by Daniel Carlson), 9:04 (1st)  
OU: Mark Andrews 13 yd pass from B. Mayfield (Kick by Austin Seibert), 11:24 (2nd)  
AU: Carlson 49 yd FG, 7:16 (2nd)  
OU: Joe Mixon 3 yd rush (Kick by Seibert), 3:37 (2nd)  
AU: Carlson 39 yd FG, 0:41 (2nd)  
OU: Dede Westbrook 7 yd pass from Mayfield (Kick by Seibert), 12:39 (3rd)  
OU: Mixon 4 yd rush (Kick by Seibert), 2:28 (3rd)  
OU: Samaje Perine 2 yd rush (Kick by Seibert), 12:40 (4th)  
AU: Jalen Harris 1 yd pass from Kerryon Johnson (No PAT attempt), 0:00 (4th)

Auburn	Team Statistics	Oklahoma
22	First Downs	28
46-185	Rushing att-yards	43-228
154	Passing yards	296
13-27-1	Comp-Att-Int	19-28-0
51	Return yards	19
5-49.2	Punts-Avg.	3-45.7
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
6-63	Penalties	10-100
26:42	Time of Possession	33:18

## Rushing

**Auburn:** Kamryn Pettway 24-101; Kerryon Johnson 9-33; John Franklin 5-16; Sean White 3-15; Jeremy Johnson 1-10; Eli Stove 2-8; Chandler Cox 1-3 TD; Ryan Davis 1-(-1).

**Oklahoma:** Joe Mixon 19-91 2 TD; Samaje Perine 17-86 TD; Baker Mayfield 4-34; Dede Westbrook 3-17.

## Passing

**Auburn:** Sean White 4-10-0, 35 yards, 0 TDs, 0 sacks; Jeremy Johnson 5-9-1, 93 yards, 0 TDs, 0 sacks; John Franklin 3-7-0, 25 yards, 0 TDs, 0 sacks; Kerryon Johnson 1-1-0, 1 yard, 1 TD, 0 sacks.

**Oklahoma:** Baker Mayfield 19-28-0, 296 yards, 2 TDs, 0 sacks.

## Receiving

**Auburn:** Eli Stove 4-39; Tony Stephens 2-21; Darius Slayton 1-56; Kyle Davis 1-13; N. Craig-Myers 1-12; Kerryon Johnson 1-5; Stanton Truitt 1-4; Will Hastings 1-3; Jalen Harris 1-1 TD.

**Oklahoma:** Dede Westbrook 6-59 TD; Joe Mixon 5-89; Mark Andrews 3-68 TD; Geno Lewis 2-40; Jeffery Mead 2-27; Nick Basquine 1-13.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Baker Mayfield, Jr., Oklahoma quarterback

January 1, 2018 - CFP Semifinal

#4 Alabama 24 (Final: 13-1, #1)  
#1 Clemson 6 (Final: 12-2, #4)

# 84



Alabama used an opportunistic, stingy defense to win its College Football Playoff semifinal game in the Allstate Sugar Bowl. The fourth-seeded Crimson Tide scored 14 points off a pair of third-quarter turnovers to key its 24-6 victory against top-seeded Clemson before a sellout crowd of 72,360. Bama held Clemson, the defending national champion, to 188 yards of total offense.

The unlikely hero: Alabama noseguard Da'Ron Payne. He intercepted a pass to set up Bama's first third-quarter score and, in a move that had everyone – red and orange clad included – surprised, caught a touchdown pass from Jalen Hurts on the ensuing drive to make it 17-6.

It didn't take long for Bama to make it 24-6. On the first play from scrimmage on the ensuing possession, Bryant again dropped to pass from the Clemson 13. But his throw was deflected by Bama cornerback Levi Wallace. Tide middle linebacker Mack Wilson grabbed the tipped pass and brought it back 18 yards for a touchdown and the 24-6 lead with 5:27 left in the third quarter.

Clemson, the ACC Champion, was never able to recover.

