

Chapter 1 – 1902-1949

1902 Rose Bowl

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Originally titled the "Tournament East–West football game," what is now known as the Rose Bowl Game was first played on January 1, 1902, at Tournament Park in Pasadena, California, starting the tradition of New Year's Day bowl games. The inaugural game featured Fielding H. Yost's dominating 1901 Michigan Wolverines football team, representing the East, who crushed a 3–1–2 team from Stanford University, representing the West, by a score of 49–0 after Stanford captain Ralph Fisher requested to quit with eight minutes remaining. Michigan finished the season 11–0 and was considered a national champion. Yost had been Stanford's coach the previous year.

Organization of the game - The Tournament of Roses Parade began in 1890 as a New Year's Day tradition in the City of Pasadena. The city boosters were exploring a way to bring in tourism and money to the area. The Tournament of Roses Association president, James Wagner, guaranteed \$3,500 to cover the expenses of bringing the football teams of the University of Michigan and Stanford University to Pasadena to play. The admission price was 50 cents to \$1 to see the game. An additional \$1 would be charged to admit a family's horse and buggy to the grounds. The game was played in Tournament Park, where temporary stands were built.

Before the Rose Bowl stadium was built for the 1923 Rose Bowl, games were played in Pasadena's Tournament Park, approximately three miles southeast of the current stadium. Tournament Park is now a private park maintained by the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California. It was simply known as the "town lot" before being renamed Tournament Park in 1900.

Teams - Stanford had played the Olympic Club and Reliance Club twice, beating and tying each. They beat Nevada, 12–0, then lost to Cal in the eleventh Big Game, 2–0. The 1901 Michigan Wolverines football team was nicknamed the "Point-a-Minute" team when they came to Pasadena to play the game. The Wolverines had racked up 501 points while allowing their opponents no points at all. The 49 points they scored in the 1902 Rose Bowl game brought their season total to 550 to 0.

Game summary - The playing field was 110 yards long. Touchdowns counted five points, field goals five, and conversions one. The game was divided into two thirty-minute halves. A team had to make five yards in three downs to make a first down. Forward passes were not allowed. Substitutions were used infrequently as 11 men usually played the entire game. The game ended with eight minutes remaining on the clock upon request of Stanford captain Ralph Fisher and by agreement with Michigan team captain Hugh White.

1902 Rose Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Michigan	0	-	17	-	32	-	0	-	49
Stanford	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0

Scoring Summary

Michigan – Snow 5-yard run (Shorts kick)

Michigan – Sweeley 20-yard field goal

Michigan – Redden 25-yard punt return (Shorts kick)

Michigan – Snow 2-yard run (kick failed)

Michigan – Redden 25-yard fumble recovery (Shorts kick)

Michigan – Snow 8-yard run (kick failed)

Michigan – Snow 17-yard run (kick failed)

Michigan – Snow 4-yard run (Shorts kick)

Michigan – Herrnstein 21-yard field goal

Aftermath - The game was so lopsided that for the next 13 years, the Tournament of Roses officials ran chariot races, ostrich races, and other various events instead of football. But, on New Year's Day 1916 football returned to stay as Washington State University defeated Brown University in the first annual Tournament of Roses football game. At Stanford, rugby replaced football from the 1906 season through the 1917 season. In record keeping, Neil Snow's five touchdowns are noted along with the "modern" Rose Bowl record of four touchdowns held by Eric Ball, Sam Cunningham, and Ron Dayne. Snow was named the Most Valuable Player of the game when the award was created in 1953 and selections were made retroactively. The initial attendance has varied according to different sources. The ESPN BCS article lists the attendance as 8,500. The Michigan football media guide and Michigan articles list the attendance as 8,000. The Official 2007 NCAA Division I football records book lists the attendance at 8,000. Tournament Park would be the site for the second to eighth Rose Bowl Games from 1916 to 1922 before the Rose Bowl stadium opened for the 1923 Rose Bowl. Stanford would not go to a bowl game again until 1925, which was also the Rose Bowl. They have played in the Rose Bowl 14 times, tied for third most. Coincidentally, Michigan's next bowl game was also in the Rose Bowl. They have played in the Rose Bowl 20 times which is the second most in appearances.

1926 Rose Bowl

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The 1926 Rose Bowl Game was held on January 1, 1926 in Pasadena, California. **The game is commonly referred to as "the game that changed the south."** The game featured the Alabama Crimson Tide, making their first bowl appearance, and the Washington Huskies. Alabama were victorious 20–19, as they scored all twenty points in the third quarter. With the victory, the Crimson Tide were awarded with their first National Championship. The game made its radio broadcast debut, with Charles Paddock, a sports writer and former Olympian track star, at the microphone. Coach Wade was later inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1990. Wallace Wade's Alabama (9-0) launches the "Age of Dixie" by edging Washington (10-0-1) in a 20-19 thriller despite the heroics of the Huskies' great running back George Wilson. In the 38 minutes Wilson is able to play, Washington scores three times and gains 300 yards, but in the 22 minutes he is out with an injury, his team gains only 17 yards and is outscored three touchdowns to none. Wilson has 134 yards in 15 carries and completes five passes. Johnny Mack Brown and "Pooley" Hubert lead Alabama rally after trailing 12-0 with three third-quarter touchdowns. Bill Buckler's two of three conversions makes the victory difference.

1926 Rose Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Alabama	0	-	0	-	20	-	0	-	20
Washington	6	-	6	-	0	-	7	-	19

Scoring Summary

Washington – Paton 1-yard run (Kick failed)

Washington – Cole 20-yard pass from Wilson (Kick failed)

Alabama – Hubert 1-yard run (Buckler kick)

Alabama – Brown 59-yard pass from Gillis (Buckler kick)

Alabama – Brown 30-yard pass from Hubert (Kick failed)

Washington – Guttormsen 27-yard pass from Wilson (Cook kick)

Alabama Media Guide Rose Bowl Game Summary - Trailing 12-0 at halftime, Coach Wallace Wade's Alabama team battled back in the second half to capture a thrilling 20-19 win over Washington in the Crimson Tide's first bowl outing. It was a game that was long remembered as one of the best contests in Rose Bowl history and Alabama's victory brought new and permanent national respect for Southern football. Washington's great halfback, George Wilson, lived up to his pregame billing. He rushed for 134 yards and completed five passes for 77 yards and two touchdowns. But injuries put him out of the game for 22 minutes. It was during those 22 minutes that the Crimson Tide scored all of its points. During the 38 minutes that Wilson was healthy and on the field, the Huskies scored three touchdowns and gained 300 yards. During the 22 minutes he was on the sidelines nursing an injury, Washington gained just 17 yards and failed to score, giving up all three scores that Alabama would need to win in the third quarter in what many considered the greatest Rose Bowl Game played to that point. "As George Wilson went, so went Washington," wrote famed sportswriter Damon Runyan. "If there was ever a one-man football team, George was it. When Wilson was on the field it was a ball game." Wilson was named the game's most outstanding player, but his greatness was not enough to prevent an Alabama victory. Alabama had some stars of its own as Quarterback "Pooley" Hubert and halfback Johnny Mack Brown wreaked havoc on the Washington defense, especially when Wilson was not on the field. "He is a great football player, this George Wilson – one of the very greatest," Runyan wrote. "His brief absence probably made a big difference to Washington, but, still 'Pooley' Hubert was always on hand for Alabama. It was a great team that the South sent to California to take its part in the Tournament of Roses, probably the greatest that ever came out of the South." Wilson missed the third quarter, and that's when Alabama scored its 20 points, all in seven minutes. First it was Hubert scoring from the one with Bill Buckler kicking the point after. After holding Washington and forcing a punt, Grant Gillis faded back from his own 41 and found Johnny Mack Brown at the Husky 25, who eluded one tackler and continued untouched on a 59-yard touchdown pass and run. A fumble gave Alabama another chance at the Washington 30. On first down Hubert told Brown to run as fast as he could for the goal. Washington scored a final time in the fourth quarter, but couldn't overcome the Alabama lead.

1941 Sun Bowl

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The 1941 Sun Bowl was played game between the Arizona State Bulldogs (then known as the Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe) and the Western Reserve Red Cats. The Bulldogs were champion of the Border Intercollegiate Athletic Association for the second straight year. The Red Cats (as they were known at the time) were 48-6-2 in the six year tenure of Coach Bill Edwards, as they made their first ever bowl game.

