

Fortieth Annual Sugar Bowl
Tulane Stadium
New Orleans, La.

Monday, December 31, 1973
Kickoff: 7:19 p.m. CST
#3 Notre Dame vs. #1 Alabama

Notre Dame	6	8	7	3	-	24
Alabama	0	10	7	6	-	23

Scoring Summary

Team	Qtr-Time	Scoring Play & Distance	Yds	Plays	ND-ALA
Notre Dame	1-5:51	Wayne Bullock 6-yd run (Kick failed)	64	7	6-0
Alabama	2-10:10	Randy Billingsley 6-yd run (Bill Davis kick)	48	7	6-7
Notre Dame	2-7:17	Al Hunter 93-yard kickoff return (Pete Demmarle pass from Clements)	--	--	14-7
Alabama	2-0:39	Davis 39-yd field goal	60	7	14-10
Alabama	3-11:02	Wilbur Jackson 5-yd run (Davis kick)	93	11	14-17
Notre Dame	3-2:30	Eric Penick 12-yd run (Bob Thomas kick)	12	1	21-17
Alabama	4-9:39	Richard Todd 25-yd pass from Mike Stock (Kick failed)	39	5	21-23
Notre Dame	4-4:26	Thomas 19-yd field goal	79	11	24-23

Attendance: 85,161

Weather: 55 degrees, wind from the west

Officials: Gene Calhoun (Referee), Harvey Hardy (Umpire), Jim Langhurst (Linesman), Bob Daganhardt (Field Judge), Robert Gaston (Line Judge), Johnny Grace (Back Judge), Ernie Grundmeyer (Clock Operator)

Team Records After Game: Notre Dame 11-0-0 Alabama 11-1-0

Miller-Digby Award Winner (Most Outstanding Player): Tom Clements, Notre Dame quarterback

1973 Sugar Bowl Team Stats, December 31, 1973

	Notre Dame	Alabama
First Downs	20	23
Rushing	12	15
Passing	6	7
By Penalty	2	1
Rushing Yards (Net)	252	190
Attempts	59	52
Yards Gained	257	233
Yards Lost	5	43
Passing Yards	169	127
Attempted	12	15
Completed	7	10
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offense Yards	421	317
Scrimmage Plays Run	59	52
Avg. Per Play	7.1	6.1
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	5-2
Penalties-Yards	5-45	3-32
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts-Yards (Avg.)	5-179 (35.8)	6-278 (46.3)
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	2-6
Kick Returns-Yards	4-150	4-59
Time of Possession	31:06	28:54

FINAL INDIVIDUAL FOOTBALL STATISTICS

NOTRE DAME

ALABAMA

VISITORS

HOME TEAM

RUSHING	Att	Yds	Fcs	Long
Tom Clements	15	74	0	16
Art Best	12	45	0	14
Eric Penick	9	28	1	12
Wayne Bullock	19	79	1	15
Al Hunter	4	26	0	15
TOTALS	59	252	2	—

RUSHING	Att	Yds	Fcs	Long
Gary Rutledge	10	-25	0	8
Wilbur Jackson	11	62	1	21
Randy Billingsly	7	54	1	16
Ellis Peck	2	5	0	5
Paul Sniver	11	44	0	10
Mike Stock	3	13	0	6
Calvin Culliver	2	5	0	3
Richard Todd	3	32	0	17
Willie Chelby	3	1	0	3
TOTALS	58	190	2	—

PASSING	Att-Comp-Int.	Yards	Fcs	Long
Tom Clements	12-7-0	169	0	35
TOTALS	12-7-0	169	0	35

PASSING	Att-Comp-Int.	Yards	Fcs	Long
Gary Rutledge	12-7-1	88	0	21
Richard Todd	2-2-0	14	0	13
Mike Stock	1-1-0	25	1	25
TOTALS	15-10-1	127	1	25

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Fcs	Long
Pete Damarle	3	59	0	26
Dave Cooper	3	75	0	30
ROBIN WEBER	1	35	0	35
TOTALS	7	169	0	35

