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 85th 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 and 2018. 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.

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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Director of Media Relations

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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 hall mark 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 in 1935 and remains there to this day].

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 Mercedes-Benz 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!

THE SUGAR BOWL NAME

Where Audubon Park now is [including the site of the original Sugar Bowl Stadium, pictured above], once was the plantation of Étienne de BORÉ, a colonial planter, who turned from the cultivation of chicory and indigo, the then current crops, to the raising of SUGAR CANE, despite warning of others that Cane Juice would not crystallize.

Success crowned his effort in accomplishing the supposedly impossible when his sugar boiler exclaimed “it crystallizes!” and he became the founder of a National Industry that has flourished to this day. [NOTE: de Boré’s successful crystallization came in 1795; he would go on to become the first Mayor of New Orleans in 1803. He is buried in Saint Louis Cemetery #1.]

Louisiana is the Nation’s Sugar-Bowl, and it is fitting that this game, played upon ground where the Sugar Industry was born, should pay tribute, in its small way, by adopting such a symbolic name. Thru vicissitudes of tariff tinkering, crop-pests, wars and depressions, this industry, so vital to the well being of a multitude of Louisianians and so necessary to our nation, has survived, and again flourishes so that waving fields of the green cane, just before harvest time, stretch unbroken for miles and miles.

At the finish of “grinding,” which is just about this season, it was the custom upon the old plantations to hold their greatest merriment of the year. So it is further fitting that a game played at this time of year should in memory of these great festivities couple its name with that of the sugar industry. [Excerpted from the inaugural Sugar Bowl Classic game program.]
Sugar Bowl Officers & Executive Committee

Sugar Bowl Membership

In Fond Memory of

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Paul J. Hoolahan  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Paul Hoolahan, who became the executive director of the Sugar Bowl in 1996 and is now the organization’s Chief Executive Officer, is preparing for his 25th bowl game in 2019. He has directed the bowl’s operations for five national championship games during his tenure in New Orleans: Florida’s 1997 win over Florida State; the 2000 win for Florida State over Virginia Tech; LSU’s 2004 national title victory over Oklahoma; LSU’s defeat of Ohio State in the 2008 title game; and the 2012 victory for Alabama over LSU – considered by many to have been the largest sporting event in the history of the South.

In addition to successfully hosting multiple national championships, Hoolahan’s tenure with the Sugar Bowl has been defined by maintaining the bowl’s status as one of the premier bowl games in the nation. Most recently, Hoolahan spearheaded the New Orleans Host Committee’s successful bid to win the rights for hosting the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship. He also worked in conjunction with the Sugar Bowl’s executive committee to finalize a landmark arrangement with the Southeastern Conference and the Big 12 Conference to host the top available teams from each league eight times over a 12-year period (2013-2025 seasons). At the same time, Hoolahan and the Sugar Bowl locked itself into four national semifinal games (2015, ’18, ’21 and ’24). All these agreements assure that the Bowl will remain at the pinnacle of college football for years to come.

Early in his tenure in New Orleans, Hoolahan led the effort to secure a spot for the Sugar Bowl in the prestigious Bowl Championship Series, a four-way rotation of college football’s National Championship Game. In successfully doing so, he established the framework for a business model that was marked by significant increases to the organization’s budget as well as healthy contributions to its bottom line. Additionally, he engineered a program that placed a renewed emphasis on financial accountability.

In over two decades with the Sugar Bowl, Hoolahan has directed organizational efforts which have generated well over $3 billion for the local economy.

While the annual college football game is the crown jewel of the Allstate Sugar Bowl’s efforts, Hoolahan and the bowl’s volunteer membership are involved with competitions at both the prep and intercollegiate level; including basketball, lacrosse, sailing (regatta), soccer, volleyball and track and field. During his tenure, the bowl has nearly tripled its number of ancillary community events to its current level of more than 50 annual competitions and ceremonies. In 2014, Hoolahan directed the Bowl’s efforts to land title sponsorship to all Louisiana High School Athletic Association state championship events and, in 2012, the Bowl added the prestigious Crescent City Classic to its portfolio. Furthermore, he played an important role in the Sugar Bowl’s involvement with New Orleans’ successful hosting of the 2012 NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four and the 2013 NCAA Women’s Basketball Final Four.

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Jeff Hundley  
**Chief Operating Officer**

Jeff Hundley was named assistant executive director of the Allstate Sugar Bowl in November 1993 and was promoted to the title of associate executive director in July 1995 and Chief Operating Officer in 2006. He has been part of six national championship games during his time in New Orleans. In addition to his duties with the Sugar Bowl Committee, Hundley served as Co-Executive Director of the 2012 NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four and the 2013 NCAA Women’s Basketball Final Four.

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Hoolahan, who was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2015, has long been involved with the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame and recently served as President of the Football Bowl Association. He is married to former Nashville television reporter Katherine Walters and they have three daughters: Kate, Molly and Megan.
When Alabama defeated Penn State on Dec. 31, 1975 in the Superdome, the game launched a new era for the Sugar Bowl, one that has tracked through four decades of legendary games, coaches and athletes, and one that projects well into the foreseeable future.

As the iconic building, now known as the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, celebrates its 40th birthday, it has truly risen above all of 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 college football national championships, 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 9-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, Sept. 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. The work on the upgrades continued through the 2011 off-season, wrapping up with an $85 million effort capped by the unveiling of the eye-catching lighting capabilities which make the building an even more vivid highlight of the Big Easy skyline. This brings the total amount spent on renovations to $336 million since 2006.

The Superdome has played a vital role in the city and state for forty 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; additional funds have been committed to continue the facility’s upgrades while maintaining its status as a premier sporting facility.

### CHAMPIONS SQUARE

The addition of Champions Square has provided an outstanding pregame party area for fans of all of the major events in the Superdome, including the Sugar Bowl, which hosts the Allstate Sugar Bowl Fan Fest in Champions Square each year on game day. Champions Square is a true pedestrian mall with a marquee stage for concerts as well as trees and benches and the permanent grand staircase complete with brick pavers leading to Gate C of the Superdome. The center portion of the 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.

### EXPANSION OF PLAZA (100 LEVEL) CONCOURSE

The expanded Plaza (100 Level) concourse features additional restrooms and additional concession points of sale as well as updated finishes: lighting, flooring, and signage. Reconfiguration of the East and West Side Plaza stands brings the addition of 3,100 seats and improved sightlines. Plaza (100 Level) sideline seats are 10 feet closer to the playing field. The bowl has taken on a squared look instead of oval shape.

### BUNKER SUITES

Two premium ground level club lounges are located under the east and west side Plaza (100 Level) stands. Premium ticketed patrons enjoy private, direct access into premium lounges from the Superdome garages.

Each premium lounge is approximately 7,600 square feet and features flat-screen televisions, granite counter tops and full-service bars. The two lounges combined can accommodate and service 4,500 fans.

Ticketed club patrons may exit onto porch and directly proceed to their upgraded leather seats equipped with cup-holders.

### LED LIGHTS

More than 26,000 LED lights that are capable of reproducing every color of the rainbow on all 96 concave aluminum panels of the Superdome were installed, along with 983 LED lights at the top of the landing of the Grand Staircase.

### ELEVATORS

Additional elevators have been added to the building, including two elevators which travel directly from the ground-level to the press box, eliminating the need to change elevators. The additional elevators will also allow for more dedicated elevator time for media only.

### 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:

- **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 82nd Sugar Bowl Classic on January 1, 2016 will be the 41st edition of the game in the Superdome.


- **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.

- **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

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 $2.5 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. "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 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 bid to host 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, 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.

An $800,000 commitment to New Orleans East means more, he said, than just putting up a building. The facility will be used by community groups for physical fitness, recreation and educational programs and will be open to all residents of New Orleans East.

"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, the Mayor of New Orleans
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 $60,000 annually in scholarships to local prep football players as part of its partnership with the National Football Foundation and also works with other local organizations to put on free youth clinics during the year. 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 and the Manning Award, which honors the top collegiate quarterback 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 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. The format is simple: the best four teams in the country are chosen by a Selection Committee which pairs them into two semifinal games – the No. 1 team plays the No. 4 team and the No. 2 team plays the No. 3 team. These national semifinal games rotate between six bowl game sites (see chart below). The Monday evening following the semifinal games (in most years), the winners meet in the College Football Playoff Championship.

The Allstate Sugar Bowl plays a major role in the College Football Playoff as it will host four semifinals over a 12-year period (including the 2015 and 2018 semifinals). In the other eight years of the 12-year agreement, the Allstate Sugar Bowl will feature the champions of the Southeastern and Big 12 Conferences (unless one or both of those teams are selected for the playoff, in which case replacement teams from the respective league will be selected to play in the Sugar Bowl).

New Orleans and the Allstate Sugar Bowl will also host the 2020 College Football Playoff Championship.

Here are some more general notes about the College Football Playoff:

Every Game Counts
The new playoff preserves the excitement and significance of college football’s unique regular season where every game counts.

The Best Four Teams
A selection committee chooses the four teams for the playoff based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, a comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors.

Best of All Worlds
The new postseason structure creates an exciting four-team playoff that preserves the best regular season in sports and protects America’s rich bowl tradition. It goes just the right distance and respects the academic calendar while limiting the number of games played by student-athletes.

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Conferences Manage the Event
The FBS conferences manage the College Football Playoff. All 10 conferences are members of the CFP Administration, LLC. University presidents and chancellors from all 10 conferences and Notre Dame form the Board of Managers and govern the administrative operations, with commissioners and athletics directors managing the event. A small staff in the playoff’s office in Irving, Texas, carries out the detailed responsibilities.

Participants in the Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls
Participants in these bowls are contracted outside the playoff arrangement (Big Ten and Pac-12 to Rose Bowl; SEC and Big 12 to Sugar Bowl; ACC to Orange Bowl against a contracted opponent.) If a conference champion qualifies for the playoff, then a replacement team from that conference will be selected. When those bowls host the semifinals and their contracted conference champions do not qualify, then the displaced champion(s) may play in the other New Year’s bowls.

Participates in the other “top six” New Year’s Bowls (Fiesta, Cotton, Peach)
• Displaced conference champions and the top-ranked champion from a non-contract conference.
• Highest-ranked available teams will fill any other berths.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SELECTION COMMITTEE

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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. Boeibinger, 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.

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 every Sugar Bowler buys his 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. 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

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.
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; 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.

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 - Pittsburg 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.

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 Track, regatta, boxing, tennis and basketball 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.

1947 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.

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.


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 Southeastern Conference 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.


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 and TV agreement with ABC renegotiated through Jan. 1, 1991.

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.


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. Alabama defeats Miami for the national championship in a matchup of the country’s top two teams.
1994 The Bowl’s 60th-anniversary celebration culminates on New Year’s Day with Cybill Shepherd’s ringing rendition of the National Anthem leading into a 41-7 Florida victory over West Virginia.

The Sugar Bowl selected by commissioners of the country’s major football conferences to participate in the new College Football Bowl Alliance, a three-way rotation of 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 its first year as a member of the College Football Bowl Alliance, the Sugar Bowl hosted Texas and Virginia Tech. The Hokies defeated the Longhorns, 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. The Florida State Seminoles beat the Virginia Tech Hokies 46-29 and both 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 of an all-time Dome record crowd of 79,342. The teams also received a sweet payout of $18 million.

2004 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.

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

2006 The Bowl ushered in the new year with a move back 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 #2 LSU defeated #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 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.

2012 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.

November - The Bowl signs on as the title sponsor of the Crescent City Classic, an annual 10-kilometer road race that attracts over 20,000 participants each year, including many of the best runners in the world.