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Alabama	10	0	14	0	-	24
Clemson	0	3	3	0	-	6

## SCORING SUMMARY

UA: Andy Pappanastos 24 yd FG, 5:23 (1st)  
UA: Calvin Ridley 12 yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Pappanastos kick), 0:12 (1st)  
CU: Alex Spence 44 yd FG, 10:00 (2nd)  
CU: Spence 42 yd FG, 12:45 (3rd)  
UA: Da'Ron Payne 1 yd pass from Hurts (Pappanastos kick), 5:40 (3rd)  
UA: Mack Wilson 17 yd interception return (Pappanastos kick), 5:27 (3rd)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Clemson
16	First Downs	14
42-141	Rushing att-yards	33-64
120	Passing yards	124
16-24-0	Comp-Att-Int	18-37-2
78	Return yards	65
6-35.5	Punts-Avg.	7-39.3
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
2-10	Penalties	4-29
32:11	Time of Possession	27:49

## Rushing

**Alabama:** Damien Harris 19-77; Jalen Hurts 11-40; Bo Scarbrough 12-24.

**Clemson:** Travis Etienne 4-22; Kelly Bryant 19-19; Adam Choice 5-14; Tavien feaster 4-10.

## Passing

**Alabama:** Jalen Hurts 16-24-0, 120 yards, 2 TDs, 2 sacks.

**Clemson:** Kelly Bryant 18-36-2, 124 yards, 0 TDs, 5 sacks; Tavien Feaster 0-1-0, 0 yards, 0 TDs, 0 sacks.

## Receiving

**Alabama:** Calvin Ridley 4-39 TD; Henry Ruggs III 2-25; Bo Scarbrough 2-16; Damien Harris 2-4; Josh Jacobs 2-3; Najee Harris 1-22; Irv Smith 1-6; DeVonta Smith 1-4; Da'Ron Payne 1-1 TD.

**Clemson:** Deon Cain 6-76; Hunter Renfrow 5-31; Ray-Ray McCloud 3-1; Tavien Feaster 2-(-3); Amari Rodgers 1-16; Milan Richard 1-4.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipients:** Da'Ron Payne, Jr., Alabama noseguard (defense); Jalen Hurts, So., Alabama quarterback (offense).

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 2019**

**#14 Texas 28 (Final: 10-4, #9)  
#6 Georgia 21 (Final: 11-3, #7)**

# 85



Tom Herman's Texas Renaissance Festival continued with a signature victory in the 85th annual Allstate Sugar Bowl. Led by quarterback Sam Ehlinger and a stingy defense, 15th-ranked Texas upset fifth-ranked Georgia, 28-21, before 71,449 fans in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Ehlinger was honored as the Miller-Digby Award winner after rushing for 64 yards on 21 carries and three touchdowns while completing 19 of 27 passes for 169 yards.

The Texas defense held Bulldogs to just 76 yards rushing through the first three quarters of the game and 174 yards overall. For the game, Georgia, which averaged 251.6 yards rushing per game coming in, finished with 72 yards rushing and 284 overall.

Georgia rallied in the fourth quarter with two touchdowns, cutting a 28-7 Longhorn lead to 28-21 with 14 seconds left to play. But Texas recovered an onside kick then to preserve the victory.

Ehlinger's stats didn't tell the whole story. It was the clutch plays in big situations that defined his night. And perhaps none was bigger than one Texas touchdown drive that spanned the third and fourth quarters. He led the Longhorns on a 14-play, 70-yard offensive that consumed 5:37.

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Texas	10	10	0	8	-	28
Georgia	0	7	0	14	-	21

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- UT: Sam Ehlinger 2 yd run (Cameron Dicker kick), 10:35 (1st)
- UT: Cameron Dicker 37 yd field goal, 6:05 (1st)
- UT: Sam Ehlinger 9 yd run (Dicker kick), 14:53 (2nd)
- UG: Brian Herrien 17 yd pass from Jake Fromm (R. Blankenship kick), 9:03 (2nd)
- UT: Dicker 30 yd field goal, 4:37 (2nd)
- UT: Ehlinger 1 yd run (Collin Johnson pass from Ehlinger), 11:49 (4th)
- UG: Mecole Hardman 3 yd pass from Fromm (Blankenship kick), 10:25 (4th)
- UG: D'Andre Swift 5 yd pass from Fromm (Blankenship kick), 0:14 (4th)