1941 Sun Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Case Western Reserve	7	-	0	-	6	-	13	-	26
Arizona State	0	-	13	-	0	-	0	-	13

Scoring Summary

Case Western Reserve – Belichick 1 yard run (Belichick kick)

Arizona State – Pitts 10 yard pass from Hernandez (Kick failed)

Arizona State – Henshaw 94 yard run (Hernandez kick)

Case Western Reserve – Waggle 10 yard blocked punt return (Kick failed)

Case Western Reserve – Booth 5 yard run (Skoczen kick)

Case Western Reserve – Reis 3 yard run (Kick failed)

Game summary - Steve Belichick (father of New England Patriot head coach Bill Belichick), ran for the first touchdown of the game to give the Spartans a 7-0 lead. Joe Hernandez threw a touchdown pass to Wayne Pitts to narrow the lead, though the extra point was no good. But Arizona State took the lead on a record setting run. Backed at one point into his end zone while rushing, Hascall Henshaw soon broke free and went 94 yards to the end zone, to give the Bulldogs a 13-7 lead at halftime. Henshaw's run was the school record for longest run from scrimmage until 1968. But the Spartans jumped back into the lead when Willis Waggle recovered a blocked punt and returned it to the end zone for a touchdown. In the fourth quarter, Richard Booth and Johnny Weis both scored a rushing touchdown to make the score 26-13. The Bulldogs only seriously threatened again once, when they drove all the way to the 14 yard line of the Spartans, but they failed to convert on 4th down at the 12.

Aftermath - Howell would leave the Bulldogs after the game to join the Navy after World War II started. It wouldn't be until 1971 that the Sun Devils won a bowl. Edwards would leave the team to coach the Detroit Lions, later becoming the coach at Vanderbilt and Wittenberg. The Spartans are now in Division III.

1949 Raisin Bowl

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The 4th annual Raisin Bowl was played on January 1st, 1949 at Ratcliffe Stadium in Fresno, California. The 1948 Colorado A&M roster had some of the greatest football players of the Aggie days, which included future CSU hall of fame inductees Fum McGraw, Dale Dodrill, George Jones, Don "Tuffy" Mullison, Don Straub, Ollie Woods and Jack Christiansen. Along with these great athletes were the legendary Eddie Hanna, Frank Faucett, Keith Thompson, Carl Cox, Don Hoch, Lee Walters, Joe Folsom and Quarterback Bob Hainlen. Several of these men were WWII veterans who blended with traditional-aged college men that played in Bob Davis' new "Two-platoon" system. In two seasons, Bob Davis had turned around a football team at Colorado A&M from a 2-7 record in 1946 when Wagner and Hughes led the squad to an 8-2 record in 1948. This amazing turnaround did not win the conference championship, but it did grab the nation's attention to give the Aggies a Raisin Bowl invitation. The Aggies' foe for their first ever bowl game came in the form of the Occidental College Tigers. Oxy finished the 1948 season 8-0 and had a formidable rusher in Johnny Trump. The press expected a heavy rushing game with Trump and Hanna the outstanding stars for each team with Colorado A&M the favorite to win by a small margin. Following the holiday season, the team re-convened on December 26 and took a charter flight to Fresno with a stop in Salt Lake City to pick up Coach Bob Sneddon. Both Ted Davis, team ball boy and son of head coach Bob Davis and halfback/kicker Frank Faucett were on the plane and recounted in 2008 how they came in for a landing as the plane nearly hit electrical wires; which made all on board nervous about their flight onward to California. Raisin Bowl Queen Jane Leach greeted the Aggies as they got off the plane and was promptly caught by a Fresno Bee photographer kissing Fum McGraw as he and his comrades exited the plane. Rain in Fresno placed a damper on heavy workouts, but a tour of agricultural fields and banquet dinners completed the pre-game excitement. The rain let up just in time for a 2pm kickoff at Ratcliffe Stadium; however the sky remained cloudy and dark during most of the game. The stadium had a capacity of 14,000 seats, but only an estimated 10,000 people showed up due in part to the weather conditions.

1949 Raisin Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Occidental	0	-	0	-	7	-	14	-	21
Colorado A&M	0	-	13	-	0	-	7	-	20

Scoring Summary

Colorado A&M – Thompson 5 yard pass from Hainlen (Kick failed)

Colorado A&M – Hanna 71 yard run (Faucett kick)

Occidental – Pearson 17 yard pass from Ross (Smith kick)

Occidental – Pearson 21 yard pass from Ross (Smith kick)

Colorado A&M – Hanna 79 yard run (Faucett kick)

Occidental – Levin 69 yard pass from Ross (Smith kick)

Game Summary - The Aggies won the coin toss and elected to kick off to the Tigers. The Aggie defense quickly bottled up Johnny Trump in the first quarter and took offensive control in the second. At the start of the second quarter the game remained scoreless as Bob Hainlen thought he had kicked a field goal only to have it nullified by an Aggie penalty. On the next play he faked another field goal attempt and dropped back to pass as the Tiger defense rushed him. This left Keith Thompson wide open for an easy reception for a touchdown. On the extra point try, Frank Faucett's kick was blocked as Occidental rushed through the Aggie line. The rest of the second quarter remained a draw until with 35 seconds left before halftime; Eddie Hanna utilized both Fum McGraw and Dale Dodrill's talent to block and ran 71 yards for an amazing touchdown. He broke the all-time rushing touchdown record for the Raisin Bowl and left Oxy stunned. The Aggies went to the locker room with a 13-0 lead. Occidental changed their game plan and abandoned the running of Trump for the arm of Quarterback Don Ross. Ross connected on a 17-yard pass to Bill Pearson with 7:16 left in the third quarter for the Tigers' first touchdown. Less than one minute into the fourth quarter, Ross once again passed to Pearson for a touchdown that Aggie defenseman Bill Adamson nearly intercepted. With Occidental ahead by one point, Eddie Hanna took the ball on the second play after the ensuing kickoff took a handoff and cut back to his left after cracking over the line. He collected his blockers in the secondary then beat it down the north sideline, showing increasing

distance between his flying heels and the nearest orange clad Tiger." Hanna broke his own Raisin Bowl record with 79 yards in this touchdown run and gave the Aggies a 20-14 lead early in the fourth quarter. Less than two minutes after Hanna's 79-yard dash, Don Ross threw a 69-yard pass to Occidental's Bob Levin who "chased the pork hide like a centerfielder racing for a fly against the wall.

Chapter 2 – 1950's

1950 Orange Bowl

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1950 Orange Bowl was the sixteenth installment of the Orange Bowl. The game featured the Kentucky Wildcats of the Southeastern Conference and the Santa Clara Broncos, an independent program. Santa Clara (7-2-1 entering the game) was ranked #15 in the AP poll prior to the game. Kentucky (9-2, 4-1 SEC) had been ranked as high as #6 in the AP poll during the season but was ranked #11 entering the game. The game was scoreless until the second quarter, following a Santa Clara turnover, as Kentucky's John Netoskie recovered a fumble on the Kentucky 49. A 14 play, 51-yard drive ended with a 2-yard touchdown run by Wilbur Jamerson; Bobby Brooks' point after gave Kentucky a 7-0 lead, a score that stood at the half after a 45 yard Babe Parilli-to-Bill Leskovar pass put Kentucky on the Santa Clara 3-yard line with Santa Clara stopping two rushing attempts as time expired. Kentucky coach Bear Bryant later said he should have called a passing play in order to allow for a field goal attempt if a touchdown was not scored. Following a 9-yard punt, Santa Clara took possession on their own 46-yard line. A John Pasco to Larry Williams pass for 25 yards led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Pasco to tie the game at 7-7. A second Santa Clara touchdown came in the third quarter after a pass interference call against Kentucky helped set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Hall Haynes. Parilli threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Emery Clark but Brooks missed the point after, giving Santa Clara a 14-13 lead with 12 minutes remaining. With less than one minute left Santa Clara's Bernie Vogel scored on a 16-yard run for the final score of Santa Clara 21, Kentucky 13. Bill Leskovar had 83 rushing yards (on 22 carries) for Kentucky.

1950 Orange Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#15 Santa Clara	0	-	0	-	14	-	7	-	21
#11 Kentucky	0	-	7	-	0	-	6	-	13

Scoring Summary

Kentucky – Jamerson 2 yard run (Brooks kick)

Santa Clara – Pasco 2 yard run (Vargas kick)

Santa Clara – Haynes 2 yard run (Vargas kick)

Kentucky – Clark 52 yard pass from Parilli (Kick failed)

Santa Clara – Vogel 16 yard run (Vargas kick)

Orange Bowl Classic Game Summary

Longshot Santa Clara Upsets 'Cats—Underdog Santa Clara scored 14 third-quarter points and withstood the challenge of Kentucky Quarterback Babe Parilli to earn a 21-13 win. Kentucky seemed in charge in the opening half, leading 7-0 on a 1-yard Wilbur Jamerson run. Santa Clara punter Hall Haynes contributed on offense scoring the second of two Santa Clara touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 14-7 lead. Kentucky pulled within one, 14-13, in the fourth when Parilli hooked up with Emery Clark on a 52-yard pass play. The Californians gambled on a wide pitch-out to Bernie Vogel as the clock ran down and Vogel took it 16 yards to make the final score 21-13. The game was Bear Bryant and Kentucky's first major bowl appearance. Santa Clara's 3,300-mile, four-day trip by train to Miami marked its only appearance in the Orange Bowl.

1951 Cotton Bowl Classic

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The 1951 Cotton Bowl Classic was the 15th annual game, and it featured the Tennessee Volunteers and the Texas Longhorns.