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.

May - The Bowl takes on the title sponsorship of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Championship Events.

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.
January 1, 1935
#13 Tulane 20 (Final: 10-1, #8)
#3 Temple 14 (Final: 7-1-2, #9)

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 Smucker 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 remaining 15 yards as Bill Longsderf dove desperately and futilely at his heels. It was the third sensational reception of the day for Hardy.

Longsderf 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 led to the Williamson Poll declaring 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: 22,206

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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 Tulane
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

Temple

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

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

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

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

Tulane Receiving Leaders:
Danny Testa 1-7 TD

Temple Receiving Leaders:
Dick Hardy 3-57, 2 TDs; 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)

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

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SCORING SUMMARY

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

Legendary quarterback Sammy Baugh made more of a name for himself as a punter and defensive back in TCU’s 1936 Sugar Bowl win.
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 going 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 • A: 40,000
Santa Clara 6 0 0 0 - 6
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SCORING SUMMARY
SC: Jim Coughlan 4-yard pass from Bruno Pellegrini (Kick failed)
SC Team Stats: 
SC: First Downs 7, Rushing Yards 108
LSU: Passing 7-21-2, Passing Yards 125
SC: Total Yards 169, Punt 12-42.0
LSU: Fumbles Lost 4, Penalty Yards 42

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

Hall of Fame coach Buck Shaw guided the Santa Clara Broncos to the 1938 Sugar Bowl, where they held off LSU for the upset victory.
January 2, 1939
#1 TCU 15 (Final: 11-0-0)  #6 Carnegie Tech 7 (Final: 7-2-0)

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 • A&T: 44,308

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

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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: George Muha 1-38; Fisher 1-2

Davey O’Brien, the 1938 Heisman Trophy winner, led TCU to victory in the 1939 Sugar Bowl.

January 1, 1940
#1 Texas A&M 14 (Final: 11-0-0)  #5 Tulane 13 (Final: 8-1-1)

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 “Jitterbug” 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 • A:Tul: 73,000

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)

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

Passing
Tul: Bobby Kellogg 0-2-0, 0 yards

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

John Kimbrough, a 210-pound fullback, jarred the Tulane Green Wave for 159 yards as Texas A&M claimed the national championship.
January 1, 1941
#5 Boston College 19 (Final: 11-0-0)
#4 Tennessee 13 (Final: 10-1-0)

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 mantle.
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.

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

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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 Zabinski 2-39
Tenn: James Coleman 3-49

Frank Leahy used his 1941 Sugar Bowl win at Boston College to jump to the Notre Dame head job.

January 1, 1942
#6 Fordham 2 (Final: 8-1-0)
#7 Missouri 0 (Final: 8-2-0)

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

SCORING SUMMARY
Fordham: Alex Santilli blocks punt; punt rolls through end zone.

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Individual Leaders
Rushing
Missouri: Harry Ice 15-112; Bob Steuber 9-24
Fordham: Steve Filipowicz 15-58; Joseph Andrejco 12-49

Passing
Missouri: Harry Ice 2-4, 21 yards
Fordham: Steve Filipowicz 2-5-2

Receiving
Missouri: Marshall Shurnas 1-16; Harold Adams 1-5
Fordham: Steve Filipowicz 15-58; Joseph Andrejco 12-49

Waterlogged James Blumenstock has precious little room to run against Missouri in the Tulane Stadium quagmire.
January 1, 1943
#7 Tennessee 14 (Final: 9-1-1)
#4 Tulsa 7 (Final: 10-1-1)

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 Billy 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

Tulsa 0 7 0 0 - 7
Tennessee 6 12 0 0 - 20

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

Tulsa: LeForce 1-yard run (Kick failed)
GT: Ed Scharfschwerdt 1-yard run (Prokop kick)
GT: Phil Tinsley 46-yard pass from Prokop (Kick failed)
Tulsa: Ed Shedlosky 15-yard pass from Clyde LeForce (Kick failed)
Tulsa: Jimmy Ford 1-yard run (Kick failed)
GT: Frank Broyles 1-yard run (Eddie Prokop kick)
GT: Phil Tinsley 46-yard pass from Prokop (Kick failed)
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Individual Leaders
Rushing
Tennessee: Clyde Fuson 14-57, 1 TD; Cifer 11-48
Tulsa: Erickson 1-9

Passing
Tennessee: Walter Slater 7-15, 88 yards
Tulsa: Glenn Dobbs 11-16, 98 yards; Keithley 6-11, 70 yards

Receiving
Tennessee: Gaffney 2-30; 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)

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 clung 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 Scharfschwerdt 1-yard run (Prokop kick)

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Rushing Leaders
GT: Eddie Prokop 29-199; Frank Broyles 19-70, 1 TD
Tulsa: Jimmy Ford 14-106, 1 TD; Clyde LeForce 5-51; Smith 5-51

Passing
GT: Eddie Prokop 3-14, 57 yards; 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
January 1, 1946
#5 Oklahoma A&M 33 (9-0-0)
#7 St. Mary’s 13 (7-2-0)

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 lateraling 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 Cowboy 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, gaining 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 • Attendance: 68,822
Oklahoma A&M 7 7 6 13 - 33
St. Mary’s 7 6 0 0 - 13

SCORING SUMMARY
STM: O’Connor 46-yard pass from Wedemeyer (Wedemeyer kick)
A&M: Haskins 29-yard pass from Fenimore (Reynolds kick)
A&M: Fenimore 1-yard run (Reynolds kick)
STM: DeSalvo 20-yard run (Kick failed)
A&M: Fenimore 1-yard run (Kick failed)
A&M: Reynolds 1-yard run (Kick failed)
A&M: Thomas 20-yard pass from Reynolds (Reynolds kick)

Oklahoma A&M Team Stats 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

Individual Leaders
Rushing
A&M: Fenimore 25-125, 2 TDs; Reynolds 14-51, 1 TD
STM: Wedemeyer 7-24; DeSalvo 1-20, 1 TD

Passing
A&M: Fenimore 4-10, 76 yards, 1 TD; Reynolds 2-3, 36 yards
STM: Wedemeyer 9-19, 150 yards, 1 TD, O’Connor 2-3, 27 yards

Receiving
A&M: Haskins 2-48, 1 TD; Armstrong 2-28
STM: O’Connor 6-76, 1 TD

January 1, 1945
#11 Duke 29 (Final: 7-3-0)
Alabama 26 (Final: 5-2-2)

In a seesaw affair that saw the lead change hands four times, Duke emerged the victor with a frantic finish, 29-26.

Alabama took a 26-20 lead late courtesy of Hugh Morrow’s record 80-yard interception return for a touchdown. Moments later, again in possession of the football, Bama took an intentional safety. That strategy backfired, however, as Duke got a tremendous return by George Clark on the ensuing kick and then needed just one play (a 20-yard romp by Clark) to pull ahead 29-26.

Even then the game wasn’t over as Duke had to come up with a game-saving, last-play tackle of Bama’s Harry Gilmer to preserve the win.

Gilmer, a freshman, put on what was then considered an eye-popping performance, completing eight passes in eight attempts.

Tulane Stadium • Attendance: 68,822
Duke 7 6 7 9 - 29
Alabama 12 7 0 7 - 26

SCORING SUMMARY
Duke: Clark 15-yard run (Raether kick)
Ala: Hodges 1-yard run (Kick failed)
Ala: Hodges 2-yard run (Kick failed)
Ala: Jones 13-yard pass from Gilmer (Morrow kick)
Duke: Davis 1-yard run (Kick failed)
Duke: Davis 1-yard run (Raether, kick)
Ala: Morrow 80-yard interception return (Morrow kick)
Duke: Safety
Duke: Clark 20-yard run (Raether kick)

Duke Team Stats Alabama
21 First Downs 8
64-315 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

Individual Leaders
Rushing
Duke: Clark 14-114, 2 TDs; Davis 27-93, 2 TDs
Ala.: Gilmer 11-36; Hodges 11-30, 2 TDs

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

Receiving
Duke: Carver 3-33, Raether 1-13
Ala.: Jones 4-138, 1 TD

Tulane Stadium • Attendance: 68,822
Duke Team Stats Alabama
15 First Downs 8
217 Rushing Yards 61
6-13-4 Passing 11-24-2
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Receiving
A&M: Haskins 2-48, 1 TD; Armstrong 2-28
STM: O’Connor 6-76, 1 TD
**January 1, 1947**

#3 Georgia 20 (11-0-0)
#9 North Carolina 10 (9-1-1)

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 Charley “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 Layne after a Pupa pass and as he was being tackled, he anticipated a Gilmer pass and beat a herd of other Longhorns to the ball in the end zone.

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.

Fils 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**

**SCORING SUMMARY**

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**Rushing Leaders**

- **Georgia**: Trippi 15-56; Smith 8-48
- **North Carolina**: Pupa 6-67, 1 TD

** Passing Leaders**

- **Georgia**: Trippi 2-8, 68 yards
- **North Carolina**: Pupa 6-10, 95 yards

** Receiving Leaders**

- **Georgia**: Trippi 2-8, 68 yards
- **North Carolina**: Pupa 6-10, 95 yards
The outcome of the North Carolina-Oklahoma game may have been determined three days before when Choo-Choo Charley 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.

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 Bun 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
Okl: Mitchell 1-yard run (Ming kick)
UNC: Rodgers 2-yard run (Kicked failed)
Okl: Pearson 8-yard run (Ming kick)

Rushing Leaders
OU: Heath 12-58, Thomas 19-51
UNC: Justice 16-84, Rodgers 12-25, 1 TD
Passing Leaders
OU: Royal 1-1-0, 43 yards
UNC: Justice 6-13-1, 57 yards
Receiving Leaders
OU: Anderson 1-43
UNC: Weiner 3-35; Kennedy 4-25

Miller Award recipient: Jack Mitchell, Oklahoma quarterback

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 Wilkinson’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 Sooners 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.
January 1, 1951
#7 Kentucky 13 (11-1-0)
#1 Oklahoma 7 (10-1-0)

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 catch and Yowarsky recovered at the Oklahoma 22.

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

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Tennessee came into this Sugar Bowl contest ranked No. 1 and powered by New Orleanian All-American 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 the 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 rigid to stop the option and wide plays – tailor-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.

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Modzelewski picked up 46 yards in the third quarter before quarterback Bob 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: Fullerton 46-yard interception return (Decker kick).
Tenn: Bert Rechichar 4-yard pass from Hal Payne (Kick failed).
Md: Jack Scarbath 1-yard run (Decker kick).
Tenn: Payne 2-yard run (Rechichar kick).

Tenn: Hal Payne 11-54, Kozar 9-29, Hank Lauricella 7-1.

Individual Leaders
Rushing
UK: Wilbur Jamerson 15-58, 1 TD.
OU: Leon Heath 20-121.

Passing
UK: Babe Parelli 9-12-0, 105 yards, 1 TD.
OU: Arnold 2-5-0, 21 yards.

Receiving
UK: Bruno 3-57
OU: Billy Vessels 2-21.