Texas	Team Statistics	Georgia
20	First Downs	20
49-178	Rushing att-yards	30-72
177	Passing yards	212
20-28-0	Comp-Att-Int	20-34-1
22	Return yards	28
5-41.4	Punts-Avg.	5-37.6
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
6-60	Penalties	3-35
35:00	Time of Possession	25:00

**Rushing**

**Texas:** Tre Watson 18-91; Sam Ehlinger 21-64 3 TDs; Keontay Ingram 9-25.  
**Georgia:** Elijah Holyfield 12-62; Brian Herrien 4-17; D'Andre Swift 8-12; Jake Fromm 5-(-5).

**Passing**

**Texas:** Sam Ehlinger 19-27-0, 169 yards, 0 TDs, 2 sacks; Lil' Jordan Humphrey 1-1-0, 8 yards, 0 sacks.  
**Georgia:** Jake Fromm 20-34-1, 212 yards, 3 TDs, 2 sacks.

**Receiving**

**Texas:** Lil'Jordan Humphrey 7-67; Collin Johnson 3-40; Keontay Ingram 3-24; Devin Duvernay 2-22; Tre Watson 2-6; Sam Ehlinger 1-8; Andrew Beck 1-5; Jerrod Heard 1-5.  
**Georgia:** Riley Ridley 5-61; D'Andre Swift 5-30 TD; Terry Godwin 2-33; Charlie Woerner 2-27; Brian Herrien 2-20 TD; Jeremiah Holloman 1-31; Elijah Holyfield 1-4; Mecole Hardman 1-3 TD; Isaac Nauta 1-3.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Sam Ehlinger, Texas quarterback

**January 1, 2020**

**#5 Georgia 26 (Final: 12-2, #4)  
#7 Baylor 14 (Final: 11-3, #13)**

# 86



Jake Fromm hooked up early and often with George Pickens as No. 5 Georgia defeated No. 7 Baylor in the 86th Allstate Sugar Bowl.

Pickens, honored as the game's Most Outstanding Player, caught 12 passes for 175 yards and a touchdown. He made 11 of those catches for 165 yards and the score in the first half as Georgia built a 19-0 halftime lead. He also was on the receiving end of Fromm's first eight completions and caught nine of his first 10 completions.

Fromm closed his career with a bang, completing 20 of 30 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns. Georgia totaled 380 yards, including 92 yards rushing from running back Zamir White.

Baylor rallied with two third-quarter touchdowns but a key turnover gave the Dawgs a short-field that they took advantage of with a successful fake field goal and a White TD run to make it 26-7 and all but clinch victory.

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Georgia	3	16	7	0	-	26
Baylor	0	0	14	0	-	14

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- UGa: Rodrigo Blankenship 24 yd field goal, 0:49 (1st)
- UGa: George Pickens 27 yd pass from Jake Fromm (Blankenship kick), 12:28 (2nd)
- UGa: Blankenship 31 yd field goal, 8:08 (2nd)
- UGa: Matt Landers 16 yd pass from Fromm (PAT pass failed), 1:51 (2nd)
- BU: Denzel Mims 12 yd pass from Charlie Brewer (John Mayers kick), 12:14 (3rd)
- UGa: Zamir White 13 yd run (Blankenship kick), 7:16 (3rd)
- BU: Brewer 1 yd run (Mayers kick), 4:10 (3rd)

Georgia	Team Statistics	Baylor
19	First Downs	21
40-130	Rushing att-yards	28-61
250	Passing yards	234
20-30-0	Comp-Att-Int	28-50-2
33	Return yards	39
7-42.1	Punts-Avg.	7-49.1
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
6-82	Penalties	10-90
32:23	Time of Possession	27:37

**Rushing**

**Georgia:** Zamir White 18-92 TD; Kenny McIntosh 6-26; Tyler Simmons 3-22; James Cook 3-12; Jake Camarda 1-6; Demetrius Robertson 1-4; D'Andre Swift 1-2; Jake Fromm 4-(-22).  
**Baylor:** Trestan Ebner 5-23; John Lovett 3-18; JaMycal Hasty 8-13; Charlie Brewer 9-7 TD; Josh Fleeks 1-4; Jacob Zeno 2-(-4).