Background - Cherry led the Longhorns to a perfect 6-0 SWC record in his final season as the Horns won their first Southwest Conference since the 1945 team. This was their first bowl game since 1949 and first Cotton Bowl Classic since 1946. Tennessee was in their first bowl game since 1947 and first ever Cotton Bowl Classic. They finished 2nd in the Southeastern Conference due to not playing the same amount of conference games as SEC champ Kentucky, who they beat.

1951 Cotton Bowl Classic	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#4 Tennessee	7	-	0	-	0	-	13	-	20
#3 Texas	0	-	14	-	0	-	0	-	14

Scoring Summary

Tennessee – Gruble 5 yard pass from Payne (Shires kick)

Texas – Townsend 5 yard run (Tompkins kick)

Texas – Dawson 35 yard pass from Tompkins (Tompkins kick)

Tennessee – Kozar 5 yard run (Kick failed)

Tennessee – Kozar 1 yard run (Shires kick)

Cotton Bowl Classic Game summary - The Cotton Bowl was celebrating its 15th anniversary and the 1951 game was projected to be a true classic struggle between the nation's No. 3 and No. 4 teams. Texas and Tennessee promised to be a top attraction. Both teams carried 9-1 records into Dallas along with a pair of outstanding defensive units. When the day was done, there was no question that this would go down as one of the Classic's roughest and hardest hitting games ever. Hank Lauricella sparked the Volunteers to an early 7-0 lead, galloping 75 yards to the Texas five to start Tennessee's march on its second possession. Seconds later, Herky Payne passed to John Gruble for the score. Texas also gained its first score of the afternoon on the heels of a big play. Backed up deep inside the 10, Tennessee faced fourth down and a punting situation. Lauricella was kicking from his end zone when the Longhorns' Jim "Buck" Lansford saw his chance to cash in on a golden opportunity. Lansford crashed through to block Lauricella's kick and Texas gained possession at the Vols' eight. On fourth down, Byron Townsend skirted the left side for the touchdown. Moments later, Texas moved in front, driving from its 33 before Gib Dawson snared a 35-yard scoring strike from Ben Tompkins. At the half, Texas led by a touchdown, 14-7, and the score held up through the third period. But as the quarter closed, Tennessee was mounting a drive. Led by Lauricella and fellow halfbacks Andy Kozar and Jimmy Hahn, the Vols methodically drove the football down the Longhorns' throats, 82 yards in 16 plays. Kozar covered the final five yards to bring Tennessee within one, 14-13. But, the extra point attempt by Pat Shires was wide, and with 10 minutes left to play, Texas was able to breathe a collective sigh of relief. Only temporarily, however. For Tennessee, Christmas came a week late. The Longhorns picked a most inopportune time to lose their only fumble of the game. Tennessee made the recovery at the Texas 43. Four plays later, the Vols were knocking at the goal line. Kozar bulled over from the one with the winning score.

1956 Sugar Bowl

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The 1956 Sugar Bowl featured the 7th ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, and the 11th ranked Pitt Panthers. The game was played on January 2, since New Year's Day was a Sunday. Much controversy preceded the 1956 Sugar Bowl. There was controversy over whether Bobby Grier from Pitt should be allowed to play because he was black, and whether Georgia Tech should even play at all due to Georgia governor Marvin Griffin's opposition to integration. This stood in stark contrast to the 1956 Rose Bowl, which featured two of the most racially integrated college football teams of the day with six African American players for the UCLA Bruins and seven for the Michigan State Spartans. Ultimately, Bobby Grier played making this the first integrated Sugar Bowl and is regarded as the first integrated bowl game in the Deep South.

Teams - Only one month previous, Rosa Parks made her famous protest in the Montgomery Bus Boycott where she refused to relinquish her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama transit bus. A large contingent from the New Orleans community, as well as many related to Georgia Tech, openly fought to bar either Grier, Pitt, or the Yellow Jacket team from the game. However, students and football players from the Atlanta-based school, civil rights leaders, as well as a large number of the Pitt community succeeded in seeing Grier take to the gridiron that January day. In anticipation of Bobby Grier's presence against Georgia Tech, Georgia governor Marvin Griffin, in December 1955 publicly sent a telegram to his state's Board of Regents imploring that teams from Georgia not engage in racially integrated events which had Blacks either as participants or in the stands.

1956 Sugar Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#7 Georgia Tech	7	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	7
#11 Pittsburgh	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0

Scoring Summary

Georgia Tech – Mitchell 1 yard run (Mitchell kick)

Game summary - The game was a high caliber defensive game. The two teams gave up a combined 7 points, on 453 combined yards. The only score of the game came on a 1-yard touchdown run by Quarterback Wade Mitchell. Georgia Tech was held without any points the remaining three quarters of the game, and ended up winning by a 7-0 margin. Pittsburgh, despite dominating the game in terms of yardage (311-142) lost because of 2 lost fumbles, and 72 penalty yards. The margin of victory mostly resulted from a disputed first quarter pass interference penalty which was called on Grier.

Aftermath - Georgia Tech guard Franklin Brooks was named the game's MVP. Bobby Grier's participation in the 1956 Sugar Bowl, as well as the support he received from various communities, is seen by some experts as a milestone in American race relations. Brooks went on to have a successful coaching career after a brief stint with the Washington Redskins. Brooks coached at the high school level before returning to Georgia Tech as an assistant coach under Pepper Rodgers. Excelling as an assistant coach, Brooks was poised to become Rogers' replacement but was untimely stricken with inoperable lung cancer. Brooks was a non-smoker and non-drinker. According to doctor's reports, he developed cancer as a result of exposure to asbestos during a summer job as a teen. Despite his courageous fight over a two-year period, Brooks passed in 1977. Among friends and family, Brooks' funeral procession included College and Pro Football greats such as Eddie Lee Ivey and Bill Curry.

1958 Rose Bowl

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The 1958 Rose Bowl was played on January 1, 1958. In the game, the 44th Rose Bowl, the Ohio State Buckeyes defeated the Oregon Webfoots by a score of 10–7. Jack Crabtree, Quarterback of the losing Webfoots, was named the Rose Bowl Player of the Game, one of only two players in Rose Bowl history from a losing team who won the award outright.

Ohio State Buckeyes - Ohio State came into the game with an eight-game winning streak, having dropped their season opener to TCU and then winning the rest of their games. They were ranked #1 in the Coaches' Poll and #2 in the AP Poll behind Auburn (Auburn was on probation due to recruiting violations and was therefore not eligible for a bowl game). The Buckeyes were heavily favored to win the Rose Bowl.

Oregon Webfoots - Oregon came into the Rose Bowl having just lost its Civil War rivalry game to Oregon State, which put the two teams into a tie for the Pacific Coast Conference championship. Normally, Oregon State would have gone to the Rose Bowl with the head-to-head victory; however, Oregon State had appeared in the Rose Bowl a year earlier, and the PCC had a no-repeat rule. Oregon had not been in the Rose Bowl since 1920.

1958 Rose Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Oregon	0	-	7	-	0	-	0	-	7
#2 Ohio State	7	-	0	-	0	-	3	-	10

Scoring Summary

Ohio State - Frank Kremblas 1 run (Kremblas kick)

Oregon - Jim Shanley 5 yard run (Jack Morris kick)

Ohio State - Don Sutherin 34 field goal

Game summary - Ohio State took the opening possession 79 yards, capped by a one-yard run by Quarterback Frank Kremblas, to take a 7-0 lead. Oregon tied the game in the second quarter with a 5-yard run from Jim Shanley after an 80-yard, 10-play drive. The score remained 7-7 well into the second half. With 5:20 left in the third quarter, the Webfoots had a chance to take the lead, but kicker Jack Morris' 34-yard field goal try hooked wide to the left. Finally, in the fourth quarter, Ohio State's Don Sutherin attempted a kick from the same spot on the field with 14:02 left in the game. Sutherin's kick was good, and Ohio State retook the lead, 10-7. On their next possession, the Webfoots were driving until end Ron Stover fumbled. With time running out in the game, Oregon got the ball back and had a chance to tie or go ahead, but Crabtree's fourth-down pass to Stover fell incomplete with 47 seconds remaining, and the Buckeyes held on to win, 10-7. The Webfoots outgained the Buckeyes 351 to 304 and made 21 first downs to the Buckeyes' 19. Crabtree was 10 of 17 passing for 135 yards. Stover had 10 receptions on the day, and his 144 receiving yards established a new record for PCC participants.

Rose Bowl Game Summary - Woody Hayes returns for another triumph as his Ohio State Buckeyes (8-1) create further Western despair with a 10-7 victory over Len Casanova's inspired Oregon Ducks (7-3). It isn't easy for Hayes' men who are outgained and out-first-downed by Oregon, led by Quarterback Jack Crabtree (10 of 17 passing). Ohio State pulls it out with a 34-yard field goal by Don Sutherin in the fourth quarter. Frank Kremblas of Ohio State and Jim Shanley of Oregon match earlier touchdowns. Ron Stover is Oregon's pass catching phenom with 10 grabs, but his costly fumble ends Oregon's comeback hopes.