Miller Award recipient: Walt Yowarsky, Kentucky tackle.
January 1, 1953
#2 Georgia Tech 24 (12-0-0)
#7 Ole Miss 7 (8-1-2)

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 hardball 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 • Attendance: 80,206
Georgia Tech 0 10 7 7 - 24
Ole Miss 7 0 0 0 - 7

SCORING SUMMARY
Miss: Dillard 4-yard run (Lear kick)
GT: Brigman 1-yard run (Rodgers kick)
GT: Rodgers 25-yard field goal
GT: Hardeman 6-yard run (Rodgers kick)
GT: Knox, 24-yard pass from Rodgers (Rodgers kick)

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Rushing Leaders
GT: Hardeman 14-76, 1 TD; Turner 20-56
Miss.: Dillard 17-39, 1 TD. Westerman 7-36 yards, 1 TD

Passing Leaders
GT: Brigman 5-7-1, 39 yards; Rodgers 4-9-0, 55
Miss.: Lear 8-19-3, 122 yards

Receiving Leaders
GT: Hardeman 2-24; Marks 2-14
Miss.: Slay 1-45; Bridges 2-25

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)

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 • Attendance: 71,666
Georgia Tech 14 6 9 13 - 42
West Virginia 0 6 0 13 - 19

SCORING SUMMARY
GT: Hensley 24-yard pass from Rodgers (Rodgers kick)
GT: Durham 2-yard pass from Rodgers (Rodgers kick)
GT: Hensley 24-yard pass from Rodgers (Rodgers kick)
GT: Hardeman 23-yard run (Kick failed)
GT: Hardeman 9-yard run (Kick blocked)
GT: Teas 9-yard run (Turner kick)

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Rushing Leaders
GT: Ruffin 3-58; 1 TD; Teas 9-32; 1 TD
WVU: Anderson 13-57; Moss 5-36

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

Receiving Leaders
GT: Hensley 4-73; 1 TD; Davis 4-33; Hardemann 3-37
WVU: Papetti 3-51; Hillen 2-14; Allman 2-13

Miller Award recipient: Franklin “Pepper” Rodgers, Georgia Tech quarterback
**January 1, 1955**

#5 Navy 21 (8-2-0)

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

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 overturned. 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.

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**Navy** 7 0 14 0 - 21 0 0 0 0 0 0

**Ole Miss** 0 0 0 0 - 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

**SCORING SUMMARY**

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

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**Rushing Leaders**

Miss.: Cothren 7-24, J. Patton 5-21, Murihhead 7-17.
Navy: Joe Gattuso 16-111 2TD, Jack Weaver 16-106, Garrow 6-18.

**Passing Leaders**

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

**Receiving Leaders**

Miss.: Murihhead 2-16, J. Patton 1-19, Fisher 1-11.

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

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**January 2, 1956**

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

#11 Pittsburgh 0 (7-4-0)

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 off sides, 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 bearly broke free on a sweep but a last-second tackle sent him pin-wheeling out-of-bounds at the 10. Due to a malfucn -sides and Navy accepted the penalty, this turned out to be the most important play of the contest's history - Pitt scored on the 1-yard line. 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 off sides, Mitchell followed the surge of his line and made into the end zone by inches. He then added the extra point.

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 0 0 0 0 0 0

**Pittsburgh** 0 0 0 0 - 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

**SCORING SUMMARY**

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

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**Rushing Leaders**

GT: Owen 7-29; Mattison 7-27
Pitt: Bobby Grier 6-51; Cimarollo 11-37

**Passing Leaders**

GT: Wade Mitchell 0-1; Vann 0-2
Pitt: Salvaterra 4-9, 50

**Receiving Leaders**

Pitt: Walton 4-54; Glatz 2-48

**Miller Award recipient:** Franklin Brooks, Georgia Tech guard
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 cerie 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 40. 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 the ball 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.

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 was in nearly so much pain as Hickman, who stood in a corner of the Baylor locker room still crying.

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Baylor 0 0 7 0 - 7
Tennessee 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 Burkhlow kick)
BU: Bobby Humphrey 1-yard run (Donnel Berry kick)

Baylor Team Statistics Tennessee

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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

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 choise 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.

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Ole Miss 6 13 7 13 - 39
Texas 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 (Ed Khayat kick), 13:57 (2nd)
Miss: Kent Lovelace 9-yard run (Khayat kick), 2:30 (2nd)
Miss: Bobby Franklin 3-yard run (Khayat kick), 4:43 (3rd)
Miss: 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)

Miss: Brown 15-157, 2 TDs; Bobby Franklin 9-64, 1 TD
Texas: George Blanch 11-58, 1 TD; Don Allen 8-43; Walter Fonden 8-39

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Rushing Leaders
Miss: Ray Brown 15-157, 2 TDs; Bobby Franklin 9-64, 1 TD
Texas: George Blanch 11-58, 1 TD; Don Allen 8-43; Walter Fonden 8-39

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, 1 TD; Don Williams 2-15, 1 TD
Texas: Rene Ramirez 1-3

Miller Award recipient: Ray Brown, Ole Miss quarterback
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 quicksilver 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 LSU in 14 games, and against the Rebels the Tigers yielded three in one afternoon.

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.

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**LSU**

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**Clemson**

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**SCORING SUMMARY**

| LSU | Mangham 9-yard pass from Cannon (Cannon kick) |

| 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 | Punt | 6-32.8 |
| 4-2 | Fumbles – Lost | 3-2 |
| 5-35 | Penalties – Yards | 2-20 |

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing**

- LSU: Cannon 13-51; Davis 2-17
- Clemson: Hayes 17-55; Usry 1-29

**Passing**

- LSU: Rabb 2-7, 33; Cannon 1-1, 9, 1 TD
- Clemson: White 1-3, 21

**Receiving**

- LSU: Mangham 2-33, 1 TD; McClain 1-26
- Clemson: White 1-3; Anderson 1-11

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

### Ole Miss

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**SCORING SUMMARY**

| Ole Miss | Woodruff 43-yard pass from Gibbs (Khayat kick) |
| Ole Miss | Grantham 18-yard pass from Franklin (Khayat kick) |
| Ole Miss | Blair 9-yard pass from Franklin (Khayat kick) |

| 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 | Punt | 12-34.3 |
| 4-2 | Fumbles – Lost | 2-0 |
| 7-65 | Penalties – Yards | 4-30 |

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing**

- Miss.: Flowers 19-60; Blair 8-26
- LSU: Cannon 6-8

**Passing**

- Miss.: Franklin 10-15-1, 148 yards, 2 TDs; Gibbs 4-10-1, 65 yards
- LSU: Rabb 4-15-0, 36 yards

**Receiving**

- Miss.: Flowers 4-64
- LSU: Cannon 3-39; McClain 3-31

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Bobby Franklin, Ole Miss quarterback
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Ole Miss 14 (Final: 10-0-1)
Rice 6 (Final: 7-4-0)

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 Mississippians on his back to get it in from two and a half yards out, but Blume went around end with 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.

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Arkansas 3 (Final: 8-3-0)

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SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1963
#3 Ole Miss 17 (Final: 10-0-0)
#6 Arkansas 13 (Final: 9-2-0)

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 Ole Miss fumble at its own 18 early in the second half allowed Arkansas to the 3, 8, and 9. With limited time, Arkansas did not get another sniff of the Rebel goal.

Ole Miss coach Johnny Vaught did not give Broyles another chance. Despite 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.

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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 Petrey 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.

SCORING SUMMARY

Miss: Billy Carl Irwin 30-yard field goal
Ark.: Tom McNelly 30-yard field goal
Miss: Louis Guy 33-yard pass from Glynn Griffing (Irwin kick)
Ark.: Jesse Branch 5-yard pass from Billy Moore (McNelly kick)
Miss: Griffing 1-yard run (Irwin kick)
Ark.: McNelly 23-yard field goal

Rushing Leaders
Miss.: Jennings 9-39; Weatherly 9-36; Griffing 16-15 TD; Dunn 7-20
Ark.: Branch 7-21; Brabham 9-18; Gray 7-7

Passing Leaders
Miss.: Griffing 14-23-1, 242 yards, 1 TD; Weatherly 4-5, 27 yards
Ark.: Moore 5-10-0, 55 yards, 1 TD; Gray 1-8 68 yards

Receiving Leaders
Miss.: Guy 5-107 TD; Morris 5-62; Randall 3-34
Ark.: Lamb 3-107; 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)

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 most 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.

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Miss: Tim Davis 46-yard field goal
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Miss: Tim Davis 48-yard field goal
Miss: Smith 5-yard pass from Dunn (Irwin kick)

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Miller-Digby Award recipient: Tim Davis, Alabama kicker
February 1, 1965

#7 LSU 13 (Final: 8-2-1)
Syracuse 10 (Final: 7-4-0)

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. LSU led 10-9, and Charles 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 situations, scored 25 touchdowns between them, 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.

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LSU
Syracuse

2 0 8 3 - 13
10 0 0 0 - 10

SCORING SUMMARY

Syr: Smith 23-yard field goal
LSU: Rice tackles Little in end zone for safety
Syr: Clarke returns blocked kick 28 yards (Smith kick)
LSU: Moreau 57-yard pass from Ezell (Ezell pass to Labruzzo)
LSU: Moreau 28-yard field goal

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Individual Leaders

Rushing
LSU: Schwab 17-81; Labruzzo 10-25; Betta 13-18; Screen 6-21
Syr: Nance 15-70; Little 8-46; Mahle 7-23

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

Receiving
LSU: Moreau 2-55 TD; Labruzzo 2-45; Schwab 1-15
Syr: Cripps 2-18; Mahle 3-15; Clarke 1-11; 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)

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 added a 37-yard field goal for a 17-0 lead before the half was over and then booted a 34-yarder early in the second half, 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.

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Missouri
Florida

0 17 3 0 - 20
0 0 0 18 - 18

SCORING SUMMARY

Mo: Brown 10-yard run (Bates kick)
Mo: Denny 11-yard pass from Roland (Bates kick)
Mo: Bates 37-yard field goal
Mo: Bates 34-yard field goal
Fla: Harper 22-yard pass from Spurrier (Pass failed)
Fla: Spurrier 2-yard run (Pass failed)
Fla: Casey 21-yard pass from Spurrier (Pass failed)

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Rushing Leaders
Mo.: Brown 23-121 TD; Lane 19-76; Reese 11-27
UF: Poe 2-11; Spurrier 7-(-8); Harper 7-(-5)

Passing Leaders
Mo.: Lane 4-13-1, 39 yards
UF: Spurrier 22-45-1, 352 yards, 2 TDs

Receiving Leaders
Mo.: Phelps 2-11; C. Brown 1-14; Wallace 1-14
UF: Casey 5-108 TD; Brown 9-88; Trapp 5-53; Harper 4-66 TD

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Steve Spurrier, Florida quarterback

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January 2, 1967
#3 Alabama 34 (Final: 12-0-0)
#6 Nebraska 7 (Final: 9-2-0)

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 gobbled 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 TD delivery from Stabler late in the game to account for the final score.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 82,000
Alabama 17 7 3 7 - 34
Nebraska 0 0 0 7 - 7

SCORING SUMMARY
Ala: Kelley 1-yard run (S. Davis kick)
Ala: Stabler 14-yard run (S. Davis kick)
Ala: S. Davis 30-yard field goal
Ala: Trimble 6-yard run (S. Davis kick)
Ala: S. Davis 40-yard field goal
Neb: D. Davis 15-yard pass from Churchich (Wachholtz kick)
Ala: Perkins 45-yard pass from Stabler (S. Davis kick)

Rushing Leaders
Ala: Stabler 9-38 TD; Morgan 10-37; Raburn 3-22; Canterbury 7-15
Neb.: Davis 10-37 TD; Gregory 4-26; Wilson 4-24

Passing Leaders
Ala.: Stabler 12-18-0, 218 yards, 1 TD
Neb.: Churchich 21-34-2, 201 yards, 1 TD; Weber 1-4-3, 12 yards

Receiving Leaders
Ala.: Perkins 7-178 TD; Homan 5-36; Reitz 1-31
Neb.: Richnorsky 6-48; Penny 6-42; Gregory 4-19; Wilson 2-35; Davis 1-15 TD

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Ken Stabler, Alabama quarterback

January 1, 1968
LSU 20 (Final: 7-3-1)
#6 Wyoming 13 (Final: 10-1-0)

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 lIchik had scored on a short plunge and Jerry Depoyester booted a pair of field goals, including a Sugar Bowl record 49-yarder with one second to go.