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Fcs	Long
George Dush	2	29	0	15
Wilbur Jackson	2	22	0	21
Mike Stock	1	15	0	15
Wayne Wheeler	1	13	0	13
Johnny Sharpless	2	22	0	14
Richard Todd	1	25	1	25
Randy Billingsly	1	2	0	2
TOTALS	10	127	1	25

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg	Long
Brian Doherty	5	179	35.8	53
TOTALS	5	179	35.8	53

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg	Long
Greg Cantt	6	278	46.3	69
TOTALS	6	278	46.3	69

ALL RETURNS	Punts No.	Yds.	Interceptions No.	Yds.
Al Hunter	-	1-93	-	-
Bob Tano	1-3	-	-	-
Gary Diminick	-	3-57	-	-
Drew Mahalic #1-8	-	-	-	-
Eddie Barnett	-	-	1-0	-
TOTALS	1-3	4-150	-	-

ALL RETURNS	Punts No.	Yds.	Interceptions No.	Yds.
Robin Cargy	1-4	1-18	-	-
Mark Prudhomme	-	1-4	-	-
Willie Chelby	1-2	1-27	-	-
Calvin Culliver	-	1-10	-	-
TOTALS	2-6	4-59	-	-

*-1 FUMBLE RET

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

ALABAMA vs. NOTRE DAME

DATE 12/31/73

STADIUM TULANE

NOTRE DAME VISITORS

ALABAMA HOME

PLAYER	TACKLES	
	SOLO	ASSISTS
Collins	16	2
Paterson	6	4
Smith	7	1
Rudolph	5	3
McMurry	5	3
Washburn	5	1
Furaha	3	2
Fanning	3	2
Thurmond	2	1
Barnett	1	2
Nashua	1	1
Haskin	1	
Stack	1	
Davis	1	
Washington	1	
Michaluk		1

PLAYER	TACKLES	
	SOLO	ASSISTS
Low	7	3
Washington	7	3
McMurry	6	4
Davis	5	2
Montgomery	3	4
Washburn	5	1
McMurry	4	1
King	5	1
Hall	3	3
Thurmond	3	1
Turbin	1	2
Cook	1	1
Dunlap	1	1
Czupka	3	
Watkins	1	
Derry	1	

TACKLES FOR LOSS	NO.	YDS.
Thurmond	3	5
Barnett	2	12
Barnett	1	2
Smith	1	1

TACKLES FOR LOSS	NO.	YDS.
Washington	1	2
Montgomery	1	1

PASSES INTERCEPTED	NO.	YDS.
Barnett	1	0

PASSES INTERCEPTED	NO.	YDS.
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PASSES BROKEN UP	NO.
Rudolph	2

PASSES BROKEN UP	NO.
McMurry	1
Davis	1

BLOCKED KICKS	PUNT	PLACE
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FUMBLES RECOVERED	NO.
Stack	1
Mohalic	1

FUMBLES RECOVERED	NO.
McMurry	1
Davis	1
Blades	1

SUGAR BOWL

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

NOTRE DAME: TOM CLEMENTS, TIM RUDNICK, CLIFF BROWN, BRIAN DOHERTY, EGGIE BARNETT, LUTHER BRADLEY, GREG HILL, ART BEST, AL HUNTER, TOM LOPIENSKI, MIKE TOWNSEND, GARY DIMINICK, WAYNE BULLOCK, MIKE PARKER, BOB ZANOT, TONY NOVAKOV, GARY POTEMPA, TOM CREEVEY, ERIC PENICK, DREW MAHALIC, JIM STOCK, GREG COLLINS, JOE ALVARADO, PETE HARTMAN, SHERM SMITH, FRANK POMARICO, MARK BRENNEMAN, KEVIN NOSBUSCH, STEVE NEICE, DAN MORRIS, MAX WASILEVICH, STEVE SYLVESTER, GERRY DI NARDO, STEVE QUEHL, PETE DEMMERLE, DAVE CASPER, MIKE FANNING, ROSS BROWNER, ROBIN WEBER, WILLIE FRY, GEORGE HAYDUK, BOB THOMAS