**Passing**

**Georgia:** Jake Fromm 20-30-0, 250 yards, 2 TDs, 2 sacks.  
**Baylor:** Charlie Brewer 24-41-1, 211 yards, 1 TD, 2 sacks; Jacob Zeno 4-9-1, 23 yards, 0 TDs, 1 sack.

**Receiving**

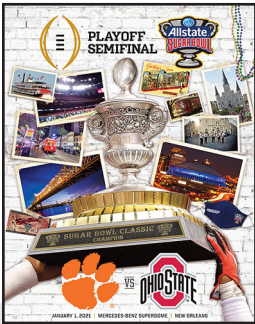
**Georgia:** George Pickens 12-175 TD; Tyler Simmons 4-47; Matt Landers 3-25 TD; Kenny McIntosh 1-3.  
**Baylor:** Trestan Ebner 7-70; Denzel Mims 5-75 TD; Tyquan Thornton 4-38; R.J. Sneed 4-20; JaMycal Hasty 3-11; Josh Fleeks 2-11; Christoph Henle 2-7; John Lovett 1-2.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** George Pickens, Georgia receiver

# SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

**January 1, 2021 - CFP Semifinal**  
**#3 Ohio State 49 (Final: 7-1, #2)**  
**#2 Clemson 28 (Final: 10-2, #3)**

# 87



Justin Fields had 427 total yards and threw for an Allstate Sugar Bowl record six touchdowns leading No. 3 Ohio State to a convincing 49-28 victory against No. 2 Clemson in a College Football Playoff Semifinal.

Ohio State running back Trey Sermon, a transfer from Oklahoma, rushed for 191 yards and one touchdown and also caught four passes for 61 yards. But Fields was clearly the leader as he guided the Buckeyes to 639 total yards. He completed 22 of 28 passes for 385 yards and also rushed for 42 yards. And, to add to the story, he did so after suffering a vicious hit to his back in the

second quarter yet continued to play.

The Buckeyes took control of the game with an impressive 21-point second quarter that gave them a 35-21 halftime lead. They made it 42-21 with 4:55 left in the third quarter when Fields tossed a 56-yard touchdown pass to Chris Olave (six catches for 132 yards, 2 TDs).

Fields put the finishing touch on his record setting night when he threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Jameson Williams with 49 seconds left in the third quarter that drove a stake through the Tigers and gave Ohio State a 49-21 lead.

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<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Clemson</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- CU: Trevor Lawrence 2 yd run (B.T. Potter kick), 12:10 (1st)
- OSU: Trey Sermon 32 yd run (Blake Haubeil kick), 7:59 (1st)
- CU: Travis Etienne 3 yd run (Potter kick), 5:01 (1st)
- OSU: Luke Farrell 8 yd pass from Justin Fields (Haubeil kick), 1:36 (1st)
- OSU: Jeremy Ruckert 17 yd pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 10:35 (2nd)
- OSU: Chris Olave 9 yd pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 5:12 (2nd)
- OSU: Ruckert 12 yd pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 0:11 (2nd)
- CU: Cornell Powell 10 yd pass from Lawrence (Potter kick), 7:56 (3rd)
- OSU: Olave 56 yd pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 4:55 (3rd)
- OSU: Jameson Williams 45 yd pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 14:03 (4th)
- CU: Powell 26 yd pass from Lawrence (Potter kick), 10:42 (4th)

Ohio State	Team Statistics	Clemson
26	First Downs	23
44-254	Rushing att-yards	22-44
385	Passing yards	400
22-28-1	Comp-Att-Int	33-48-1
14	Return yards	41
4-47.3	Punts-Avg.	5-47.4
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-1
9-95	Penalties	3-20
34:05	Time of Possession	25:55

### Rushing Leaders

**Ohio State:** Trey Sermon 31-193 TD, Justin Fields 8-42, Miyan Williams 3-21.  
**Clemson:** Travis Etienne 10-32 TD, Lyn-J Dixon 2-20, Trevor Lawrence 10-(-)8.