However, after Depoyester 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 for 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 names the game’s MVP.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 72,858
LSU 0 0 7 13 - 20
Wyoming 0 13 0 0 - 13

SCORING SUMMARY
Wyo: Kick 1-yard run (DePoystser kick)
Wyo: DePoyster 24-yard field goal
Wyo: DePoyster 49-yard field goal
LSU: Morel 1-yard run (Roy Hurd kick)
LSU: Morel 8-yard pass from Stokley (Kick failed)
LSU: Morel 14-yard pass from Stokley (Hurd kick)

Rushing Leaders
LSU: Morel 5-100; 4-70.
Wyo.: Anderson 3-100; 4-70.

Passing Leaders
LSU: Smith 16-74 TD; Allen 16-41; Stokley 11-32
Wyo.: Rabin 10-74; Allen 10-37; Raburn 3-22; Canterbury 7-15

Receiving Leaders
LSU: Smith 6-65; Allen 6-42; Stokley 5-30; Hurd 6-30; Roy Hurd 1-26; Morel 2-21; Hurd 1-15
Wyo.: Anderson 6-48; Penny 6-40; Gregory 4-19; Wilson 2-35; Davis 1-15 TD

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Glenn Smith, LSU halfback
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, particularly early. 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 as well as being sacked once before his first successful pass, a one-yarder.

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

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 jetisoned 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 yards 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**

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Georgia 0 2 0 0 - 2

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**Rushing Leaders**

Ark.: Burnett 20-31; Maxwell 5-10; Montgomery 15-(-2)

UGA: Johnson 12-45; Elrod 5-34; Kemp 9-20; Cavan 12-(-24)

**Passing**

Ark.: Montgomery 17-39-1, 185 yards, 1 TD

UGA: Cavan 9-22-1, 103 yards; Hampton 2-9-2, 14 yards

**Receiving**

Ark.: Dicus 12-169 TD; Peacock 3-15; Burnett 2-1

UGA: Whittemore 5-56; Lawrence 3-54; Johnson 2-0; Hughes 1-7

**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 Rebels and Arkansas each broke three Sugar Bowl records in amassing a whopping total of 954 yards. If not the most important game played that day, it was the most entertaining.

**Tulane Stadium • Att: 82,500**

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: Brice Maxwell 6-yard pass from Montgomery (McClard kick), 10:10 (4th)

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**Rushing Leaders**

Miss.: Brown 12-94 TD; Manning 13-39 TD; Reed 11-21
Ark.: Maxwell 8-108; Burnett 17-59 TD; Montgomery 12-22

**Passing**

Miss.: Manning 24-35, 273 yards, 1 TD
Ark.: Montgomery 17-34-1, 338 yards, 2 TDs; Maxwell 0-1-1, 0 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

Miss.: Poole 7-72; Studdard 5-108 TD; Jones 3-29; Reed 2-22
Ark.: Dicus 6-171 TD; Maxwell 9-137 TD; Rees 2-30

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Archie Manning, Ole Miss quarterback
January 1, 1972  
#3 Oklahoma 40 (Final: 11-1-0, #2)  
#5 Auburn 22 (Final: 9-2-0, #12)

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 Mileden 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, Mileden 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 Heisman 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 Mileden 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 Wylie 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."

Tulane Stadium • Att: 84,031
Oklahoma 19 12 3 6 - 40
Auburn 0 0 7 15 - 22

SCORING SUMMARY
OU: Crosswhite 4-yard run (Kick failed), 9:01 (1st)
OU: Mileden 5-yard run (Carroll kick), 3:05 (1st)
OU: Wylie 71-yard punt return (Pass failed), 1:55 (1st)
OU: Mileden 4-yard run (Run failed), 3:28 (2nd)
OU: Mileden 7-yard run (Pass failed), 0:47 (2nd)
OU: Carroll 53-yard field goal, 9:03 (3rd)
AU: Unger 1-yard run (Jett kick), 7:54 (3rd)
OU: Pruitt 2-yard run (Kick failed), 9:25 (4th)
AU: Cannon 11-yard pass from Sullivan (Jett kick), 3:44 (4th)
AU: Unger 1-yard run (Beck run), 2:45 (4th)

Rushing Leaders
OU: Mileden 30-149, 3 TDs; Pruitt 18-95, 1 TD; Crosswhite 17-78, 1 TD
AU: Unger 6-38, 2 TDs; Lowry 5-12

Passing Leaders
OU: Mileden 1-4-0, 11 yards
AU: Sullivan 20-44-1, 250 yards, 1 TD

Receiving Leaders
OU: Chandler, 1-11
AU: Beasley 6-117; Unger 5-36

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Jack Mileden, Oklahoma quarterback

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January 1, 1971  
#4 Tennessee 34 (Final: 11-1-0, #4)  
#11 Air Force 13 (Final: 9-3-0, #16)

Air Force's game plan for the 1971 Sugar Bowl was to use an eight-man front to shut down the potent Tennessee running game. While the defense allowed just 86 rushing yards, Bobby Scott threw for 288 yards and the Tennessee defense thoroughly shut down the Air Force offense 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 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 gave the Vols possession at the Falcon 24. Four plays later, Scott passed to Gary Theiler at the 5 and he 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.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 75,087
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)
AFA: 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)

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Bobby Scott, Tennessee quarterback

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A daring end zone gamble late in the fourth quarter 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 served to seal the win for the Irish. Notre Dame's scoring came courtesy of touchdowns by Wayne Bullock, Eric Pennick and Al Hunter (a record 93-yard kickoff return) and a field goal by Bob Thomas with 4:26 left in the game.

Alabama, which came in ranked No. 1, countered with TD's by Randy Billingsly, Wilbur Jackson and Richard Todd (a 25-yard throwback pass from Mike Stock) and a Billy Davis field goal.

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**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 3-35
Ala.: George Pugh 2-28, Wilbur Jackson 2-22; Richard Todd 1-25 TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Tom Clements, Notre Dame quarterback
December 31, 1974
#8 Nebraska 13 (Final: 9-3-0, #9)
#18 Florida 10 (Final: 7-4-0, #15)

A fourth-quarter, 13-point awakening gave Nebraska a comeback win over Florida, 13-10, before 68,890 New Year’s Eve watchers. Terry Luck took over for David Humm (who had thrown four interceptions) and moved the Huskers 99 yards for a Monte Anthony touchdown and then pushed them to 37-and 39-yard Mike Coyle field goals, the last with 1:46 remaining. Tony Davis, the game’s “Most Outstanding” player, had 126 yards in 17 carries. Florida broke out to a 10-0 halftime lead on Tony Green’s touchdown and Dave Posey’s 40-yard field goal, and the Gators had a chance to put the game away early in the second half but couldn’t convert on third- and fourth-down running attempts from the Nebraska 1. After the goal-line stand, Luck entered the game, and the Nebraska comeback began.

Tulane Stadium • Att: 68,890

Nebraska 0 0 0 13 - 13
Florida 7 3 0 0 - 10

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**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 McGiff 2-52; Alvis Darby 1-32; Tony Green 1-9; Larry Brinson 1-4

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Tony Davis, Nebraska fullback

December 31, 1975
#4 Alabama 13 (Final: 11-1-0, #3)
#10 Penn State 6 (Final: 9-3-0, #10)

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

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**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 Celofalo 2-18; Woody Petchel 2-13; Mickey Shuler 2-11

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Richard Todd, Alabama quarterback
January 1, 1977

#1 Pittsburgh 27 (Final: 12-0-0, #1)
#4 Georgia 3 (Final: 10-2-0, #10)

Matt Cavanaugh’s passing and Tony Dorsett’s running spurred No. 1 Pittsburgh to a 27-3 win over Georgia in the Bowl’s return to New Year’s Day. Cavanaugh, the game’s “Most Outstanding” player, hit on 7-of-11 passing attempts for 185 yards and a touchdown as the Panthers rolled to a 21-0 bulge. Scoring the first TD himself from the 6-yard line, Cavanaugh then teamed with Gordon Jones on a 59-yard scoring pass. Dorsett, who ran for a then-record 202 yards, including 137 on 15 second-half carries, slipped in from the 11 just before halftime. Pitt’s scoring chores were then turned over to Carson Long for a pair of field goals, while Georgia never did get its offense untracked, taking advantage of a Panther fumble for an Allan Leavitt 25-yard FG in the third for its only score.

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 Dorse 11-yard run (Long kick), 2:02 (2nd)
UGA: Allan Leavitt 25-yard FG, 11:30 (3rd)
Pitt: Long 42-yard field goal, 1:50 (3rd)
Pitt: Long 31-yard field goal, 7:35 (4th)

Rushing Leaders
Pitt: Tony Dorsett 32-202 TD; Elliott Walker 11-35; Matt Cavanaugh 12-15
UGA: Ray Goff 17-76; Kevin McLee 15-48; Al Pollard 5-16

Passing Leaders
Pitt: Cavanaugh 10-18-0, 192 yards, 1 TD
UGA: MaC Cavanaugh 10-2, 33 yards; Ray Goff 1-4-1, 3 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, Pittsburgh quarterback

January 2, 1978

#3 Alabama 35 (Final: 11-1-0, #2)
#9 Ohio State 6 (Final: 9-3-0, #10)

Coaching legends Paul “Bear” Bryant and Woody Hayes were well-matched, but Alabama’s Jeff Rutledge was not as the Tide rolled over the Buckeyes 35-6 before 76,811, a then-Superdome football record. Rutledge, the Miller-Digby honoree, hit 8-of-11 passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns as Alabama, ranked No. 2, moved to a 21-0 lead through three periods. Major Ogilvie and Johnny Davis blew it open with successive fourth-period touchdowns after Ohio State had pulled to within 21-6 on Rodney Gerald’s 38-yard pass to Jim Harrell.

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)

Rushing Leaders
Ala.: Johnny Davis 24-95 TD; Tony Nathan 11-35 TD; John Crow 5-46
OSU: Ron Springs 10-74; Jeff Logan 13-57;

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
OSU: Charles Hunter 2-25; Ron Springs 2-6

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Jeff Rutledge, 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)

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 and the national title. Alabama struck first with eight seconds left in the first half when Bruce Bolton made a diving grab just inside the end zone. In the second half, Penn State tied things on a 17-yard Chuck Fusina shot to Scott Fitzkee just before the Tide’s Major Ogilvie slipped in from the 7 for the winner. Alabama, nursing a 14-7 lead, lost the ball at its 19 midway through the fourth quarter, setting the stage for the stand. After a Nittany Lion first down at the Bama 8-yard line, Don McNeal made a touchdown-saving tackle at the 1. On third down, Rich Wingo stopped Matt Suhey less than a foot away. On fourth down, Mike Guman tried the middle, but the Tide’s Barry Krauss stopped him short.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 76,824

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)

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Penn State Team Stats

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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, Alabama linebacker

January 1, 1980
#1 Alabama 24 (Final: 12-0-0, #1)
#6 Arkansas 9 (Final: 10-2-0, #8)

Alabama repeated as national champions before 77,484 in the Superdome as the Tide rode the running of Major Ogilvie to a win over Arkansas. The wishboning of Steadman Shealy stripped the Hogs of their main defensive asset - quickness. He pitched to Ogilvie, the game’s “MVP”, for scoring runs of one and 22 yards. Ogilvie became the first player to score a TD in three successive Sugar Bowls. After an Alan McElroy field goal, Steve Whitman clinched the game with a 12-yard spurt up the middle to cap a 98-yard drive. Arkansas scored first on an Ish Ordonez field goal following a fumble by Alabama on the opening kickoff.

Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,484

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 kick, 0:25 (2nd)
Ark: Robert Farrell 3-yard pass from Kevin Scanlon (Run failed), 11:34 (3rd)
Ala: Whitman 12-yard run (McElroy kick), 8:59 (4th)

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Rushing Leaders
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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: Major Ogilvie, Alabama running back
Georgia, “unbeaten, untied and unbelievable,” staked claim on 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 and Scott Woerner were the Bulldog bywords: Walker gained 150 yards, scored twice and won the Miller-Digby Award, while Woerner had two interceptions (one a touchdown saver, the other stopped Notre Dame’s final drive). Notre Dame grabbed an early 3-0 lead before Georgia countered with a field goal and Walker’s two scores. The Irish’s Phil Carter scored in the third quarter to close the gap to 17-10, but the Georgia defense was unyielding from that point forward.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Georgia**
- Rex Robinson 46-yard field goal, 1:45 (1st)
- Herschel Walker 1-yard run (Robinson kick), 1:04 (1st)
- Walker 2-yard run (Robinson kick), 13:49 (2nd)

**Notre Dame**
- Harry Oliver 50-yard field goal, 10:44 (1st)
- Phil Carter 1-yard run (Oliver kick), 0:54 (3rd)

**Louisiana Superdome • Att: 77,896**

**Georgia** 10 7 0 0 - 17
**Notre Dame** 3 0 7 0 - 10

**Rushing Leaders**
- UGA: Herschel Walker 25-84 2TD; Buck Belue 7-45; Ronnie Stewart 4-12
- Pitt: Bryan Thomas 26-129; Wayne DiBartola 13-68; Dan Marino 4-11

**Passing**
- UGA: Buck Belue 8-15-2, 83 yards
- Pitt: Dan Marino 26-41-2, 261 yards, 3 TDs

**Receiving Leaders**
- UGA: Amp Arnold 3-53; Norris Brown 1-8; Clarence Kay 1-6 TD
- Pitt: Julius Dawkins 6-77 TD; Wayne DiBartola 8-64; John Brown 6-62 2TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Herschel Walker, Georgia tailback

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The decision in the battle of heavyweights went to Pittsburgh’s Dan Marino over Georgia’s running machine Herschel Walker (84 yards rushing, two TDs) when Marino connected with John Brown for a game-winning, 33-yard touchdown pass with just 35 seconds left to give the Panthers a 24-20 win over the No. 2-rated Bulldogs before 77,224 in the first New Year’s night Sugar Bowl. Marino, who completed 26-of-41 passes for 261 yards, was voted the game’s “Most Outstanding” player over teammate Bryan Thomas (129 yards on 25 carries). The game swapped leads five times.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Georgia**
- Herschel Walker 8-yard run (Kevin Butler kick), 7:18 (2nd)
- Walker 10-yard run (Kick failed), 6:42 (3rd)
- Clarence Kay 6-yard pass from Belue (Butler kick), 8:31 (4th)

**Pittsburgh**
- Raymond Everett 41-yard field goal, 1:59 (2nd)
- Julius Dawkins 30-yard pass from Dan Marino (Everett kick), 11:59 (3rd)
- John Brown 6-yard pass from Marino (Everett kick), 11:40 (4th)
- Brown 33-yard pass from Marino (Everett kick), 0:35 (4th)

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**Georgia** 0 7 6 7 - 20
**Pittsburgh** 0 3 7 14 - 24

**Rushing Leaders**
- UGA: Herschel Walker 36-150 2TD; Buck Belue 13-(-34); Carrie Norris 2-2
- Pitt: Bryan Thomas 26-129; Wayne DiBartola 13-68; Dan Marino 4-11

**Passing**
- UGA: Buck Belue 8-15-2, 83 yards
- Pitt: Dan Marino 26-41-2, 261 yards, 3 TDs

**Receiving Leaders**
- UGA: Amp Arnold 1-7
- Pitt: Julius Dawkins 6-77 TD; Wayne DiBartola 8-64; John Brown 6-62 2TD

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Dan Marino, Pittsburgh quarterback
This game matched No. 1 Georgia against No. 2 Penn State in a showdown for the nation's top spot. In the end, Penn State outlasted the Bulldogs, 27-23, before a then-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. Penn State clinched its title when Blackledge hit Greg Garry for a TD. Georgia scored a late touchdown to round out the scoring.

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**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)

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**Rushing Leaders**

PSU: Curt Warner 18-177 2TD; John Williams 13-55; Sketcher 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; Chck 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, Penn State quarterback

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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, a three-and-a-half point underdog, 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.

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**SCORING SUMMARY**

Mich: Steve Smith 4-yard run (Bob Bergeron kick), 7:30 (1st)
AU: Al Del Greco 3-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)

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**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 Leaders**

AU: Lionel James 1-15; Bo Jackson 1-6
Mich.: Triando Markray 3-60; Vince Bean 3-37; Sim Nelson 3-20

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Bo Jackson, Auburn tailback
**January 1, 1985**

#5 Nebraska 28 (Final: 10-2-0, #4)
#11 LSU 10 (Final: 8-3-1, #15)

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 jumped out to a 10-0 lead on a 27-yard Ron Lewis field goal and a Dalton Hilliard 2-yard TD run. It was 10-7 at the half after Sundberg hit Doug Dubose with a 31-yard scoring screen. The second half, however, belonged to Nebraska and Sundberg. The Cornhusker defense completely shut down LSU’s offense, intercepting four passes and choking off the running game. Meanwhile, Sundberg scored on a run of nine yards and threw for a pair of TDs. In earning the game’s Miller-Digby Award he completed 10-of-15 passes for 143 yards.

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**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 2TD; Doug DuBose 2-39; Brian Heimer 2-30

LSU: Eric Martin 4-58; Herman Fontenot 4-56; Garry James 3-30

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Craig Sundberg, Nebraska quarterback

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**January 1, 1986**

#8 Tennessee 35 (Final: 9-1-2, #4)
#2 Miami 7 (Final: 10-2-0, #9)

Defense and Daryl Dickey were the keys for Tennessee as the underdog Volunteers ripped second-ranked Miami 35-7 in the 52nd Sugar Bowl; 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.

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**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**

Tenn.: Daryl Dickey 15-25, 131 yards, 1 TD

Mia.: Vinny Testaverde 20-36-3, 217 yards, 1 TD; Gino Torretta 2-7-1, 13 yards

**Receiving Leaders**

Tenn.: Tim McGee 7-94; Eric Swanson 3-17; Joey Clinkscales 2-7

Mia.: Michael Irvin 18-yard pass from Vinny Testaverde (Greg Cox kick), 4:40 (1st)

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**1986 Game Recap**

The game ended with a hail mary pass from Vinny Testaverde to Jeff Smith, but the Vols were held scoreless by the Tennessee defense, which included an unheralded Daryl Dickey at quarterback and retread defensive coordinator Ken Donahue.

The game was marked by a turn of events in the second quarter, with Dickey cranking 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.

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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 season finale that was turned away pointless.

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Nebraska

Rushing Leaders
Neb.: Tyreese Knox 16-84; Steve Taylor 20-63 TD; Ken Kaelin 6-32
LSU: Harvey Williams 12-48 TD; Sam Martin 7-4; Tommy Hodson 7-(-7)

Passing Leaders
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, Nebraska quarterback

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.

Number of Points

#6 Nebraska 30 (Final: 10-2-0, #5)
#5 LSU 15 (Final: 9-3-0, #10)

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 32-yard field goal, 13:27 (4th)
Aub: Lyle 41-yard field goal, 13:27 (4th)
Syr: Vesling 38-yard field goal, 2:04 (4th)
Aub: Lyle 30-yard field goal, 0:01 (4th)

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Auburn 7 3 0 6 - 16

Rushing Leaders
AU: Stacy Danley 13-42; Reggie Ware 4-3; Jeff Burger 4-1(2)
Syr.: Robert Drummond 17-82; Daryl Johnston 14-50; Don McPherson 20-31

Passing Leaders
AU: Jeff Burger 24-33-1, 171 yards, 1 TD; Duke Donaldoon 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, Syracuse quarterback
### January 1, 1989

**#4 Florida State 13 (Final: 11-1-0, #3)**  
**#7 Auburn 7 (Final: 10-2-0, #8)**

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 1988.

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 taillback 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 and Auburn climbed back into the game in the second quarter when Reggie Slack hit Walter Reeves with a 20-yard touchdown pass.

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 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.

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| Auburn | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 7 |

**SCORING SUMMARY**

FSU:  
- Dayne Williams 2-yard run (Richie Andrews kick), 9:48 (1st)  
- Bill Mason 35-yard field goal, 5:57 (1st)  
- Bill Mason 31-yard field goal, 11:00 (2nd)

AU:  
- Walter Reeves 20-yard pass from Reggie Slack (Win Lyle kick), 4:09 (2nd)

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**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:  

AU:  

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Sammie Smith, Florida State tailback

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### January 1, 1990

**#2 Miami 33 (Final: 11-1-0, #1)**  
**#7 Alabama 25 (Final: 10-2-0, #9)**

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 the national title.

With 2:53 to go, Alabama’s Gary Hollingsworth found Prince Wimbly 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 Oosterbaan at Michigan in 1948.

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| Alabama | 17 | 0 | 8 | - | 25 |

**SCORING SUMMARY**

MIA:  
- Stephen McGuire 3-yard run (Carlos Huerta kick), 4:55 (1st)  
- Marco Battle 4-yard pass from Gary Hollingsworth (Philip Doyle kick), 14:07 (2nd)  
- Wesley Carroll 19-yard pass from Craig Erickson (Kick blocked), 12:10 (2nd)  
- Doyle 45-yard field goal, 8:58 (2nd)  
- Alex Johnson 3-yard run (Huerta kick), 5:08 (2nd)  
- Lamonde Russell 7-yard pass from Hollingsworth (Philip Doyle kick), 10:30 (2nd)  
- Chudzinski 11-yard pass from Erickson (Pass failed), 6:54 (3rd)  
- Randy Bethel 12-yard pass from Erickson (Huerta kick), 12:35 (4th)  
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**Rushing Leaders**

ALA:  
- Siran Stacy 24-115, Derrick Lassic 4-13, Mar Mar 4-42 TD, Lamonde Russell 3-25 TD, Prince Wimbly 7-16.

MIA:  
- Stephen McGuire 18-84, Leonard Conley 17-80 TD, Alex Johnson 9-58 TD.

**Passing**

ALA:  
- Gary Hollingsworth 72-252, Stephen McGuire 17-80 TD, Alex Johnson 9-58 TD.

MIA:  
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**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Craig Erickson, Miami quarterback
SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 1991
#10 Tennessee 23 (Final: 9-2-2, #8)
Virginia 22 (Final: 8-4-0, #23)

Andy Kelly capped a superb evening with a handoff to Tony Thompson, who bounded 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 cooledly 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.

French Superdome • A

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, 0:31 (4th)

Rushing Leaders
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.

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, Tennessee quarterback.

January 1, 1992
#18 Notre Dame 39 (Final: 10-3-0, #13)
#3 Florida 28 (Final: 10-2-0, #7)

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 brusing 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 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 • A

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 0 7 10 22 - 39
Florida 10 6 0 12 - 28

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.