ALABAMA: BILL DAVIS, DUFFY BOLES, GREG GANTT, RICHARD TODD, JOHN SHARPLESS, DAVID MC MAKIN, RICKY DAVIS, ERNIE ODOM, LEFTY PERRY, MIKE RILEY, PAUL SPIVEY, RANDY BILLINSLEY, JAMES TAYLOR, STEVE FORD, WILLIE SHELBY, MARK PRUDHOMME, MIKE STOCK, CALVIN M CULLIVER, MIKE WASHINGTON, ELLIS BECK, CHUCK STRICKLAND, JIMMY DAWSON, PAUL HARRIS, TYRONE KING, WAYNE RHODES, STEVE DEAN, WOODROW LOVE, ROBIN CARY, WAYNE HALL, MIKE DUBOSE, CONLEY DUNCAN, RAND LAMBERT, SYLVESTER CROWN, MORRIS HUNT, JOHN ROGERS, RANDY HALL, GREG MONTGOMERY, BUDDY BROWN, DICK TURPIN, GARY YELVINGTON, RICK ROGERS, MIKE PCKENROD, LARRY RUFFIN, SKIP KUBELIUS, BUTCH NORMAN, GARY HANRAHAN, RY MAXWELL, STEVE SPRAYBERRY, BUDDY POPE, WILBUR JACKSON, JERRY BROWN, WAYNE WHITLER, JOHN CROYLE, WARREN DYAR, GEORGE PUGH, MIKE RAINES, LEROY COOK.

Tulane Football Press Box SUGAR BOWL

Tulane Stadium @ New Orleans, La.

ALABAMA vs. NOTRE DAME

Date 12-31-73

DRIVE
CHART

No.	Qtr.	Time Beg.	Time End	Time Field	How Obtained	Start of Drive	Plays	Net Yards	1st Downs	End of Drive	Result
ALABAMA											
1	1	10:46	9:09	0:35	PUNT	A 16	3A	1-2	0	A 14	PUNT
2	1	7:07	5:51	1:16	PUNT	A 17	3	3	0	A 20	PUNT
3	1	3:19	1:29	1:50	KICKOFF	A 27	3	-1	0	A 26	PUNT
4	2	14:52	11:45	3:07	PUNT PUNT	A 20	8	44	4	ND 36	FUMBLE
5	2	10:16	7:30	BEARD	FUMBLE	A 48	7	48	3	TD	TOUCHDOWN
6	2	7:17	5:15	2:02	KICKOFF	A 30	3	9	0	A 38	PUNT
7	2	3:19	0:39	2:40	PUNT	A 18	7	60	3	ND 22	FIELD GOAL
8	3	15:00	11:02	3:58	KICKOFF	A 7	11	93	5	TD	TOUCHDOWN
9	3	9:00	6:49	2:11	PUNT	A 43	4	29	1	ND 28	MISSED FG.
10	3	4:02	2:46	1:16	TOUCHBACK	A 20	3	2	0	A 22	FUMBLE
11	3	2:20	0:38	1:52	KICKOFF	A 20	5	24	1	A 44	PUNT
12	4	13:17	12:24	0:53	FUMBLE	A 22	3	13	1	A 36	INTERCEPTION
13	4	11:47	9:39	2:08	FUMBLE	ND 39	5	39	2	TD	TOUCHDOWN
14	4	4:26	3:00	1:26	KICKOFF	A 40	3	-10	0	A 30	PUNT
NOTRE DAME											
1	1	15:00	10:46	4:14	KICKOFF	ND 20	8	43	2	A 37	PUNT
2	1	9:09	7:07	2:02	PUNT	ND 40	3	8	0	ND 48	PUNT
3	1	5:51	3:19	2:32	PUNT	ND 36	7	48	3	TD	TOUCHDOWN
4	1	1:50	14:52	1:58	PUNT	A 49	3	3	0	A 46	PUNT
5	2	11:45	10:10	1:35	FUMBLE	ND 36	3	16	1	A 48	FUMBLE
6	2	7:30	7:17	0:13	KICKOFF	--	--	--	--	TD	TOUCHDOWN
7	2	5:15	3:19	1:56	PUNT	ND 20	3	9	0	ND 29	PUNT
8	2	0:39	0:00	0:39	KICKOFF	ND 30	3	39	2	A 31	HALF
9	3	11:02	9:00	2:02	KICKOFF	ND 8	3	2	0	ND 10	PUNT
10	3	6:49	4:02	2:47	TOUCHBACK	ND 20	9	43	2	A 37	MISSED FG.
11	3	2:46	2:20	0:16	FUMBLE	A 12	1	12	1	TD	TOUCHDOWN
12	3	0:38	13:17	2:21	PUNT	ND 25	5	53	3	A 22	FUMBLE
13	4	12:24	11:47	0:37	INTERCEPT	ND 32	2	7	0	ND 39	FUMBLE
14	4	9:39	4:26	5:13	KICKOFF	ND 19	11	79	4	A 2	FIELD GOAL
15	4	3:00	0:00	3:00	PUNT	ND 1	8	48	2	ND 49	END OF GAME