Aftermath - The Buckeyes retained their #1 UPI ranking in the final poll and thereby earned a share of the national championship, it's third such title. Auburn retained the #1 AP ranking despite their probation status. Buckeye coach Woody Hayes was named College Football Coach of the Year. Oregon's Jack Crabtree became one of a very few players of a losing team to win the Player of the Game award, and one of only two to win the award without sharing it with a member of the winning team. Benny Lom of California, who tackled his teammate Roy Riegels in the 1929 Rose Bowl after he was running the wrong way with the ball, is the only other solo Player of the Game from a losing team. Oregon, appearing in its first Rose Bowl in 38 years, would wait another 37 years to return in 1995.

Chapter 3 – 1960's

1962 Rose Bowl

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The 1962 Rose Bowl, played on January 1, 1962, was the 48th Rose Bowl Game. The Minnesota Golden Gophers defeated the UCLA Bruins, 21-3. Big Ten Conference champion Ohio State declined the invitation to play in the Rose Bowl. They were under no contractual obligation to accept the invitation following the demise of the Pacific Coast Conference after the 1958 college football season. Minnesota, the second-place team in the Big Ten, was then offered the "at-large" invitation, and accepted. Minnesota Quarterback Sandy Stephens was named the Rose Bowl Player of The Game. It was broadcast on the NBC television network and was the first national color television broadcast of a college football game.

University of Minnesota Golden Gophers - The Gophers had gone to the Rose Bowl the previous year as the #1 team in the nation and lost to the Washington Huskies. In 1961, the Gophers actually finished in second place in Big Ten Conference play. Minnesota had a loss to Missouri, and a Big Ten loss to Wisconsin in their rivalry game. Ohio State was the Big Ten Champion. However, because of a faculty council decision to emphasize academics over athletics, Ohio State turned down the Rose Bowl Berth. Ironically, Minnesota would not have received the Rose Bowl invitation if they had, in fact, been the 1961 Big Ten champion and the conference had a formal agreement with the Rose Bowl for the 1961 and 1962 games, since the Big Ten had a "no-repeat" rule in effect until 1972. The Gophers were led by Sandy Stephens, the first African American All-American Quarterback. However, he was not the first African-American starting Quarterback in a Rose Bowl (this distinction goes to Charles Fremont West playing in the 1922 Rose Bowl).

UCLA Bruins - UCLA had lost at both Michigan and Ohio State earlier in the season. They also lost to Washington. They managed to beat USC during one of the few rainy UCLA-USC rivalry games.

1962 Rose Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#6 Minnesota	7	-	7	-	0	-	7	-	21
#16 UCLA	3	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	3

Scoring Summary

UCLA — Smith 28-yard Field goal

Minnesota — Stephens 1 yard run (Loechler kick)

Minnesota — Munsey 3 yard run (Loechler kick)

Minnesota — Stephens 2 yard run (Loechler kick)

Game summary - The weather was sunny. Minnesota wore their home maroon jerseys, with white helmets and white pants. UCLA also wore their home powder keg blue uniforms with gold pants. Using the single wing offense, UCLA struggled against the Gophers, netting only one field goal. Minnesota would get 21 first downs to UCLA's 8. The Gophers would hold the Bruins to 107 total yards, while going 297 yards on 66 plays. Stephens would rush for 46 yards on 12 carries, including two rushing touchdowns. Stephens also went 7 for 11 in passing for 75 yards.

Aftermath - This is Minnesota's only Rose Bowl win. It was also the last appearance for Minnesota in the Rose Bowl game. As of the 2018 season, Minnesota has gone the longest in the Big Ten conference without playing in the Rose Bowl game. Sandy Stephens was named the Most Valuable player, and became the first African American to get the award. Both head coaches in the game were University of Tennessee graduates who had played under legendary coach Robert Neyland.

1965 Orange Bowl

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The 1965 Orange Bowl, took place on January 1, 1965, at the Orange Bowl Stadium in Miami, Florida. The teams were the Alabama Crimson Tide, representing the Southeastern Conference (SEC), and the Texas Longhorns, representing the Southwest Conference (SWC). Texas won the game 21–17.

Alabama - The 1964 Alabama squad finished the regular season as both SEC and national champions with a record of 10–0. During the Iron Bowl, Alabama accepted a bid to play in the Orange Bowl from bowl officials. The appearance marked the fourth for Alabama in the Orange Bowl, and their 18th overall bowl appearance. With USC upsetting Notre Dame 20–17 on the final weekend of the season, Alabama was selected as the 1964 national champions by both the AP and UPI prior to the bowl game.

Texas - Opening the season as defending national champions, the Longhorns finished the regular season with a record of 9–1. Only a 14–13 loss against Arkansas in week five kept the Longhorns from repeating as National Champions.

1965 Orange Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#5 Texas	7	-	14	-	0	-	0	-	21
#1 Alabama	0	-	7	-	7	-	3	-	17

Scoring Summary

Texas – Koy 79 yard run (Conway kick)

Texas – Sauer 69 yard pass from Hudson (Conway kick)

Alabama – Trimble 7 yard pass from Namath (Ray kick)

Texas – Koy 2 yard run (Conway kick)

Alabama – Perkins 20 yard pass from Namath (Ray kick)

Alabama – Ray 26 yard Field goal

Orange Bowl Classic Game Summary

First Night Game a Classic—Texas upset No. 1 Alabama 21-17 in the first night game in Orange Bowl history. The Longhorns stopped Alabama Quarterback Joe Namath inches short of the goal line on a crucial fourth-down play late in the game that would have given the Crimson Tide the lead. The defeat overshadowed a heroic performance by Namath, who didn't start the game because of a knee injury. He completed 18-of-37 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns and was named the game's Most Outstanding Player. The Longhorns' Ernie Koy ran for a 79-yard touchdown on Texas' first possession. Texas went up 14-0 after Quarterback Jim Hudson hit George Sauer for a 69-yard score. Alabama head coach Bear Bryant then sent in Namath to replace starter Steve Sloan. He completed 10 passes on an 87-yard touchdown drive. Koy gave Texas a 21-7 lead with 27 seconds remaining in the first half. Namath came out firing in the second half, hitting Ray Perkins with a 20-yard pass to close the gap to 21-14. When Texas' Marvin Kristynik fumbled late in the fourth quarter, Namath was at the controls once again. Three plays later at the one-yard line, Namath tried a Quarterback sneak and Longhorn left tackle Frank Bedrick and All-American linebacker Tommy Nobis stopped him short of the goal line. Prior to the game, Alabama was named national champions by both the UPI and AP polls.

1968 Cotton Bowl Classic

TEXAS A&M 20 ALABAMA 16

The 1968 Cotton Bowl Classic, took place on January 1, 1968, at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. The teams were the Alabama Crimson Tide, representing the Southeastern Conference (SEC), and the Texas A&M Aggies, representing the Southwest Conference (SWC) as conference champions. Texas A&M won the game 20–16.

Alabama - The 1967 Alabama squad finished the regular season with an 8–1–1 record. The Crimson Tide opened the season ranked #2 only to tie Florida State in their opening game and lose to eventual conference champion Tennessee. Following their victory over South Carolina, Alabama accepted an invitation to play in the Cotton Bowl on November 20. The appearance marked the third for Alabama in the Cotton Bowl, and their 21st overall bowl game.

Texas A&M - Texas A&M finished the regular season with a 6–4 after opening the season 0–4 with losses to SMU, Purdue, LSU and Florida State. With a 10–7 victory over Texas in the regular season finale, the Aggies secured their position in the Cotton Bowl as SWC champions. The appearance marked the third for the Aggies in the Cotton Bowl, and their eighth overall bowl game.

1968 Cotton Bowl Classic	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Texas A&M	7	-	6	-	7	-	0	-	20
#8 Alabama	7	-	3	-	6	-	0	-	16

Scoring Summary

Alabama – Stabler 3 yard run (Davis kick)

Texas A&M – Stegent 13 yard pass from Hargett (Riggs kick)

Alabama – Davis 36 yard Field goal

Texas A&M – Maxwell 7 yard pass from Hargett (Kick failed)

Texas A&M – Housley 20 yard run (Riggs kick)

Alabama – Stabler 2 yard run (Run failed)