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, Notre Dame fullback.
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 Hurricane passing attack in a 34-13 Sugar Bowl victory. Derrick Lassic proved that Bama was not just a defensive show by rushing for 143 yards and two touchdowns on his way to winning the Miller-Digby Award. The Tide led 13-6 at halftime, but the Bama “D” set the tone for the second half on Miami’s first two possessions. First, an interception led to Lassic’s first touchdown, and then defensive back George Teague intercepted another Hurricane pass and returned it 31 yards for a score.

Louisiana Superdome • A

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Alabama**
- First Downs: 15
- Rushing Att-Yards: 60-267
- Plays-Total Offense: 74-285
- Return Yards: 139
- Punts: 6-44.5
- Fumbles-Lost: 0-0
- Penalties-Yards: 7-46
- Time of Possession: 36:04

**West Virginia**
- First Downs: 16
- Rushing Att-Yards: 31-122
- Plays-Total Offense: 71-265
- Return Yards: 138
- Punts-Avg: 8-42.0
- Fumbles-Lost: 1-1
- Penalties-Yards: 8-71
- Time of Possession: 26:38

**Rushing Leaders**
- Derrick Lassic (28-135 2 TD, Tarrant Lynch 5-39; Sherman Williams 7-23 TD)
- Larry Jones 5-28, Donnell Bennett 3-26, Stephen McHaire 4-1

**Passing**
- Dane Prewitt (49-yard field goal, 7:49 1st)
- Proctor (23-yard run, 10:48 2nd)
- Lassic 4-yard run (Proctor kick), 6:46 (4th)

**Receivers**
- Prince Wimbly 2-11, David Palmer 1-6, Derrick Lassic 1-1
- Lamar Thomas 6-52, Donnell Bennett 4-17, Larry Jones 3-64, Kevin Williams 3-49

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Derrick Lassic, Alabama halfback

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 TD’s. Florida’s Judd Davis added a pair of fourth-quarter field goals to round out the 41-7 romp.

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- Penalties-Yards: 8-71
- Time of Possession: 26:38

**Rushing Leaders**
- Errict Rhett 23-105, 3 TDs; Terrence Foy 10-53; Chris Bilkie 2-11
- Davis 26-yard field goal, 1:55 (4th)

**Passing**
- Errict Rhett 3-yard run (Davis kick), 0:21 (1st)
- Lawrence Wright 52-yard interception return (Davis kick), 9:12 (2nd)
- Willy Jackson 39-yard pass from Terry Dean (Davis kick), 0:51 (2nd)
- Errict Rhett 2-yard run (Davis kick), 10:58 (3rd)
- Rhett 1-yard run (Davis kick), 8:58 (3rd)
- Davis 43-yard field goal, 7:16 (4th)
- Davis 26-yard field goal, 1:55 (4th)

**Receivers**
- Jay Kearney 4-59, 1 TD; Mike Baker 4-46, Rahssan Vanterpool 3-19
- Florida's Judd Davis added a pair of fourth-quarter field goals to round out the 41-7 romp.
January 2, 1995

#7 Florida State 23 (Final: 10-1-1, #4)
#5 Florida 17 (Final: 10-2-1, #7)

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 for a 60-yard punt in for Tech’s first touchdown. From that play until the final gun, the Hokies’ defense and Still dominated play. Still, who recorded the game’s “Most Outstanding” award, earned 179 all-purpose yards with six receptions and two touchdowns.

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Rushing Leaders
FSU: Warrick Dunn 14-58; Zach Crockett 5-19; Rock Preston 4-4
UF: Elijah Williams 10-27; Fred Taylor 8-4

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 Leaders
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, Florida State tailback

December 31, 1995

#13 Virginia Tech 28 (Final: 10-2-1, #10)
#9 Texas 10 (Final: 10-2-1, #14)

Entering its first ever major bowl game, the Virginia Tech Hokies stunned the critics with an upset victory against the Texas Longhorns at the 62nd Classic. Spotting Texas 10 points early, the Hokies came alive with two minutes remaining in the first half. Bryan Still, a senior flanker, rushed a 60-yard punt in for Tech’s first touchdown. From that play until the final gun, the Hokies’ defense and Still dominated play. Still, who recorded the game’s “Most Outstanding” award, earned 179 all-purpose yards with six receptions and two touchdowns.

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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 Leaders
VT: Jim Druckenmiller 18-34-1, 266 yards, 1 TD
Texas: James Brown 14-36-3, 148 yards, 1 TD; McClemore 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, Virginia Tech flanker
January 2, 1997
#3 Florida 52 (Final: 12-1, #1)
#1 Florida State 20 (Final: 11-1, #3)

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.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Florida**
- 10-2-0-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 64 Return Yards
- 162 Rushing Yards
- 0-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 1-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 21-45-3 Passing Yards
- 0-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 26 First Downs
- 13-43-168 Passing Yards
- 34-18-34-1 Punts
- 0-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 15-102 Penalties-Yards
- 36-27 Time of Possession
- 14-14-14-14 - 52

**Florida State**
- 34-21-21-21
- 121 Return Yards
- 21-42-2 (271)
- 7-45-4 Punts-Avg.
- 0-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 9-74 Penalties-Yards
- 24-56 Time of Possession
- 3-10-3-10 - 31

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.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Florida State**
- 10-0-0-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 15-125 Return Yards
- 222 Passing Yards
- 19-29-2 Punts
- 10-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 10-10 Passes-Total
- 24-56 Time of Possession
- 7-14-0-10 - 31

**Ohio State**
- 0-0-0-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 4-36-3 Passing Yards
- 7-45-4 Punts-Avg.
- 1-0 Fumbles-Lost
- 7-46.4 Punt-Avg.
- 7-45.4 Punts-Avg.
- 34-334 Passing Yards
- 3-3-3-3 - 14

**Rushing Leaders**

**Florida**
- Terry Jackson 12-118, 2 TDs; Fred Taylor 18-60, 1 TD; Elijah Williams 4-2
- Warrick Dunn 9-29, 1 TD; Peter Warrick 1-12; P.B. Williams 2-7
- Janikowski 35-yard field goal, 9:48 (1st)
- E.G. Green 27-yard pass from Thad Busby (Janikowski kick), 0:00 (1st)
- Wuerffel 9-yard run (Bart Edmiston kick), 9:48 (1st)
- E.G. Green 29-yard pass from Thad Busby (Bentley kick), 7:28 (2nd)
- Wuerffel 12-yard run (Bentley kick), 5:18 (2nd)
- Bentley 45-yard field goal, 10:24 (3rd)
- Hilliard 5-yard pass from Danny Wuerffel (Bart Edmiston kick), 9:48 (1st)
- Busby 9-yard run (Sebastian Janikowski kick), 3:25 (2nd)
- McCray 1-yard run (Janikowski kick), 0:10 (2nd)
- Stultz 34-yard field goal, 7:29 (3rd)
- Safety, 1:13 (3rd)
- Janikowski 35-yard field goal, 14:56 (4th)
- Lumpkin 50-yard pass from Joe Germaine (Pass failed), 8:57 (4th)

**Rushing Leaders**

**Ohio State**
- Pepe Pearson 22-60; Matt Keller 22-60; Stanley Jackson 9-19

**Receiving Leaders**

**Florida State**
- Travis Minor 9-55; Andre Cooper 4-82; E.G. Green 3-86, 1 TD
- Wayne Messam 5-48; Andre Cooper 4-82; E.G. Green 3-86, 1 TD

**Receiving Leaders**

**Ohio State**
- Thomas 11-186; John Cappelletti 5-69; Steve Francis 5-48, 1 TD
- DeVier Posey 5-82; Kristopher Francis 2-23; Colton Taylor 1-9
- Pepe Pearson 22-60; Matt Keller 22-60; Stanley Jackson 9-19

**Miller-Digby Award recipient**: Danny Wuerffel, Florida quarterback

**Passing**

**Florida State**
- Scott Bentley 43-yard field goal, 7:49 (1st)
- Edmiston 24-yard field goal, 2:44 (1st)
- Taylor 2-yard run (Edmiston kick), 11:28 (2nd)
- Green 32-yard field goal, 7:28 (2nd)
- Warrick Dunn 12-yard run (Bentley kick), 5:18 (2nd)
- Bentley 45-yard field goal, 10:24 (3rd)
- Hilliard 8-yard pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick), 5:43 (3rd)
- Jackson 1-yard run (Edmiston kick), 2:12 (4th)
- Florida 10-14-14-14 - 52

**Florida**
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**Ohio State**
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- 3-10-3-10 - 31

**Receiving Leaders**

**Ohio State**
- DeVier Posey 5-82; Kristopher Francis 2-23; Colton Taylor 1-9

**Miller-Digby Award recipient**: E.G. Green, Florida State flanker

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January 1, 1999
#3 Ohio State 24 (Final: 11-1, #2)
#8 Texas A&M 14 (Final: 11-3, #11)

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 Brandon 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

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### RUSHING LEADERS

### PASSING
A&M: Brandon Stewart 22-39-0, 187 yards, 1 TD
OSU: Joe Germaine 21-38-0, 222 yards, 1 TD

### RECEIVING
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, Ohio State receiver

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January 4, 2000 • BCS Championship
#1 Florida State 46 (Final: 12-0, #1)
#2 Virginia Tech 29 (Final: 11-1, #2)

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

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### RUSHING LEADERS
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
FSU: Peter Warrick 6-163 2 TD, Ron Dugans 64 yd pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick), 63-29 TD, Snoop Minnis 2-25.

**Miller-Digby Award recipient:** Peter Warrick, Florida State receiver

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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 17-0 lead. However, Dorsey found D.J. Williams and Najeh Davenport 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.

Miami: Jabar Gaffney 7-75, Reche Caldwell 6-110, Earnest Graham 4-43.

Florida: Rex Grossman 18-41-2, 252 yards, 1 TD; Jesse Palmer 6-10-1, 60 yards.


January 1, 2002
#12 LSU 47 (Final: 10-3, #7) 68
#7 Illinois 34 (Final: 10-2, #12)

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
Illinois 0 7 14 13 - 34
LSU 7 27 7 6 - 47

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)
ILL: 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)
ILL: 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)
ILL: Davis 4 yd run (Davey pass interpt), 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
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
LSU: Josh Reed 14-239 2 TD, Michael Clayton 8-120, Jerel Myers 4-51.

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Rohan Davey, LSU quarterback

Rushing Leaders
LSU: Domanick Davis 28-122 4 TD, Devery Henderson 13-54.
SUGAR BOWL GAME RECAPS

January 1, 2003 • #4 Georgia 26 (Final: 13-1, #3) vs #16 Florida State 13 (Final: 9-5, #21)

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
Florida State 11-17-6-3 - 26

Georgia 3 6 0 - 13
Georgia 7 6 0 - 26

SCORING SUMMARY

UGA: Billy Bennett 23 yd field goal, 4:19 (1st)
FSU: Anquan Boldin 5 yd pass from Fabian Walker (Xavier Beita 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)

Rushing Leaders
FSU: Nick Maddox 4-24, Anquan Boldin 3-34, P.K. Sam 2-11, Craphon Thorpe 1-40.
UGA: Terrence Edwards 3-60, Fred Gibson 2-12, Michael Johnson 1-34.

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Musa Smith, Georgia running back

January 4, 2004 • BCS Championship • #2 LSU 21 (Final: 13-1, #2) vs #3 Oklahoma 14 (Final: 12-2, #3)

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 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 0 7 - 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)

Rushing Leaders
LSU: Justin Vincent 16-17 TD, Matt Mauck 14-27, Skyler Green 3-22 TD.

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
OU: Mark Clayton 4-32, Travis Wilson 3-31, J.D. Runnels 2-19, Kejuan Jones 2-6.