TOTAL POSSESSION TIME - ALABAMA: 28:54

NOTRE DAME: 31:06

ALABAMA: 28:54 NOTRE DAME: 31:06

1973

FIRST QUARTER

1973
Saturday, December 31, 1973
Tulane Tiger Bowl Stadium, New Orleans, La.

NOTRE DAME WINS TOP, WILL RECEIVE AND DEFEND SOUTH GOAL

Temperature at kickoff: 55; Wind from West, 0-15 mph
Most Rev. Joseph T. Vath, Bishop, Diocese of Birmingham, Ala. delivered the
Prayer at quarter began - 7:19 pm invocation.

Gantt of Alabama kicks to Diminick seven yards deep in endzone, downs fall

- ND20 1-10 Clements hand to Bullock for 7 (Love)
- ND27 2-9 Clements to Bullock over right guard for 15 (David)
- ND43 1-10 Clements keeps loses one (Washington)
- ND42 2-11 Clements to Penick left tackle gains 6 (King)
- ND43 3-5 Clements to Bullock over right guard for 10 (Mc)
- ND 1-10 Clements to Best for two (W. Hall)
- ND A20 2-6 Clements to Bullocks for one (McMakin)
- ND-41 3-6 Clements keep for two (McMakin)
- A-39 4-6 Doherty punts to dead to Alabama 16

A-10:46 Alabama

- A-16 1-10 Rutledge to Jackson for one (Browner)
- A-17 2-9 Rutledge pass intended for Wheeler broken up by Rudnick
- A-17 3-9 Rutledge on option loss two (Potempa)
- A-15 4-9 Gantt punts to Zanot (49 yards) tackled by Duncan return of 3

ND: 9:09 Notre Dame

- ND-40 1-10 Clements hands to Best for four (Washington)
- ND-44 2-6 Clements hands to Pennick for 3 (Strickland)
- ND-47 3-3 Clements hands to Hennick no gain (McMakin)
- nd-47 4-3 Doherty punts to Cary, fair catch at A-17, 35 yards

ND 7:07 - Alabama

- A-17 1-10 Rutledge pitched to Jackson, loss two (fumbled out of bounds)
- A-15 2-11 Rutledge hands to Beck, gains 5 (Collins)
- A-20 3-7 Rutledge hands to Beck off left tackle, no gain (Morrison)
- A-20 4-7 Gantt punts to Zanot, fair caught on ND36, 44 yards

5:51 - Notre Dame

- nd-36 2-10 Clements passed to Demmerle, 19 yard gain (
- ND A-45 1-10 Clements hands to Bullock for three (McMakin)
- A-42 2-7 Clements pass to Demmerle good for 26 yards to 17
- A-17 1-10 Clements pass to Demmerle good for 14 yards to 3 (Washington)
- A-3 1-~~10~~ Clements hands to Bullock, gain of two (McMakin)
- A-1 2-1 Clements ~~hands~~ keeps, no gain (Dubose)
- A-1 3-1 Clements hands to Bullock over left guard for TD (T-3:19
PAT snap fumbled, conversion failed (Drive 64 yds in 7 plays) T2:3:
ND 6- Alabama 0