Cotton Bowl Classic Game Summary - Sitting at the edge of their seats, nearly 74,000 chilled fans waited for the “Bear” and his troops to pull off a miracle. Eighth-ranked Alabama was on the verge of upset by unranked Texas A&M, 20-16. Neither the Aggie nor Crimson Tide faithful could believe what they were seeing. Aggie coach Gene Stallings was minutes away from pulling off the biggest upset of his young coaching career, and the victim would be his former mentor at A&M, Paul “Bear” Bryant. The Aggies played Bryant-like, clutch football the full 60 minutes, turning an Alabama interception and fumble into first half touchdowns to lead 13-10 at halftime. Then, midway through the third quarter, A&M turned a short, 28-yard Alabama punt into its final score of the afternoon. Stallings utilized the element of surprise to its fullest sending his Quarterback Edd Hargett into the game with instructions to air out the stadium. In the first half alone, Hargett put the ball up 21 times. While the Aggies performed flawlessly, the Tide was playing totally out of character. When Hargett threw for 28 yards to split end Barney Harris at the Alabama 15, Bryant’s men on the field numbered only ten. The play set up A&M’s first score, another Hargett pass completion to Larry Stegent that covered the final 13 yards to tie the game at 7-7. The Tide surged back in front, 10-7, on the first play of the second quarter on the strength of Steve Davis’ 36-yard field goal. The score held up until the final minute of the half when Hargett fired a seven-yard shot to Tommy Maxwell. Just 21 seconds were left and the Aggies grabbed the lead for the first time, 13-10. Then came the third quarter and Wendell Housley added to the A&M lead, bowling over three Bama defenders for 20 yards and boosted the score to 20- 10. But, Alabama had been quiet for too long. The Tide took the A&M kickoff and went to work, driving 83 yards in nine plays to get within four and set up a dramatic finish. Time was at a minimum when Alabama started its final rally. Driving from its own 20, Bama moved the ball with sheer determination. Quarterback Kenny Stabler was at the controls. A holding call accessed to the Aggies soon advanced the ball to the Tide 44. Within seconds, Stabler had his team at the A&M 35 with a first down. Bryant’s pacing along the sideline quickened. However, that’s when the Tide began to fall apart. Three straight passes fell incomplete. A fourth down pass gained six to the 29, four yards shy of the needed first down. For Alabama, the miracle never came. The ball went over to A&M and it was just a matter of time before the Aggies claimed their first Cotton Bowl victory in 27 years.

1969 Orange Bowl

PENN STATE 15 KANSAS 14

The 1969 Orange Bowl was played between the Kansas Jayhawks and the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Background - The Jayhawks were co-champion of the Big Eight Conference with Oklahoma, who went to the 1968 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl. This was Kansas' first conference title since 1947. This was their first bowl game since 1961 and first Orange Bowl since 1948. Penn State was going for their first ever undefeated season, though they could not win the national title due to being ranked #3. This was their first Orange Bowl appearance.

1969 Orange Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#3 Penn State	0	-	7	-	0	-	8	-	15
#6 Kansas	7	-	0	-	0	-	7	-	14

Scoring Summary

Kansas - Reeves 2 yard run (Bell kick)

Penn State - Pittman 13 yard run (Garthwaite kick)

Kansas - Riggins 1 yard run (Bell kick)

Penn State - Burkhart 3 yard run (Campbell run)

Orange Bowl Classic Game Summary - Late Penalty Gives PSU Win— Given a second try due to a Kansas penalty, Penn State scored on a late two-point conversion to beat the Jayhawks, 15-14, in the 35th Orange Bowl. Kansas held on the previous attempt, but referee Foster Grose noticed 12 men on the field and awarded a second try to the Nittany Lions. Bob Campbell swept over the left side of the line for the win. This Kansas team, the only one ever to win the Big Eight title, scored first on a Mike Reeves 2-yard run. Penn State running back Charlie Pittman came back with a 13-yard touchdown to even it up at halftime. Following a scoreless third quarter, fullback John Riggins' 1-yard run put the Jayhawks up 14-7. Kansas looked like it would score again but head coach Pepper Rodgers elected to run the ball on a fourth-and-one at the Penn State 14 yard line. Instead of the sure three points, Riggins was stopped for no gain by Penn State's Pete Johnson. With 1:16 to go and still trailing by seven, Penn State partially blocked a Kansas punt, and took over at midfield. Chuck Burkhart completed a deep pass to Campbell, who was knocked out at the 3. Burkhart eventually scored on a 1-yard run that made it Kansas 14, Penn State 13.

Chapter 4 – 1970's

1970 Sugar Bowl

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The 1970 Sugar Bowl was played between the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Ole Miss Rebels. In the thirty-sixth Sugar Bowl, #13 Ole Miss upset #3 Arkansas, 27–22.

Setting - Arkansas entered the game with a 9-1 record and #3 national ranking. Ole Miss, led by Johnny Vaught, entered at 7-3. The two neighboring states had developed a rivalry, with a yearly series ending in 1961. The two clubs also met in the 1963 Sugar Bowl.

#3 Arkansas - The Razorbacks were making a return trip to the Sugar Bowl, following up a victory in the 1969 Sugar Bowl. Starting 9-0, the Razorbacks ended the regular season with a loss to the Texas Longhorns in The Game of the Century. This loss to the #1 Longhorns cost the Hogs a SWC Championship and a chance at the national championship.

#13 Ole Miss - Ole Miss, led by coaching great Johnny Vaught and Quarterback Archie Manning entered the game at 7-3.

Though Archie Manning's sons Peyton and Eli later became star Quarterbacks in the SEC, neither played in the Sugar Bowl.

1970 Sugar Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#3 Arkansas	0	-	12	-	3	-	7	-	22
#13 Mississippi	14	-	10	-	3	-	0	-	27

Scoring Summary

Mississippi – Bowen 69 yard run (King kick)

Mississippi – Manning 18 yard run (King kick)

Arkansas – Burnett 12 yard run (Kick failed)

Mississippi – Hinton 52 yard Field goal

Mississippi – Studdard 30 yard pass from Manning (King kick)

Arkansas – Dicus 47 yard pass from Montgomery (Pass failed)

Mississippi – Hinton 36 yard Field goal

Arkansas – McClard 36 yard Field goal

Arkansas – Maxwell 6 yard pass from Montgomery (McClard kick)

Game Summary from the book "Sugar Bowl Classic: A History" by Marty Mulé

"We were just a hot football team." "That was an exceptional year in college football," Archie Manning recalled. "There were a lot of real good teams all across the country. But I honestly felt, despite the loss to Texas (which may well have decided the national championship), that we had drawn the best team anywhere in the Sugar Bowl. Arkansas was one heck of a football team." At the end of the day most observers would say the Sugar Bowl had drawn two of the very best. 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 work-horse fullback Bo Bowen took a pitch and sideswiped defenders 69 yards to the end zone. Arkansas missed a chance - and a field goal - by driving to the Rebel 23. Six plays later, Ole Miss was in front 14-0. In a display of Manning's hell-bent-for-leather style, on fourth-and-one at the 18, he hightailed it around right end, ran over two Hogs at the 15, then slashed through several more before high-stepping into the end zone. Bill Montgomery, an outstanding Quarterback in his own right, answered with an 81-yard 13-play drive. Bill Burnett, taking a pitch at the 12, got outside containment, split a couple of Rebels at the goal and scored. Bill McClard's PAT was wide, leaving the score at 14-6. Back came the Rebels, and shortly

Cloyce Hinton kicked a Sugar Bowl record 52-yard field goal. "I'll tell you, we were just a hot football team," said Manning. "Everything was working for us." That was a good thing for Ole Miss, because every point would ultimately prove precious. There were just under five minutes remaining until the half when Hinton made his kick. When Arkansas was held to a three-and-out, the door was opened for another Ole Miss score. From the Rebel 30, Manning eased his offense downfield, and when two Razorback defensive backs went with tight end Jim Poole across the middle, receiver Vern Studdard was open at the 15. He grabbed Manning's pass and went in untouched. "Archie rolled away from the direction I took, and I started downfield, stopped, and came back for the pass. The backs had gone across to stop Archie and I was all alone," Studdard said. In the two-and-a-half minutes remaining, Montgomery furiously lashed the Razorbacks 80 yards to get back in the game. Dicus caught a 47-yard touchdown pass when the Ole Miss secondary got twisted up in its assignments. With the score at 24-12, Broyles elected to go for a two-point conversion, which failed. "You know, we had 260 yards offense at the half," Montgomery said, "So we couldn't be disappointed with that aspect. We just didn't score enough points." Hinton added to the Ole Miss margin with a 36-yard field goal in the third quarter, but McClard answered with a 35-yarder for Arkansas. A pair of fourth period interceptions put the Hogs back in the hunt. Glenn Cannon, who was having a spectacular day in the Rebel secondary, picked off Montgomery in the end zone after he drove Arkansas to the Ole Miss 11. Dennis Berner returned the favor - and the ball back to the 11 - by picking off Manning. The upshot was that in three plays Montgomery had Arkansas within five points of the Rebels. Montgomery rolled right, was hit hard by Hap Farber, and still managed to get the ball to fullback Bruce Maxwell. That cut it to 27-22. In the final minutes, it was left to Cannon to preserve the victory for Ole Miss breaking up several passes. With less than two minutes to play, and Arkansas at the Rebel 40, Montgomery found Dicus at the 25, who made the catch but fumbled when Cannon hit him. The defender recovered. "I just hit Dicus," Cannon said, "and when I saw the ball jump loose, I hopped on it...I knew it was over then." Ironically, the pass that Dicus fumbled was his sixth catch for 171 yards, breaking his own receiving yardage record from the 1969 game by two yards. Ole Miss, in what had to be in some ways its most frustrating season, had upset its fourth Top 10 opponent. 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. Unfortunately only a few more than the stadium crowd of 82,500 would know just what a spectacle the 1970 Sugar Bowl really was. The game drew a television rating of 8.3. Since records had been kept, going back to 1964, it was the worst rating for any major bowl.