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Justin Vincent, LSU running back
January 3, 2005
#3 Auburn 16 (Final: 13-0, #2)
#9 Virginia Tech 14 (Final: 10-3, #10)

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 in 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 Vaught connected on three field goals in the second 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 Bryant Randall and the second on an 80-yarder with two minutes to play.

SCORING SUMMARY
AU: Ronnie Brown 14-68, Carnell Williams 19-61, Jason Campbell 6-(-3).
VT: Bryan Randall 9-45, Mike Imoh 6-16, Cedric Humes 6-10.

Rushing 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.

January 2, 2006
#11 West Virginia 38 (Final: 11-1, #5)
#8 Georgia 35 (Final: 10-3, #10)

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. Shockey 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.

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 D.J. 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)

Rushing Leaders
WVU: Steve Slaton 26-204 3 TD, Brandon Myles 4-64, Steve Slaton 1-8.
UGA: Leonard Pope 6-50 TD, Mohamed Massaquoi 4-43, Bryan McClendon 3-72 TD.

Receiving Leaders
WVU: Pat White 11-14-0, 129 yards, 1 TD.
UGA: Thomas Brown 9-78 TD, D.J. Shockley 8-71, Kregg Lumpkin 9-67 TD.

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Jason Campbell, Auburn quarterback

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Steve Slaton, 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)

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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.

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: 9.2
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)

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, LSU quarterback

January 1, 2008
#4 Georgia 41 (Final: 11-2, #2)
#10 Hawai‘i 10 (Final: 12-1, #19)

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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 4 13 - 41

SCORING SUMMARY
UGA: Moreno 17 yd run (Coutu kick), 9:42 (1st)
UGA: Brown 19-73 TD, Moreno 9-61 2 TD.
Hawai‘i: Coutu 52 yd field goal, 4:20 (1st)
Hawai‘i: Massaquoi 5-54, Durham 3-48, Moreno 2-26, Bailey 2-18 TD.

Rushing Leaders
UGA: Brown 19-73 TD, Moreno 9-61 2 TD.
Hawai‘i: Coutu 45 yd field goal, 14:32 (4th)
Hawai‘i: Grice-Mullen 16 yd pass from Graunke (Kelly kick), 10:32 (4th)

Passing
UGA: Brown 19-73 TD, Moreno 9-61 2 TD.
Hawai‘i: Massaquoi 5-54, Durham 3-48, Moreno 2-26, Bailey 2-18 TD.

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Marcus Spears, Georgia defensive end
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.

LSU 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)
OSU: Brian Hartline 15 yd pass from Boeckman (Pretorius kick), 1:13 (4th)

Rushing Leaders
OSU: Wells 20-146 TD, Hartline 1-6.
LSU: Hester 21-86 TD, Murphy 2-33, Williams 2-20.

Receiving Leaders
OSU: Boeckman 15-26-2, 208 yards, 2 TD.
LSU: Flynn 19-27-1, 174 yards, 4 TD.

Most Outstanding Offensive Player: Matt Flynn, LSU quarterback
Most Outstanding Defensive Player: Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU defensive tackle

January 2, 2009 • BCS Championship
#7 Utah 31 (Final: 13-0, #2)
#4 Alabama 17 (Final: 12-2, #6)

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 sailing 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 recovored 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.

Utah Superdome • Att: 71,872 • FOX Rating: 7.8
Utah 21 0 7 3 - 31
Alabama 0 10 7 0 - 17

SCORING SUMMARY
Utah: Asiata 7 yd pass from Johnson (Sakoda kick), 11:02 (1st)
Utah: Asiata 2 yd run (Sakoda kick), 8:37 (1st)
Utah: Godfrey 18 yd pass from Johnson (Sakoda kick), 4:01 (1st)
Utah: Godfrey 4 yd pass from Wilson (Sakoda kick), 11:41 (3rd)
Utah: Reed 28 yd pass from Johnson (Sakoda kick), 10:04 (3rd)
Utah: Sakoda 28 yd field goal, 2:49 (4th)

Rushing Leaders

Passing
Utah: Johnson 27-41-0, 336 yards, 3 TD.
Ala: Wilson 18-30-2, 177 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving Leaders
Utah: Asiata 6-50 TD, Godfrey 6-75 TD, Brooks 4-45, Reed 2-58 TD, Casteel 1-17 TD.
Ala: Jones 7-77, Coffee 4-40 TD, Walker 3-25.

Miller-Digby Award recipient: Brian Johnson, Utah quarterback
January 1, 2010
#5 Florida 51 (Final: 13-1, #3)
#3 Cincinnati 24 (Final: 12-1, #8)

Florida’s Tim Tebow set Sugar Bowl and BCS bowl records with 333 yards of total offense to help lead the Gators to a 51-24 win over Cincinnati at the 76th Sugar Bowl. Florida ended its season with a 13-1 record becoming 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 pF 39.8 points and 464.2 yards per game.

Tebow completed his 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.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Cincinnati** 0 3 7 14 - 24
Florida 9 21 14 7 - 51

**Rushing Leaders**
UC: Pead 7-48, Ramsey 6-18.
UF: Gillislee 5-78, Tebow 14-51 TD, Rainey 4-27 TD, Moody 78-14 2 TD.

**Passing**
UC: Pike 27-45-0, 170 yards, 3 TD.
UF: Tebow 31-35-0, 482 yards, 3 TD.

**Receiving Leaders**
UC: Gilyard 7-41, Binns 5-29 TD, Giudugli 5-22, Woods 4-46.
UF: Hernandez 9-111 TD, Cooper 7-181 TD, Thompson 5-63 TD, Rainey 4-71, Moody 4-19.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient**: Tim Tebow, Florida quarterback

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January 4, 2011
#6 Ohio State 31 (Final: 12-1, #5)*
#8 Arkansas 26 (Final: 10-3, #12)

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 quarterback Terrelle Pryor scrambling 34 yards to the Arkansas three-yard line, only to lose the ball into the endzone. 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.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Ohio State** 14 14 3 0 - 31
Arkansas 7 3 11 5 - 26

**Rushing Leaders**
OSU: Pryor 15-115, Herron 24-87 TD, Saine 4-25.
ARK: Wright 22 yd pass from Mallett (Rogers kick), 11:52 (4th)

**Passing**
OSU: Pryor 15-115, Herron 24-87 TD, Saine 4-25.
ARK: Mallett 17-29-0, Davis 26-139, Wingo 4-14.

**Receiving Leaders**
OSU: Posey 4-46, Posey 4-46.
ARK: Mallett 17-29-0, Davis 26-139, Wingo 4-14.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient**: Terrelle Pryor, Ohio State quarterback

* - Ohio State’s participation was later vacated.
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 touchdowns 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 Shelley 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. 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 opening possession in the third quarter to give Alabama a 15-0 lead, but kicker Jeremy Shelley missed the extra point. 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.

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.

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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.

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### Scoring Summary

**Michigan**
- 12: First Downs
- 30-56: Rushing att-yards
- 128: Net passing yards
- 10-22-1: Comp-Att-Int
- 53: Return yards
- 2-0: Fumbles-Lost
- 4-26: Penalties
- 23:10: Time of Possession

**Virginia Tech**
- 6: First Downs
- 48-163: Rushing att-yards
- 214: Net passing yards
- 19-28-1: Comp-Att-Int
- 115: Return yards
- 1-36-0: Punts-Avg.
- 2-1: Fumbles-Lost
- 6:0: Penalties
- 36:50: Time of Possession

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### Miller-Digby Award Recipient

Junior Hemingway, Michigan receiver

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### Scoring Summary

**Alabama**
- 21: First Downs
- 35-150: Rushing att-yards
- 234: Net passing yards
- 23-34-0: Comp-Att-Int
- 99: Return yards
- 3-44:3: Punts-Avg.
- 0: Fumbles-Lost
- 1: Penalties
- 35:26: Time of Possession

**LSU**
- 6: First Downs
- 27-39: Rushing att-yards
- 53: Net passing yards
- 11-17-1: Comp-Att-Int
- 126: Return yards
- 3: Fumbles-Lost
- 8: Penalties
- 24:34: Time of Possession

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### Offensive MVP

A.J. McCarron, Alabama quarterback

### Defensive MVP

Courtney Upshaw, Alabama linebacker
An MVP-caliber performance 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 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 Damion 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.

Mercedes-Benz Superdome • Att: 54,178 • ESPN Rating: 6.4

**SCORING SUMMARY**

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Rushing Leaders

LOU: Jeff Driskel 100 yd kick return (Pass failed), 7:41 (4th)

Passing

LOU: Teddy Bridgewater 20-32-1, 266 yards, 2 TDs.

Receiving Leaders

Louisville: A. Smith 4-55, E. Rogers 4-62, J. Wright 3-19, D. Copeland 2-31 TD.

Miller-Digby Award Recipient: Teddy Bridgewater, Louisville quarterback

**January 2, 2014**

#11 Oklahoma 45 (Final: 11-2, #6)

#3 Alabama 31 (Final: 11-2, #7)

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 Lacoitan 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 Hunnicut 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.

Mercedes-Benz Superdome • Att: 70,473 • ESPN Rating: 9.3

**SCORING SUMMARY**

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Rushing Leaders

OU: Brennan Clay 17-44; Keith Ford 3-15; Sterling Shepard 3-14 TD.

Passing

OU: Trevor Knight 32-44-1, 348 yards, 4 TDs, 1 sack.

Receiving Leaders

OU: S. Shepard 7-62 TD; B. Clay 7-36; L. Bester 6-105 TD; J. Saunders 5-75 2 TDs.

Miller-Digby Award Recipient: Trevor Knight, Oklahoma quarterback

**May 1, 2014**

#4 Ohio State 49 (Final: 12-1, #2)

#8 Wisconsin 20 (Final: 11-3, #3)

Scarlet Knights win third straight Big Ten title as Braxton Miller leads Ohio State to victory.

**January 1, 2015**

#1 Ohio State 42 (Final: 12-1, #2)

#3 Oregon 25 (Final: 12-1, #3)

Ohio State’s dominant offensive attack too much for Oregon in the Rose Bowl.

**January 1, 2016**

#2 Oregon 45 (Final: 12-1, #2)

#3 Florida State 37 (Final: 12-1, #3)

#1 Oregon defeat Florida State to capture their second national championship.
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 Derrick 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 third quarter. However, an 85-yard TD run by Elliott iced the victory with 3:24 remaining on the clock.

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.

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)
OSU: T.J. Yeldon 2 yd run (Griffith kick), 8:07 (2nd)
ALA: 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)
OSU: Elliott 85 yd run (Thomas pass from Jones), 3:24 (4th)
ALA: Cooper 6 yd pass from Sims (Griffith kick), 1:59 (4th)

Rushing Leaders
ALA: Derrick Henry 13-95 TD, T.J. Yeldon 10-47 TD, Blake Sims 2-16

Passing
OSU: Cardale Jones 18-35-1, 243 yards, 1 TD; Evan Spencer 1-1-0, 13 yards, 1 TD.
ALA: Blake Sims 22-36-1, 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 Recipient: Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State running back (offense); Darron Lee, Ohio State linebacker (defense).
#14 Auburn 19 (Final: 8-5, #24)
#7 Oklahoma 35 (Final: 11-2, #5)

Oklahoma’s high-octane offense didn’t disappoint in the 83rd Allstate Sugar Bowl. Led by quarterback Baker Mayfield and running back Joe Mixon, the seventh-ranked Sooners rolled up 524 yards to key their 35-19 victory against 14th-ranked Auburn.