### Passing

**Ohio State:** Justin Fields 22-28-1, 385 yards, 6 TDs, 2 sacks.  
**Clemson:** Trevor Lawrence 33-48-1, 400 yards, 2 TDs, 2 sacks.

### Receiving

**Ohio State:** Chris Olave 6-132 2 TDs, Trey Sermon 4-61, Jameson Williams 3-62 TD, Jeremy Ruckert 3-55 2 TDs, Garrett Wilson 2-52, Jaxson Smith-Njigba 2-12, Luke Farrell 2-11 TD.  
**Clemson:** Cornell Powell 8-139 2 TDs, Amari Rodgers 8-54, E.J. Williams 5-45, Travis Etienne 4-64, Braden Galloway 2-38, Davis Allen 2-35, Brannon Spector 2-16, Frank Ladson 1-9, Lyn-J Dixon 1-0.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient (Offense):** Justin Fields, Ohio State quarterback  
**Miller-Digby Award Recipient (Defense):** Tuf Borland, Ohio State linebacker

**January 1, 2022**

**#6 Baylor 21 (Final: 12-2, #5)**  
**#8 Ole Miss 7 (Final: 10-3, #11)**

# 88



The 88th annual Allstate Sugar Bowl was billed as one of those immovable objects vs. unstoppable forces affairs. Though there were extenuating circumstances, the immovable object, Baylor's stout defense, ruled the day.

The Bears registered three interceptions – one for a 96-yard pick six – and 10 sacks in a 21-7 victory over Ole Miss.

It was a tough night for the Rebels, who lost star quarterback Matt Corral to a leg injury in the first quarter. Corral came in as one of the nation's top-dual threat QBs. He never returned, leaving it in the hands of backup Luke Altmeyer, a freshman.

The Bears defense held Ole Miss' high-powered offense to 332 yards, well below its season average of 506.7 yards per game.

Bears linebacker Terrel Bernard matched the Sugar Bowl record with 20 tackles and had two of the 10 sacks to lead the way defensively. He was honored as the Miller-Digby Award winner, signifying the game's most outstanding player.

Cornerback Al Walcott returned his second-quarter interception 96 yards (a Sugar Bowl record) for the only score of the first half.

Altmeyer finally got the Rebels on the board with a 37-yard touchdown pass to Braylon Sanders with 9:13 left in the third quarter. Baylor regained the lead when Monara Baldwin took a handoff 48 yards on an end-around for the touchdown and a 14-7 lead with 11:14 to play.

On the ensuing possession, safety JT Woods snagged his second INT of the day at the Ole Miss 31 and returned it to the Rebels 15. Five plays later, Gerry Bohanon passed 2 yards to Tyquan Thornton for the touchdown and a 21-7 lead with 7:24 to go. That would be all Baylor would need to persevere.

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<b>Baylor</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Ole Miss</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- BU: Al Walcott 96 yd INT return (Isaiah Hankins kick), 10:16 (2nd)
- UM: Braylon Sanders 37 yd pass from Luke Altmeyer (Cale Nation kick), 9:13 (3rd)
- BU: Monara Baldwin 48 yd rush (Hankins kick), 11:14 (4th)
- BU: Tyquan Thornton 2 yd pass from Gerry Bohanon (Hankins kick), 7:24 (4th)

Baylor	Team Statistics	Ole Miss
12	First Downs	20
41-279	Rushing att-yards	54-138
40	Passing yards	184
7-17-1	Comp-Att-Int	17-35-3
72	Return yards	34
6-36.0	Punts-Avg.	5-47.6
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
5-55	Penalties	7-49
28:24	Time of Possession	31:36

### Rushing

**Baylor:** Abram Smith 25-172, Monara Baldwin 1-48 TD, Trestan Ebner 5-33, Gerry Bohanon 7-23, Dillon Doyle 1-3, Drew Estrada 1-1.  
**Ole Miss:** Jerrion Ealy 12-65, Snoop Conner 11-42, Matt Corral 7-17, D. Drummond 3-16, Henry Parrish 4-11, Luke Altmeyer 17-(-)13.