3:19 -Alabama

- Brown kicked to Alabama 23, Prudhomme to 27
- A-27 1-10 Rutledge ~~hands to Penick~~ carries, no gain (Bradley)
- A-27 2-10 Rutledge keeps, option for five (Townsend)
- A-32 3-5 Rutledge on broken play sacked by Browner, loss of 6
- A-26 4-11 Gantt punts out of bounds to Alabama 49, 23 yard punt

1:25 - Notre Dame

- A-49 1-10 Clements hands to Bullock for two (Kubelius)
- A-47 2-8 Clements pitches to Best for one (Kubelius)
- A-46 3-7 Clements hands to Best on reverse for one (Strickland)

ND

Score, Notre Dame 6, Alabama 0

End of first quarter: Time 7:45

First Quarter Statistics

	NOTRE DAME Visitors	ALABAMA Home Team
First Downs	5	0
Rushing Yards Att./Net yds.	17 - 59	8 - 0
Net Yards Passing	59	0
Total Offense	118	0
Passes (Attempted-Completed-Not Intercepted)	3 - 3 - 0	1 - 0 - 0
Punts, Average	2 for 28.0	3 for 38.7
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Penalties/Yards Penalized	for NONE	for

OFFENSIVE PLAYS : ND 20 ALA. 9

TIME OF POSSESSION : ND 10:19 ALA. 4:41

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40th Annual Sugar Bowl Football Classic
Notre Dame - Alabama
Monday evening, December 31, 1973
Tulane Sugar Bowl Stadium, New Orleans, La.

SECOND QUARTER

Second quarter started 7:47

A-20 4-7 Doherty punts to Carey, ~~nk~~ returned to 20

A-14:52

A 20 Rutledge to Pugh, gain of 15 pass (Collins)

A- 35 Rutledge hands to Spivey, for 10 yds (Potempa)

A-44 1-10 Rutledge hands to Jackson, right tackle gain ~~XXXX~~ no gain

Time out Alabama 13:32

A-45 2-9 Rutledge pitches to Billingsley, gains 16, ~~right~~ left end (Bradley)

~~XX~~ ND40 1-10 Rutledge hands to Spivey, for three (Smith)

ND36 2-7 Rutledge ~~nk~~ hands to Billingsley for 7, first down (Smith)

ND29 1-10 Rutledge pitches to Jackson, right end gains 12 (Fanning)

ND17 1-10 Rutledge pitches bad, recovered by ND at 36

Recovery by Stock

11:45- Notre Dame

ND36 1-10 Clements passed to Casper for 18 (Love); penalty, 15 yds for clip

ND39 ~~XXXX~~ Clements to Pennick for 4

1-10

ND43 2-6 Clements to Bullock gain of 3 (Washington)

ND46 3-3 Clements hands to Bullock off left tackle, fumble recovered by

Rhodes ~~Washington~~ of Alabama at Alabama 48

A-10:10 - Alabama

A-48 1-10 Rutledge hands to Spivey for two (Mahalic & Potempa)

A-40 2-8 Rutledge passes to Stock for 15 gain (Mahalic)

ND-35 1-10, Rutledge hands to Stock off right tackle for 5 (Collins)

ND-30 2-5 Rutledge hands to Spivey off right tackle for 7 (Mahalic)

ND-23 1-10 Rutledge keeps off left tackle for 12 yds (Collins & Bradley)

ND-12 1-10 Rutledge hands to Stock right tackle for 6 (Potempa)

ND6 2-4 Rutledge hands to Billingsley for TD (T-7:30)

Davis converts PAT (48 yards in 7 plays) (Scoring Dr 2:40)

Score - Alabama 7, Notre Dame 6

Gantt kicking off for Alabama to Hunter at 7 and Hunter goes 93 yds for TD
(T-7:17) Score Notre Dame 12, Alabama 7

Notre Dame goes for two, pass from Clements to Demmerle in
left corner of endzone good

SCORE: Notre Dame 14, Alabama 7

NDame Brown kicking off (T-7:17) to Alabama 3, Shelby returns to 30,
27 yards (Parker)

7:09 - Alabama

A-30 1-10~~2~~ Todd hands to Culliver for three (Collins)