Mayfield, a junior transfer from Texas Tech who was honored as the game’s Most Outstanding Player, completed 19-of-28 passes for 296 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 34 yards on four carries. Mixon, a sophomore, rushed for 91 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns and had five receptions for 89 yards.

The Sooners, who were third in the nation in total offense in 2016, finished with 524 yards.

The victory propelled Oklahoma (11-2), the Big 12 champion which won its 10th straight game, to a top five ranking in the final polls. Sooners coach Bob Stoops said even when his team began the season 1-2, there was no sign of panic or dissension.

“I think it shows the strength of our character overall,” Stoops said. “We’re a close team and we’re a confident team. We kept confidence the entire season. We stayed positive the entire season. We trusted our system and improved throughout the year and fought through the outside noise.”

As good as the Sooners offense was, give a nod to the much-maligned Oklahoma defense, too. The unit, which allowed 439.8 yards and 29.7 points per game this season, held Auburn’s offense to 339 yards. Oklahoma was 89th in the nation in total defense.

Of particular note, the Sooners held Auburn without a first down on three straight possessions to start the second half.

“I think we just showed that we can play [tonight],” said Sooners senior linebacker Jordan Evans.

The Sooners offense took advantage, extending a 14-13 halftime lead to 35-13 with 12:40 left in the fourth quarter.

Auburn (8-5), however, was at a big disadvantage when it lost starting quarterback Sean White, a sophomore, to a broken arm in the second quarter as Oklahoma took a 14-13 lead at the half. The Sooners scored on two straight possessions thanks to long drives kept alive by impressive runs by Mixon and precision throws by Mayfield.

Oklahoma made it 28-13 with 2:28 left in the third quarter with an 85-yard drive that took seven plays and 3:02. Mixon capped the touchdown with a 4-yard run. He rushed for 40 yards and caught a pass for nine yards to key the drive.

With 12:29 left in the fourth quarter, the Sooners took a comfortable 35-13 lead with a 71-yard, eight-play drive. Running back Samaje Perine carried two yards for the score.

“As the game goes on and as our tempo goes on, it wears on people,” Mayfield said. “When they have to worry about stopping the run, it opens the passing game. And vice versa.”

Auburn added a touchdown for the final score on the game’s final play but the out-come was already decided.

The Sooners’ high-powered offense got off to a slow start as it failed to score on its first two possessions, managing just 24 yards in its first nine plays of the game.

But Mixon and Mayfield got it cruising along late in the first quarter and into the second quarter as Oklahoma took a 14-13 lead at the half. The Sooners scored on two straight possessions thanks to long drives kept alive by impressive runs by Mixon and precision throws by Mayfield.

Oklahoma evened the game 7-7 with 11:24 left in the second quarter with an impressive 14-play, 90-yard drive that consumed 6:39 off the clock. The Sooners converted three times on third down to keep alive the drive. The biggest came when Oklahoma faced third-and-22 at the Sooners 39 when Mayfield connected with Mixon for a 32-yard gain to the Auburn 29.

Mayfield passed 13 yards to Mark Andrews for the touchdown. Mayfield was 4-for-5 for 86 yards passing on the drive while Mayfield had 69 yards rushing and receiving.

Auburn regained the lead 10-7 with a 12-play, 43-yard drive capped when Daniel Carlson booted a 49-yard field goal with 7:16 to play.

Oklahoma answered with another long touchdown drive, this one covering 75 yards in nine plays. The key play came when Mayfield completed a 26-yard pass to Westbrook on fourth-and-4 at the Auburn 29. Mixon ran 3 yards for the score with 3:37 left in the second quarter.

Stoops said he never wavered on going for it.

“Probably the biggest factor is confidence in Baker and confidence in the offense,” Stoops said. “It made it a pretty easy decision for me.”

Carlson added his second field goal of the game, this one from 39 yards with 41 seconds left to play in the first half.

Auburn took the opening kickoff and methodically moved 75 yards for a touchdown on 14 plays. Fullback Chandler Cox capped the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run with 9:04 left in the first quarter. Tigers running back Kamryn Pettway rushed for 24 yards on the drive.

Oklahoma had 225 yards offensively in the first half to Auburn’s 179 yards.

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**Auburn:**
- Chandler Cox 3 yd rush (Kick by Daniel Carlson), 9:04 (1st)
- Joe Mixon 3 yd rush (Kick by Seibert), 3:37 (2nd)
- Carlson 39 yd FG, 0:41 (2nd)
- Dede Westbrook 7 yd pass from Mayfield (Kick by Seibert), 12:39 (3rd)
- Mixon 4 yd rush (Kick by Seibert), 2:28 (3rd)
- Samaje Perine 2 yd rush (Kick by Seibert), 12:40 (4th)
- Jalen Harris 1 yd pass from Kerryon Johnson (No PAT attempt), 0:00 (4th)

**Oklahoma:**
- Mark Andrews 13 yd pass from B. Mayfield (Kick by Seibert), 12:40 (4th)

**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 III. 1-4; Will Has 1-10; Eli Stove 2-8; Chandler Cox 1-3 TD; Ryan Davis 1-1-0, 1 yard, 1 TD, 0 sacks.

**Oklahoma:**
- Baker Mayfield 19-91-2 TD; Samaje Perine 17-86 TD; Baker Mayfield 4-34; Dede Westbrook 3-17.

**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 1-1-0, 1 yard, 1 TD, 0 sacks.

**Oklahoma:**
- Joe Mixon 19-91 2 TD; Samaje Perine 17-86 TD; Baker Mayfield 4-34; Dede Westbrook 3-17.

**RECEIVING**

**Auburn:**
- Tony Stephens 2-21; Darius Slayton 1-56; Kyle Davis 1-13;
- 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 2-20; Jeffery Mead 2-27; Nick Basquine 1-13.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma quarterback.
That Alabama won its College Football Playoff semifinal game in the Allstate Sugar Bowl thanks to an opportunistic, stingy defense is no great revelation.

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, including just 99 through three quarters when it held the commanding 24-6 lead.

It was the third straight season the teams met in the College Football Playoff. Alabama won in the championship game in 2016 against the Tigers with a 24-6 score, and Alabama took the title game in 2017 over the Tide. This time was in the semifinals and Bama prevailed with defense behind an unlikely hero: Alabama noseguard Da’Ron Payne. He intercepted a pass in Tide territory that 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 on the ensuing drive.

The interception couldn’t have come at a better time. Clemson, which trailed 10-3 at the half, had cut Alabama’s lead to 10-6 with 12:45 left in the third quarter after a 42-yard field goal by Alex Spence, a score that came off a Bama turnover. Clemson forced Alabama to a three-and-out on the ensuing series and drove from its 32 to the Tide 35. That’s when the Tide forced its first turnover. Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant dropped to throw on second-and-2 but was hit from behind by Tide linebacker Anfernee Jennings as he threw.

Payne intercepted the errant pass at the Tide 37 and returned it to the Clemson 42. A horse-collar penalty was assessed to Clemson on the play and Alabama set up shop at the Tigers’ 27.

Seven plays later, Payne became a Bama hero when, lined up at the tight end spot, he caught a pass from Tide quarterback Jalen Hurts for a 1-yard touchdown that gave Alabama a 17-6 lead with 5:40 left in the third quarter. It was the senior from Birmingham’s first reception of the season.

“I had been talking to Coach lots about [the team passing to him in a goal-line situation],” Payne said. “He said, ‘Just keep on working, and you might get it.’ And I tried my best to go out and practice and work hard, and they finally gave it to me.”

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 corner back 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.

“This was a great team effort by our entire defense,” Saban said. “The front guys did a good job of controlling the line of scrimmage. The linebackers did a great job of adjusting. The secondary guys did a pretty good job of covering all day. So this was really a great team effort. And the guys played about as hard as any of our defensive teams that I can ever remember in this particular game.”

The Tide led 10-3 at the half and it was a familiar Bama blueprint that gave it the margin. Alabama held Clemson’s offense to 73 yards and four first downs and led in time of possession 18 minutes, 34 seconds to 11:26 for the Tigers. A total of 54 of those yards and three first downs came on Clemson’s only drive that yielded points in the first half, a 44-yard field goal by Spence that cut Bama’s lead to 10-3 with 10:00 left in the second quarter.

Led by running back Damien Harris, who picked up 55 yards on 12 carries, the Tide had 182 yards on offense with 11 first downs in the first half. Hurts was efficient, completing 10 of 13 passes for 87 yards and a touchdown.

Clemson struggled in the first quarter, as it was held to no first downs and minus-7 yards of offense while Alabama jumped to a 10-0 lead. The Tigers didn’t manage their first first down until 14:18 remained in the second quarter.

But as lopsided as the first half stats were, the Tigers only trailed by a touchdown at the half. It felt like it should have been worse.

On its second possession of the game, aided by superior field position as the drive started at the Tide’s 47, Alabama went 47 yards to Clemson 6 when it was forced to settle for a 24-yard field goal by Andy Pappanastos. That gave the Tide a 3-0 lead with 5:23 left in the first half.

After another three-and-out showing by Clemson’s offense, Alabama again started with outstanding field position, taking over at the Tigers’ 46. The Tide drove 46 yards in eight plays for its first touchdown of the game. Hurts passed 13 yards to Calvin Ridley for the score and a 10-0 lead with 12 second remaining in the first quarter.

Clemson cut the lead to 10-3 on the ensuing possession with a 13-play, 54-yard drive that featured a 20-yard scramble for a first down by Bryant and a 19-yard completion by Bryant to wide receiver Deon Cain for another first down. But the drive stalled at the Alabama 27 and the Tigers settled for the field goal.

Alabama drove deep into Clemson territory late in the first half, advancing from its 41 to the Tigers 15. But on fourth-and-9 at the Clemson 20, Pappanastos missed a 38-yard field goal with 17 seconds left as the Tide led 10-3 at the half.

“After the end of the day, when you take a deep breath and you step back a little bit, this will be one of the best teams that we have had,” Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said. “I mean, this has been a remarkable team. This has been a fun team to coach. I have thoroughly enjoyed being around this group of guys. They have been easy to coach. They have come to work all year. They have had an unbelievable attitude and work ethic and belief. And it’s been fun. They really have -- again, this was a bad night. But that doesn’t change how I feel about the type of season.”

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**SCORING SUMMARY**

Clemson

- 0:12 (1st) Alabama: Calvin Ridley 12 yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Pappanastos kick)
- 5:23 (1st) UA: Andy Pappanastos 24 yd FG
- 10:00 (2nd) CU: Alex Spence 44 yd FG, 10:00 (2nd)
- 12:45 (3rd) SC: Spence 42 yd FG
- 5:40 (3rd) UA: Da’Ron Payne 1 yd pass from Hurts (Pappanastos kick)
- 5:27 (3rd) UA: Mack Wilson 17 yd interception return

**Alabama Team Statistics**

- 16 First Downs
- 14 Rushing att-yards
- 120 Passing yards
- 14 Comp-Att-Int
- 78 Return yards
- 6-35-5 Punts-Avg
- 2-10 Penalties
- 32:11 Time of Possession

**Clemson Team Statistics**

- 0 First Downs
- 0 Rushing att-yards
- 124 Passing yards
- 0 Comp-Att-Int
- 65 Return yards
- 0 Punts-Avg
- 0 Penalties
- 27:49 Time of Possession

**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, 0 TDs, 0 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 6-78; Hunter Renfrow 5-31; Ray-Ray McClaurin 3-1; Tavien Feaster 2-(-3); Amari Rodgers 1-6; Milan Richard 1-4.

**Miller-Digby Award Recipient:** Da’Ron Payne, Alabama noseguard (defense); Jalen Hurts, quarterback (offense).