### Passing

**Baylor:** Gerry Bohanon 7-17-0, 40 yards, 1 TD, 0 sacks.  
**Ole Miss:** Matt Corral 2-6-1, 10 yards, 0 TD, 3 sacks; Luke Altmeyer 15-29-2, 174 yards, 1 TD, 7 sacks.

### Receiving

**Baylor:** Drew Estrada 2-14, R.J. Sneed 2-10, Drake Dabney 1-8, Abram Smith 1-6, Tyquan Thornton 1-2 TD.  
**Ole Miss:** D. Drummond 9-104, Jonathan Mingo 2-33, Jerrion Ealy 2-4, Snoop Conner 2-2, Braylon Sanders 1-37 TD, Henry Parrish 1-4.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Terrel Bernard, Baylor linebacker

December 31, 2022

#5 Alabama 45 (Final: 11-2, #5)

#9 Kansas State 20 (Final: 10-4, #14)

# 89



When Alabama was selected to face Kansas State in the 89th Allstate Sugar Bowl, there was some question as to whether or not heralded Crimson Tide quarterback Bryce Young would play. Boy, did he play.

Young, a junior and the 2021 Heisman Trophy winner, put on an unforgettable display in leading the fifth-ranked Tide to a 45-20 victory against the ninth-ranked Wildcats.

Young passed for five touchdowns and 321 yards completing 15 of 21 passes with no interceptions to guide Alabama to victory and earn the Miller-Digby Most Outstanding Player Award.

Young said he never really thought about not playing in the game. It was a question of ending the season on a positive note and enjoying time with the team.

"This was more about my teammates," Young said. "Everyone locked in. This is a brotherhood and these guys hold a special place in my heart. Very excited. Everyone stepped up."

Not only did Young play at the top of his game he also rallied his team to victory. The Tide, which rolled up 496 yards on offense and averaged nine yards per play, fell behind 10-0 in the first quarter then, led by Young, scored on its next five drives to take a commanding 35-10 lead with 13:00 left in the third quarter.

"It was just me doing everything I could to help the team out," Young said. "We wanted to prove something and finish the season in the right way. I was happy to be able to come out, play with my guys and win."

"The receivers did a great job of creating separation. I have all the confidence in my receivers. I think it was a great job of taking advantage of the play calling. For me, any time I throw a deep ball, just put it up and let them run under it. All the credit to my guys."

The first two minutes of the third quarter took much of the suspense from the game as K-State tried to regain lost momentum. But Alabama wouldn't relinquish it.

The Wildcats, trailing 21-10 at the half, attempted an onside kick to start the second half. But Alabama recovered at the K-State 49 and Young quickly made them pay. He passed 32 yards on the drive's third play to wide receiver Ja'Corey Brooks for a touchdown and a 28-10 Bama lead with 13:54 to play.

"We've worked on these kicks all year long," K-State Coach Chris Klieman said. "Every week we have it in. We didn't execute it the way we needed to execute. (K-State kicker Ty Zentner) didn't hit it the way he probably wanted to. But we also knew we had to take some chances because of the last two drives that they (Alabama) had on offense, where we struggled to slow them down."

"We came here to win. Not to keep it close. Thought that was our best opportunity."

On the ensuing possession and facing third-and-8 at the K-State 14, Bama safety Brian Branch picked off K-State quarterback Will Howard at the Wildcats 19 and returned it to the 17. Bama running back Jase McClellan then ran 17 yards for the touchdown on the next play to give the Tide a 35-10 lead with 13:00 to play.

Young threw his final touchdown on the last play of the third quarter when he connected with wide receiver Kobe Prentice on a 47-yard score to give the Tide a 42-13 lead.

The first half was punctuated by several big plays, including the second longest run in Sugar Bowl and Superdome history, an 88-yard touchdown scamper by K-State running back Deuce Vaughn.

It also featured a big turnaround by the Tide. Kansas State took a 10-0 lead with 3:26 left in the first quarter when Vaughn, who finished with 133 yards, ran 88 yards on a first down play. K-State had dominated play to that point. The Wildcats ran 18 plays from scrimmage to start the game to only three for the Tide.