A-33 2-7 Todd hands to Stock, right end, gains two (Collins)

A-35 3-5 Todd pitches to Shelby, right end, gains 3 (Rudnick)

A-38 4-2 Gantt kicked into endzone, kick 62 yards

5:15 - Notre Dame

ND20 1-10 Clements hands to Bullock, right tackle, gain 8 (Watkins)

ND28 2-2 Clements hands to Pennick, left guard, no gain (Love)

ND28 3-2 Clements hands to Bullock, gains one (Love & Hall)

ND29 4-1 Doherty punts dead to Alabama 18; (53 yards)

3:19 - Alabama

A-18 1-10 Todd passed to Pugh, 14 yards; (Collins & Townsend)

A-32 1-10 Todd rolls left, keeps for 11; (Rudnick & Collins)

A-44 1-10 Todd hands to Billingsley, seven yds (Collins & Potempa)

Time out Alabama - T-2:33

A-50 2-3 Todd pitches out to Jackson, right end, gains 21 (Naughton)

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ND29 1-10 Todd hand to Jackson, right end, 6 yds (Collins)

ND23 2-4 Todd Hands to Jackson, right tackle, no gain (Collins & Barnett)

ND23 3-4 Todd pass to Jackson, left flat complete; one yard gain (McHalic)

ND22 4-3 Davis kicked 39 yard field goal, Rutledge holder

Score: Notre Dame 14, Alabama 10 (T-:39) drive 60 in 7

SUGAR BOWL
12/31/73
NEW ORLEANS, La.

QUICK FOOTBALL STATS

Quick: Halftime and After Game Reports of Vital Team Statistics and Individual Leaders
(Approved Wire Services Form)

HALFTIME ~~PREVIOUS~~ Circle One ~~FUTURE~~

TEAM STATISTICS	NOTRE DAME VISITORS	ALABAMA HOME TEAM
First Downs	8	12
Rushing Yardage Att./Net Yds	25-108	28-110
Passing Yardage	77	44
Total Offense	185	154
*Return Yardage (Net)	3	4
Passes (Att.-Comp.-Int./d)	5-4-0	5-4-0
Punts (Number-Average)	4-34.8	4-44.5
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards Penalties	1-15	1-12

*Returns of Punts, Intercepted Passes and Fumbles (not blockoffs).

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

NOTRE DAME VISITORS				
RUSHING				
	Att's	Net Yds	Per TD	Long Run
BULLOCK	12	58	1	NT
CLEMENTS	4	30	0	16
PENNICK	5	12	0	5
PASSING				
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
CLEMENTS	5	4	0	77
PASS RECEIVING				
	No.	Yards	Per TD	
JEMMERIE	3	59	0	
CASPER	1	18		
PUNTING				
	No.	Avg.	Long	
P. DOHERTY	4	34.8	53	

TIME OF POSSESSION - 14:50
OFFENSIVE PLAYS - 20

ALABAMA HOME TEAM				
RUSHING				
	Att's	Net Yds	Per TD	Long Run
JACKSON	7	39	0	21
BILLINGSLEY	4	36	1	16
SPIVEY	4	22	0	10
PASSING				
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
RUTLEDGE	3	2	0	30
TODD	2	2	0	14
PASS RECEIVING				
	No.	Yards	Per TD	
PUGH	2	28	0	
STOCK	1	15	0	
JACKSON	1	1	0	
PUNTING				
	No.	Avg.	Long	
GANTT	4	44.5	62	

TIME OF POSSESSION - 15:10
OFFENSIVE PLAYS - 22

40th ANNUAL SUGAR BOWL CLASSIC

THIRD QUARTER

Alabama vs. Notre Dame

Monday evening, December 31, 1973

Alabama used 47 players in 1st qtr.
Alabama used 60 players in 1st half

Tulane-Sugar Bowl Stadium, New Orleans, La.