1971 Gator Bowl (January)

AUBURN 35 MISSISSIPPI 28

The 1971 Gator Bowl (January) was played between the Auburn Tigers and the Ole Miss Rebels

Background - This was a matchup of two Southeastern Conference teams, between 2nd place Auburn and 4th place Ole Miss. This was Auburn's third straight bowl game and first Gator Bowl since 1955. This was the Rebels' 14th straight bowl appearance in Vaught's final full season. This was their first Gator Bowl since 1958. This was Archie Manning's final game as Rebel Quarterback. The two teams had met in a bowl game before, in 1965.

1971 Gator Bowl	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Mississippi	0	-	14	-	7	-	7	-	28
Auburn	14	-	7	-	14	-	0	-	35

Scoring Summary

Auburn — Beasley 8 yard pass from Sullivan (Jett PAT)

Auburn — Bresler 7 yard pass from Sullivan (Jett PAT)

Auburn — Sullivan 37 yard run (Jett PAT)

Ole Miss — Manning 2 yard run (Poole PAT)

Ole Miss — Franks 34 yard pass from Manning (Poole PAT)

Auburn — Zofko 6 yard run (Jett PAT)

Ole Miss — Poole 23 yard pass from Chumbler (Poole PAT)

Auburn — Willingham 54 yard punt return (Jett PAT)

Ole Miss — Chumbler 1 yard run (Poole PAT)

Mississippi media guide Gator Bowl Game Summary - Archie Manning recorded 275 yards of total offense in his final game at Ole Miss, but it wasn't enough to rally the Rebels past Auburn, as the Tigers took home a 35-28 win in the 1971 Gator Bowl. The game also marked the Rebels' 18th and final bowl appearance under head coach John Vaught. Behind Quarterback Pat Sullivan, the Tigers built a 21-0 second-quarter lead before Manning engineered two touchdown drives before the half to make it 21-14. The two teams would then trade touchdowns in the second half. Manning finished completing 19-of-28 passes for 180 yards with an interception. He connected with Floyd Franks on a 34-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter to make it 21-14. Manning also added 95 yards rushing on 11 carries and scored Ole Miss' first points of the game on a two-yard run in the second quarter. Sullivan passed for 351 yards and two scores for the Tigers. He completed 27-of-43 attempts and was intercepted once.

Manning went 19-of-28 for 180 yards while rushing for 95 yards on 11 carries, with two touchdowns and one interception. Sullivan went 27-of-43 for 351 yards and rushed for 35 yards on 10 carries, with three touchdowns and one interception.

1975 Fiesta Bowl

ARIZONA STATE 17 NEBRASKA 14

The 1975 Fiesta Bowl matched the Arizona State Sun Devils and the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Background - The Cornhuskers started the season off 10-0 and had risen from being ranked #6 in the preseason to #2 in the AP Polls and were set up for a Big 8 title and potential national championship hopes before losing to Oklahoma in the last game of the season that cost them a full share of the Big 8 Conference title. The Sun Devils won their 5th WAC title in six years and were appearing in their fourth Fiesta Bowl in five years. This was Nebraska's first ever Fiesta Bowl.

1975 Fiesta Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#6 Nebraska	(-12.5)	0	-	7	-	7	-	0	-	14
#7 Arizona State		3	-	3	-	0	-	11	-	17

Scoring Summary

Arizona State – Kush 27 yard Field goal

Nebraska – Anthony 1 yard run (Coyle kick)

Arizona State – Kush 33 yard Field goal

Nebraska – Anthony 4 yard run (Coyle kick)

Arizona State – Jefferson 10 yard pass from Mortenson (Mucker pass from Mortenson)

Arizona State – Kush 29 yard Field goal

Nebraska Media Guide Fiesta Bowl Game Summary - In a game that was as seething as the Arizona sunshine, Arizona State defeated Nebraska 17-14 in the 1975 Fiesta Bowl, halting the Cornhuskers consecutive bowl game winning streak at six. Right up to the end, the Huskers were in winning contention, even after Sun Devil kicker Danny Kush had put Arizona State on top 17-14, with a 29-yard field goal and only 4:50 left to play. Then the Huskers, behind Quarterback Terry Luck who had replaced starter Vince Ferragamo in the first quarter, gallantly started a drive at the Nebraska 27 yard line, following Curtis Craig's 17-yard kickoff return. Nebraska hammered to the Arizona State 31 in 10 plays, where the Cornhuskers were faced with a first and ten situation. The Huskers' first two plays were incomplete passes from Luck to split end Bobby Thomas. But on third down, Luck hit fullback Tony Davis with a pass at the ASU 21. There, Davis was hit hard by two Sun Devil players and fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Arizona State, and the Huskers were on their way to their first bowl loss in six years. It was an unfortunate circumstance for Davis to end his great three-year Husker career. For during the Fiesta Bowl battle, Davis became the all-time leading Nebraska rusher, finishing his Nebraska stint with 2,445 yards, 25 more than Jeff Kinney (1969-71). It was a defensive struggle all the way, with Arizona State scoring first, on a 27-yard field goal by Kush with 10:48 left in the first quarter. Nebraska then countered to take a 7-3 lead with 7:50 remaining in the first half, when I-back Monte Anthony scored from one yard out, climaxing an eight play, one-penalty, 73-yard drive. Kush, son of ASU coach Frank Kush, struck the Huskers again before the first half ended, this time on a 33-yarder with no time left on the clock, pulling the Sun Devils to within one, at 7-6. In the third quarter, the Huskers put together their best drive of the day, 91 yards in 16 plays and a penalty, scoring on a four-yard run by Anthony with 5:49 left and increasing Nebraska's lead to 14-6. But the Huskers could not stop Arizona State's fourth-quarter barrage, which included a 10-yard Fred Mortensen to John Jefferson touchdown pass and a two-point play to go along with Kush's winning field goal, giving ASU the final 17-14 win. It was ironic that Nebraska's bowl winning streak would be stopped at six by a field goal, when that same mark was reached following Mike Coyle's field goal that gave the Huskers a 13-10 win over Florida in the 1974 Sugar Bowl game.

Aftermath - Arizona State would finish ranked #2 in the final AP Polls, their highest finish in school history. They would win one more WAC title before moving to the Pacific-10 Conference in 1978. Both teams would return multiple times to the Fiesta Bowl in later years, Nebraska five times and ASU twice.

1978 Gator Bowl

CLEMSON 17 OHIO STATE 15

The 1978 Gator Bowl was played between the Ohio State Buckeyes and Clemson Tigers on December 29, 1978.

This game proved to be Coach Woody Hayes' last game at OSU as well as his last game as a college football coach. With just over two minutes left in the game, OSU trailed 17-15. Ohio State Quarterback Art Schlichter threw a pass that sailed wide of an Ohio State back and was intercepted by Clemson Middle Guard Charlie Bauman. Bauman ran towards the OSU sideline avoiding tackles and was finally shoved out of bounds, but after he got up coach Hayes punched Bauman through his face mask. The next day Ohio State fired Hayes after 28 seasons as the Buckeyes head coach.

1978 Gator Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#20 Ohio State		0	-	9	-	0	-	6	-	15
#7 Clemson	(-1.5)	0	-	10	-	7	-	0	-	17

Scoring Summary

Ohio State – Atha 27 yard Field goal

Clemson – Fuller 4 yard run (Ariri kick)

Ohio State – Schlichter 4 yard run (Kick failed)

Clemson – Ariri 47 yard Field goal

Clemson – Austin 1 yard run (Ariri kick)

Ohio State – Schlichter 1 yard run (Run failed)