But that's when Young, who completed three touchdown passes in the first half, took over, rallying Bama. He led the Tide on three straight touchdown drives of 69, 63 and 98 yards, the final one coming in the final minute of the first half and after an impressive goal line stand by the Tide. Alabama went to the halftime break up 21-10.

What amounted to a 14-point swing occurred in the final moments of the second quarter that gave the Tide control.

After Young passed 1 yard to tight end Cameron Latu for a Tide touchdown, Bama led 14-10 with 11:33 left in the second quarter.

K-State answered with an impressive drive as Howard guided the Wildcats from their 25 to the Bama 2. The Wildcats converted twice on fourth down to keep the drive alive and Howard passed for 54 yards on five completions.

Facing fourth-and-goal at the Bama 2, however, the Wildcats elected to go for the score instead of a field goal attempt. Howard's pass to the flat was off the mark and Alabama held, taking over at its 2 with 1:01 to play.

That's when Young engineered the 98-yard touchdown drive, tied for the second longest in Sugar Bowl history. After the Tide had breathing room on the drive, Bama elected to go for the score instead of running out the clock to get to half time.

"That speaks to the confidence (Alabama) Coach (Nick Saban) has in us," Young said. "There are things that can go wrong. But Coach trusted us. We practice two-minute all the time. And we executed it well. The guys did their jobs."

Said Saban: "It was a huge swing in the game to stop them and then go 98 yards for a touchdown."

Young completed passes of 28, 22 and 12 yards on the drive, including a 12-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Jermaine Burton, who finished with three receptions for 87 yards, to give the Tide a 21-10 lead with but 10 seconds left in the first half.

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Alabama	7	14	21	3	-	45
Kansas State	10	0	3	7	-	20

### SCORING SUMMARY

KSU: Ty Zentner 41 yd field goal, 6:17 (1st)  
 KSU: Deuce Vaughn 88 yd run (Zentner kick), 3:25 (1st)  
 ALA: Isaiah Bond 6 yd pass from Bryce Young (Will Reichard kick), 0:32 (1st)  
 ALA: Cameron Latu 1 yd pass from Young (Reichard kick), 11:33 (2nd)  
 ALA: Jermaine Burton 12 yd pass from Young (Reichard kick), 0:10 (2nd)  
 ALA: Ja'Corey Brooks 32 yd pass from Young (Reichard kick), 13:54 (3rd)  
 ALA: Jase McClellan 17 yd run (Reichard kick), 13:00 (3rd)  
 KSU: Zentner 28 yd field goal, 6:33 (3rd)  
 ALA: Kobe Prentice 47 yd pass from Young (Reichard kick), 0:00 (3rd)  
 ALA: Reichard 49 yd field goal, 11:00 (4th)  
 KSU: Jordan Schippers 1 yd run (Zentner kick), 3:06 (4th)

Alabama	Team Statistics	Kansas State
17	First Downs	18
33-175	Rushing att-yards	39-191
321	Passing yards	210
15-22-0	Comp-Att-Int	18-35-2
46	Return yards	68
5-38.4	Punts-Avg.	5-42.0
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
5-45	Penalties	6-40
24:56	Time of Possession	35:04

### Rushing Leaders

**Alabama:** Jahmyr Gibbs 15-76, Jamarion Miller 3-44, Jase McClellan 7-42 TD.  
**K-State:** Deuce Vaughn 22-133 TD, DK Giddens 9-67, Adrian Martinez 2-12.

### Passing

**Alabama:** Bryce Young 15-21-0, 321 yards, 5 TDs, 2 sacks.  
**K-State:** Will Howard 18-35-2, 210 yards, 0 TDs, 2 sacks.

### Receiving

**Alabama:** Cameron Latu 5-54 TD, Jermaine Burton 3-87 TD, Jahmyr Gibbs 2-66, Ja'Corey Brooks 2-51 TD, Kobe Prentice 1-47 TD, Jase McClellan 1-10, Isaiah Bond 1-6 TD.  
**K-State:** Kade Warner 5-48, Phillip Brooks 4-44, DJ Giddens 3-48, Ben Sinnott 3-48, Jadon Jackson 2-16, Malik Knowles 1-6.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Bryce Young, Alabama quarterback