Third quarter began at 8:55 PM

Notre Dame Brown kicking off to Culliver at three, returns to 11 (Smith)

~~Notre Dame Brown~~ clipping return against Alabama to

A-7 1-10 Rutledge keeps around right end, gain 8 (Collins)
 A-15 2-2 Rutledge hands to Solvey, no, gain (Stock)
 A-15 602 Rutledge to Jackson, right end, gains 8 (Townsend)
 A-23 1-10 Rutledge to Billingsley, left guard, 10; (Collins & Rudnick)
 A-33 1-10 Rutledge to Jackson, right tackle gains 10 & 15 yds for personal fl
 Personal foul on Rudnick)
 ND-42 1-10 Rutledge passed to Wheeler broken up by Rudnick)
 ND-42 2-10 Rutledge hands off to Spivey, right tackle, three yards (Potempa)
 ND-39 3-7 Rutledge passed to Jackson good for 21 yds to 18; (Collins)
 ND-18 1-10 Rutledge to Jackson around right end, no gains (Brown & Barnett)
 ND-18 2-10 Rutledge passed to Wheeler good for 13 (Rudnick)
 ND-5 1-10 Rutledge hands to Jackson for five yd TD: (T-11:02)
 Davis converts (93 yds in 11 plays)
 SCORE - Alabama 17, Notre Dame 14

Gantt kicking off for Alabama to Dimanick two yds deep in endzone returns to
 Notre Dame 21 - penalty against Notre Dame, clipping, ball on 8

10:56 - Notre Dame

ND-8 1-10 Clements to Pennick, right tackle, loses one (Montgomery)
 nd-7 2-11 Clements on option loses two (Washington)
 ND-5 2-13 Clements back to pass runs for five; (Dubose)
 ND-10 4-8 Doherty punting to 50, Shelby fumbles and recovers on ND48

9:00 - Alabama

ND-48 1-10 Todd on option runs to 31 for 17 gain (Rudnick)
 ND-31 1-10 Todd keeps, right tackle, gains 2 (Collins)
 ND-28 2-7 Todd hands to Spivey up middle for one yd. (Browner)
 ND-27 3-6 Todd hands to Billingsley, loses one (Smith)
 ND-28 4-7 Davis tries 45 yard field goal, no good off to right

6:49 - Notre Dame

ND-20 1-10 Clements hands to Bullock, gains 3 (Montgomery)
 ND-24 2-6 Clements hands to Best, right tackle, gains 4 (Strickland & Mont)
 ND-28 3-2 Clements tosses to Hunter for 10 yds; (Kind)
 ND-38 1-10 Clements tosses to Best, no gain (Dubose)
 ND-38 2-10 Clements on rollout passes to Dimmerle, incomplete dropped
 ND-38 3-10 Clements passes to Casper, complete 27 yd gain (Davis)

A-35 1-10 Clements hands to Hunter, losses two; (Croyle)

A-37 2-12 Clements passes incomplete to Dimmerle

A-37 3012 Clements screen pass incomplete to Hunter

A-37 4-12 Thomas tries 54 field goal, short, no good

4:02 - Alabama

A-20 1-10 Todd hands to Culliver, gains 2; (Faning)
 A-22 2-8 Todd hands to Shelby, losses 1; (Potempa)
 A-21 3-9 Todd hands to Shelby, fumbles; recovered by Mahalic) 8 yd return

2:43 - Notre Dame

A-12 1-10 Clements handed to Penick, runs left tackle for TD
 Thomas converts (T-2:30)

Score: Notre Dame 21, Alabama 17

Notre Dame's Brown kicks off to Shelby, downs in endzone after muff

A-20 1-10 Rutledge to Spivey, right tackle, gains 7 (Bradley)

A-27 2-3 Rutledge to Spivey up middle gains 8 (Collins & Bradley)

A-35 1-10 Rutledge passes incomplete to Pugh (Barnett defense)

A-35 2-10 Rutledge hands to Spivey, up middle, gains 1 (Smith)

A-36 3-9 Rutledge passed complete to Sharpless, gains 8 (out of bounds)

A-44 4-1 Gantt punts dead to Notre Dame 25 (31 yd punt)