Washington Times Gator Bowl Flashback - Dec. 29, 1978, Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.: Hayes' Ohio State team is trailing Clemson 17-15 but threatening from the enemy's 24 in the final minute until Tigers linebacker Charlie Bauman intercepts a pass by freshman Quarterback Art Schlichter. End of threat, but not of excitement. Bauman's teammates cluster around him after he was knocked out of bounds on the Ohio State sideline — rubbing helmets, exchanging hand slaps and doing all the other congratulatory things football players do. Then so suddenly that ABC's cameras didn't pick it up clearly, a white-haired man wearing a jacket and baseball cap charges into the midst of the melee and throws a right-hand sucker punch that lands on Bauman's collarbone. The assailant is Woody Hayes, and the moment he delivers the punch, his 28-year career as an icon in Columbus and throughout Ohio is over at age 65. By the time the team returns home the next day, Hayes has been fired after winning 205 games, two national championships and making eight trips to the Rose Bowl. At the Columbus airport, police escort him from the plane to a car waiting on the tarmac, and he is driven off — to his house and into uncharacteristic obscurity. Yet 26 years after the incident and 17 years after his death, many Ohioans still venerate Hayes. He is remembered as a rough, tough, gruff coach who idolized Gen. George Patton — but also as a man who cared about his players and who never pretended to be anything but what he was. One of Hayes' admirers was Richard Nixon, and vice versa. At Hayes' funeral in 1987, the former president delivered the eulogy as more than a few tears fell. The old coach's rock-rumped methods appealed to a president just as singular and just as controversial. Hayes never publicly apologized for the punch, but his fiery temper was well known. On other occasions, he had tossed right hands at an ABC cameraman and a Los Angeles Times photographer for real or imagined offenses. This kind of behavior typified a man who said things like "I will pound and pound and pound you until you quit." Even Hayes described his boringly efficient offense as "three yards and a cloud of dust." Bauman's interception of Schlichter bore out Hayes' famous remark that "only three things can happen to you when you pass, and two of them are bad." Years after his career ended, Hayes noted, in a rare flash of humor, "I don't say that anymore. I found out four things can happen on a forward pass. The fourth is that you can get fired." Former Ohio State linebacker Randy Gradishar insisted that Hayes rued his attack on Bauman, saying, "He was very sorry for what he had done. He felt bad about his actions, and for Woody that was big." Bauman himself bore Hayes no ill will. In an interview two years ago with the Mansfield (Ohio) News Journal, he said graciously, "Woody was such a competitive man. I don't know — maybe if I had been in his shoes, I would have done the same thing. ... He made a mistake. Everybody makes mistakes." Hayes' iron-fisted if ham-handed approach won him admiration from many of his peers. Said Bo Schembechler, a former Ohio State assistant and Woody's equally hardboiled archrival at Michigan: "I love the man, and I'm not ashamed to admit it." Archie Griffin, who won two of the four Heisman Trophies claimed by Hayes' players, described his old coach perfectly: "Woody is a God-fearing man. It's nice to know he's afraid of somebody." As with President Nixon, time erased some of the stigma attached to Hayes' name and career. In many ways, he was a good man. He made sure his players fulfilled their academic obligations. He often turned down raises so his assistant coaches could get them; during his final season, his Ohio State salary was a mere \$43,000. He made numerous visits to comfort the sick in Ohio hospitals — and probably threatened to slug any reporter who wrote about it. In 1983, after being elected to the Football Hall of Fame, a mellower Hayes was brought out to dot the "i" as the university's marching band spelled out "Ohio" during its halftime performance. The cantankerous old coach called it one of the greatest days of his life. Three years later, in a supremely ironic moment, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the school that had fired him. In his acceptance speech, he stressed the value of education and the need for good works in the community as even former detractors cheered. When he died at home the following year, following his second heart attack, a funny and perhaps insightful story made its way around the state. In it, a man goes to heaven and sees a fat, old guy in a baseball cap jumping up and down on the sideline at a football game. "Who is that madman?" the newcomer asks St. Peter. "That's God — but he thinks he's Woody Hayes."

Chapter 5 – 1980's

1980 Holiday Bowl

BYU 46 SMU 45

The 1980 Holiday Bowl was played December 19, 1980 in San Diego, California. The game is famous due to a furious fourth quarter rally—including a last-second "miracle" touchdown—that gave BYU a 46–45 victory over SMU. Thus, the game is known as the "Miracle Bowl", especially among BYU fans.

Background - The Holiday Bowl was a young bowl game at the time, in only its third year. The 1980 Holiday Bowl pitted Brigham Young University (BYU) against Southern Methodist University (SMU). BYU entered the game with an 11-1 record. After losing the first game of the season (a 25-21 upset against New Mexico), the Cougars won 11 straight games to claim the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championship. BYU had overwhelmed most opponents with a high-powered pass-oriented offense led by future NFL Quarterback Jim McMahon. The Cougars led the NCAA in total offense (535.0 yards per game), scoring (46.7 points per game), and passing offense (409.8 passing yards per game) during the 1980 regular season. In contrast, SMU entered the game with an explosive run-heavy offense, nicknamed the "Pony Express." The Mustangs were led by two star running backs, Craig James and Eric Dickerson. Both James and Dickerson went on to careers in the NFL; Dickerson achieved superstar status with the Los Angeles Rams from 1983-1986, and with the Indianapolis Colts from 1987-1991. The Mustangs entered the game with an 8-3 record, impressive considering they played in the tough Southwest Conference (SWC).

1980 Holiday Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#19 SMU	(-1.0)	19	-	10	-	9	-	7	-	45
#14 BYU		7	-	6	-	6	-	27	-	46

Scoring Summary

SMU – Dickerson 15 yard run (Garcia kick)

SMU – James 45 yard run (Garcia kick)

SMU – Safety

SMU – Garcia 42 yard Field goal

BYU – Brown 64 yard pass from McMahon (Gunther kick)

SMU – James 3 yard pass from McIlhenny (Garcia kick)

SMU – Garcia 44 yard Field goal

BYU – Sikahema 83 yard punt return (Pass failed)

SMU – Dickerson 1 yard run (Pass failed)

BYU – Brown 13 yard pass from McMahon (Pass failed)

SMU – Garcia 42 yard Field goal

BYU – Phillips 1 yard run (Pass failed)

SMU – James 42 yard run (Garcia kick)

BYU – Braga 15 yard pass from McMahon (Pass failed)

BYU – Phillips 1 yard pass from McMahon (Phillips pass from McMahon)

BYU – Brown 41 yard pass from McMahon (Gunther kick)

Game Summary - BYU had never won a bowl game in school history, having lost the 1974 Fiesta Bowl and 1976 Tangerine Bowl as well as the first two Holiday Bowls (in 1978 and '79). For the first 56 minutes of the 1980 Holiday Bowl, it seemed the Cougars were destined for another defeat. BYU's defense couldn't handle SMU's offense, as James ran for 225 yards and Dickerson added 110. With just four minutes left in the game, the Mustangs scored to take a commanding 45–25 lead. Many BYU fans started leaving the stadium. McMahon screamed at them, declaring that the game wasn't over yet. He promptly threw a touchdown pass to Matt Braga, and BYU recovered an on-side kick. The Cougars quickly marched down the field, ending the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run by Scott Phillips. SMU's lead had now been trimmed to 45–39. The Cougar defense forced the Mustangs to punt on the next possession, and BYU's Bill Schoepflin blocked the punt by SMU's Eric Kaifes with 13 seconds left in the game. The Cougar offense took over at the 41-yard line, with a last chance to win the game. After throwing two incomplete passes, McMahon launched a Hail Mary into the end zone as time expired. Smothered by four SMU defenders, BYU tight end Clay Brown somehow managed to leap above them and haul in the football, scoring one of the most miraculous touchdowns in college football history. With the score tied, BYU's Kurt Gunther kicked the winning extra point to give the Cougars a "miracle" 46–45 victory. BYU scored 21 points in the last 2:33. McMahon completed 32 of 49 passes for 446 yards to share MVP honors with SMU's James. The final statistics were remarkably even: SMU racked up 25 first downs and 446 total yards, while BYU finished with 23 first downs and 444 total yards.

Legacy - In 2003, ESPN's "Page 2" feature listed the 1980 Holiday Bowl as one of the top 10 greatest bowl games ever played. The game was placed in NCAA Football video games as a "College Classic", challenging players to recreate the ending. The challenge begins with the player as BYU, trailing 45–31. BYU and SMU were conference rivals in the WAC from 1996–98. SMU joined the WAC after the SWC disbanded.

1984 Orange Bowl

MIAMI 31 NEBRASKA 30

The 1984 Orange Bowl was the 50th annual Orange Bowl Classic, played on January 2, 1984, between the unbeaten Nebraska Cornhuskers and the once-beaten Miami Hurricanes, for the national championship. After leading 31-17 in the fourth quarter, Miami held on for a 31-30 victory. Nebraska pulled to within one with 48 seconds left to play, but a two-point conversion attempt by Nebraska failed when Quarterback Turner Gill's pass was tipped away by Miami safety Ken Calhoun. It was also the last game for Howard Schnellenberger as he left the team in pursuit of a USFL team in Miami.

Setup - Nebraska came into the game ranked #1 in both major polls, with a 12-0 record, having steamrolled just about every opponent on the 1983 schedule, except for close road wins at Oklahoma State (14-10) and at Oklahoma (28-21). Led by Heisman Trophy winning I-back Mike Rozier, future NFL #1 draft pick Irving Fryar at wingback and with All-American Quarterback and Heisman finalist Turner Gill calling the signals, the Huskers of 1983 were a formidable outfit, averaging 52 points a game and having rolled up tallies of 84-13, 72-29, 69-19, 67-13 and 63-7 against Minnesota, Iowa State, Colorado, Kansas, and Syracuse, respectively. In the third quarter against Colorado, Nebraska managed to score seven touchdowns in 12 minutes. They did have notable weaknesses, however. They had a fairly mediocre defense that was vulnerable to the pass, especially across the middle of the field, owing to the fact the Big Eight was dominated by run-oriented offenses, notably Oklahoma's wishbone. Nebraska also had a fairly average kicking game. Both of these weaknesses would haunt the Cornhuskers on the night. Miami, coached by Howard Schnellenberger, came in the quiet achiever, having been blown

out 28-3 by Florida in their opening game and thought by many to be not much of a challenge to the much higher-fancied Cornhuskers. Nevertheless, they had won 10 straight games following their opening defeat, to emerge as a solid #5 in the Associated Press poll, while ranked one spot higher in the UPI poll. They were led by freshman Quarterback Bernie Kosar, who had completed 61.5 percent of his passes for 2,328 yards and 15 touchdowns and had started all 11 games. Miami had a very good defense. In fact, their defense was the 2nd best in the nation, in scoring defense (9.6 points per game) and in total defense (259.4 yards per game). Also, earlier in the day second-ranked Texas had been upset in the 1984 Cotton Bowl Classic by Georgia by the score of 10-9; in primetime, third-ranked Auburn Tigers squeaked out a 9-7 win over Michigan in the 1984 Sugar Bowl; and fourth-ranked Illinois fell to unranked UCLA 45-9 in the 1984 Rose Bowl. This combination of upsets gave Miami the chance to leapfrog to No. 1, should they defeat the Cornhuskers.