0:00 - Notre Dame

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FOURTH QUARTER

starts at 9:30

Notre Dame -
A-45 1-8 Clements on qb keep up middle, gains 6; (King)
A-39 2-2 Clements hands to Best, right tackle, no gain (Dubose & Strickland)
A-39 3-2 Clements hands to Best, right tackle, gains 14 (King)
A-25 1-10 Clements hands to Best, right end, fumbles, Alabama recovers at 22
Alabama - 13:17
A-22 1-10 Rutledge on option, loses one (Potempa)
A-21 2-11 Rutledge passes complete to Sharpless at sidelines; gains 14
A-35 1-10 Rutledge passes to Sharpless, interception by Barnett (no tackle)
Notre Dame - 12:24
ND-32 1-10 Clements hands to Best, right end, gains 2 (Lowe)
ND-34 2-8 Clements hands to Bullock, fumbles and recovered by McMakin of Ala.
Alabama - 11:47
NE-39 1-10 Rutledge hands to Sivey, up middle, gains 2 (Nosbusch)
NE-37 2-8 Rutledge hands to Billingsley, left end, gains 9 (Collins)
ND-28 1-10 Rutledge on option ~~xxxx~~ gains 1; (Collins)
ND-27 2-9 Rutledge passed to Billingsley in right flat; gains 2; (Smith)
ND-25 3-7 ~~Rutledge~~ Todd handed off to ~~Billingsley~~; ~~Billingsley~~ turned and threw to Todd in right flat for TD (Stock)
Davis PAT attempt no good, snap high (T-9:33)
39 yds in 5 plays : Score Alabama 23, Notre Dame 21
Gantt of Alabama kicks to Diminick at three, returns to 19 (Turnin & Duncan)
ND-19 1-10 time out - Alabama, short one man
ND-19 1-10 Clements hands to Hunter, right tackle, gains 15 (Washington)
ND-34 1-10 Clements hands to Pennick, left end, gains 4 (McMakin and Hall)
ND-38 2-6 Clements on option, keeps, right end, gains 8 (McMakin)
ND-46 1-10 Clements hands off to Bullock, right guard, no gain (Hall)
ND-46 2-10 Clements on option keeps, left end, gains 9 (Croyle)
A-45 3-1 Clements passed 30 to Casper at 15 complete; ~~xxxx~~ (Davis)
A-15 1-10 Clements hands to Hunter, right end, gains 3 (Washington)
A-12 2-7 Clements rolls right, gains 8; (run out of bounds)
A-4 1-~~xx~~ Clements hands to Penick, left tackle, gains 1 (Lowe)
A-3 2-3 Clements hands to Best, right end, gains 1 (Washington)
A-2 3-2 Clements passed incomplete to Bullock
A-2 4-2 Thomas, 19 yard field goal good (Time 4:26)
SCORE: Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23 -- 79 yds in 11 plays - 5:13
~~xxxxxx~~ Thomas kicking off for Notre Dame, Carey takes kick on Alabama 22 and returns to 40 (McMakin)
4:12 - Alabama
A-40 1-10 Rutledge slips and falls, losses four
A-24 2-14 Rutledge passes incomplete to Sharpless
A-24 3-14 Rutledge sacked by Browner attempting to pass
A-30 4-18 Gantt kicks 69 yards but ND called for roughing the kicker
Alabama refuses the penalty and takes punt
3:00 - Notre Dame
ND-1 1-10 Clements hands to Bullock, right guard, gains 3 (Hall)
ND-4 2-7 Clements hands to Bullock, left guard, gains 1 (Montgomery & Lowe)
ND-5 3-6 Time out Alabama 2:12
ND-5 3-6 ~~xxxxxx~~ Illegal procedure, Notre Dame penalized 2 yards
ND-3 3-8 Clements passes from his endzone to Weber, good for 35; (Davis)
ND-36 1-10 Clements hands to Bullocks, one gain; (Cook)
ND-39 2-9 Clements quarterback sneak up middle gains 2 (Kubelius)
ND-41 3-7 Clements rolls right, keeps, gains 7 (Washington)
ND-42 1-10 Clements falls on ball; gain 1 (Kubelius)
ND-49 2-9 Clements keeps around right end, no gain (Dubose & Washington)
ND-49 3-9 Clements falls on ball to end game.

Final Score: Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23