1984 Orange Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#1 Nebraska	(-10.5)	0	-	14	-	3	-	13	-	30
#5 Miami		17	-	0	-	14	-	0	-	31

Scoring Summary

Miami – Dennison 2 yard pass from Kosar (Davis kick)

Miami – Davis 45 yard Field goal

Miami – Dennison 22 yard pass from Kosar (Davis kick)

Nebraska – Steinkuhler 19 yard run (Livingston kick)

Nebraska – Gill 1 yard run (Livingston kick)

Nebraska – Livingston 34 yard Field goal

Miami – Highsmith 1 yard run (Davis kick)

Miami – Bentley 7 yard run (Davis kick)

Nebraska – Smith 1 yard run (Livingston kick)

Nebraska – Smith 24 yard run (Gill pass failed)

The game - Nebraska came into the game as a 10½ point favorite, and early on it looked very much like the blowout many people anticipated. On their opening drive, the Huskers moved downfield rather easily. However, the Hurricanes got an early lift when they forced Nebraska to attempt a field-goal, which they then blocked. It was a huge early momentum swing and they would capitalize very quickly. Kosar's two touchdown passes to Glenn Dennison along with a 45-yard Jeff Davis field goal would give Miami a stunning 17-0 lead at the end of one quarter. Miami's 2nd touchdown came after linebacker Jack Fernandez intercepted a pass from Gill at the Miami 35 and Kosar throwing a pass to Eddie Brown for a touchdown, but the Kosar to Brown touchdown was erased after Stanley Shakespeare was caught for illegal blocking on a Nebraska defensive back and thus resulted in a 15-yard penalty, but it was good enough for a 1st down. Nebraska didn't panic. Early in the second quarter, Osborne reached into his bag of tricks. First, in an attempt to confuse Kosar, he switched jerseys between defensive backs Dave Burke and Mike McCashland. As a result, Burke, wearing McCashland's jersey, intercepted a pass from Kosar at the Nebraska 26. Then, he ran a trick play known as the fumblerooski. Nebraska Quarterback Gill intentionally "fumbled" the snap from center by effectively setting it on the turf. The ball was picked up by All-American offensive guard Dean Steinkuhler, who ran left with the ball on a 19 yard touchdown run. While it is neither the first nor the last time this play has been run, it is arguably the most famous incidence of this play, which is now illegal. A touchdown run by Gill later in the period made the score 17-14 at halftime. It was at this point that the familiar script everyone expected had again appeared, after Miami fumbled at the 23-yard line of their own territory and Nebraska added three points to tie 17-17, beginning in the 3rd quarter. And it was at this point that Miami again decided not to cooperate with it. Two long touchdown drives of 75 and 73 yards took the score back out to 31-17, behind the passing of Kosar (who would pass for exactly 300 yards on the night) and the running of backs Alonzo Highsmith and Albert Bentley, who each contributed rushing touchdowns to cap each drive. Things would get even bleaker for Nebraska when Rozier left the game with an injured ankle, after having rushed for 147 yards on 25 carries. Nebraska had a lot of opportunities to score without Rozier. Late in the 3rd quarter, Gill ran to his left, initially keeping the ball and running into the grasp of a Miami defender before pitching the ball to backup I-back Jeff Smith, who came off the bench, ran for 40-yards before fumbling at the Miami 1-yard line, which Miami eventually recovered. Early in the 4th quarter, Gill throws the ball to Scott Kimball at the end zone, but Rodney Bellinger broke up the pass. After Kevin Fagan sacked Gill at the Miami 31, Nebraska was forced to attempt a field goal, which they missed. After Miami went three and out, Smith scored on a 1-yard run early in the 4th quarter on a 75-yard drive, which brought the margin back to 31-24. Then Nebraska caught a break, when Davis missed a 42-yard field goal attempt that would have made the margin 10 points in favor of the Hurricanes. Then the Huskers went to work. Gill completed a long pass to Fryar which took the ball inside the Miami 35 with under 2 minutes to go, then an incomplete pass to Shane Swanson and he also completed a pass to Ricky Simmons down at the Miami 26. After Smith ran for two yards, the Huskers called for their last timeout. On 2nd and 8 from the Miami 24, Gill found a wide open Fryar all alone in the end zone and threw a perfect pass, which Fryar dropped. This play would later be forgotten in the midst of what would come soon after, but it may have taken on a much greater significance in Husker lore had they not eventually scored. On 3rd & 8, Gill dropped the football after Fagan tackled him. Confused, Steinkuhler picked up the ball for a few yards, literally thought that Gill fumbled the ball, but the officials ruled an incomplete pass. Thus, setting up a 4th down and 8 from the Miami 24-yard line with the clock running down inside a minute. Osborne called an option play, which Gill ran to his right, initially keeping the ball and running into the grasp of a Miami defender before pitching the ball at the last second to a streaking Smith, who sprinted in the rest of the way, making the score 31-30 Miami, with the extra point pending.

The decision - A successful kick would have tied the score. Instead, Osborne went for the win, and with it, risked everything (the NCAA had not yet introduced overtime for college football; thus, the game could have ended in a tie). Miami's Kenny Calhoun broke up the conversion pass from

Quarterback Turner Gill to I-back Jeff Smith, leaving the inspired Hurricanes with a 31-30 upset victory over the top-ranked Cornhuskers. "We were trying to win the game," Osborne said. "I don't think you go for a tie in that case. You try to win the game. We wanted an undefeated season and a clear-cut national championship." A tie would most likely have been enough to give the Huskers the national championship with a 12-0-1 record, since second-ranked Texas also lost earlier in the day to Georgia in the Cotton Bowl Classic and third-ranked Auburn had won unimpressively. Coincidentally, Osborne had been asked earlier in the week by a reporter if he would ever consider going for two in just such a situation. "I hope it doesn't come up," Osborne said. "I'll be crucified one way or another on that one." When it did occur, Osborne had his mind made up. "I don't think any of our players would be satisfied backing into it with a PAT," Osborne said. "I don't think that's the way to do it."

Legacy - The game has widely been listed among the most memorable college football games by various sources, including ABC Sports Online's five "classic Orange Bowl moments". An ESPN survey once voted it as the greatest college football game ever played. The game almost overnight established the University of Miami as a football power, and it would go on to win two more national championships before the end of the decade, under coaches Jimmy Johnson and Dennis Erickson. The school would win a fourth with Erickson in 1991, and would again beat Nebraska for a fifth in 2001 under Larry Coker. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne eventually would win three national championships of his own (he defeated Miami in the 1995 Orange Bowl for his first), and retire in 1997 as one of the winningest coaches in college football history. But it would be his decision to go for the win, rather than to tie, and his willingness to risk the national championship on one play which has come to define his legacy more than any single achievement. It has become a textbook case in game theory. A simple extra point conversion would have tied the game and arguably given Nebraska the national championship. Economist Avinash Dixit and Business Strategy Expert Barry Nalebuff argue that Osborne would have had more options had he gone for two earlier in the fourth quarter.

Orange Bowl Recap - In arguably the greatest college football bowl game ever played, Miami won its first national championship 31-30, after Nebraska missed a two-point conversion attempt in the 50th anniversary Orange Bowl Classic. The 'Huskers had pulled within one with 48 seconds to play, but Miami strong safety Ken Calhoun stepped in front of a Turner Gill attempted two-point conversion pass to preserve the win. The 11-0 'Huskers were the favorites, but they quickly found themselves behind 17-0, after Miami freshman Quarterback Bernie Kosar threw two touchdowns to his tight end Glenn Dennison. The first 'Husker points came in the second quarter on Dean Steinkuhler's controversial 19-yard "fumblerooskie" play. The Huskers added a 1-yard Gill run to close the gap to 17-14. A Nebraska field goal tied it at 17 in the third, but Alonzo Highsmith and Albert Bentley scored touchdowns at the end of long Kosar-led drives. Nebraska responded at the close of the third with a Jeff Smith 1-yard run and. After Miami missed a field goal in the fourth, Smith ran it in from the 24 yards out with 48 second left in the game. Then, the Nebraska comeback hopes were dashed when the conversion pass was batted away.

1985 Fiesta Bowl

UCLA 39 MIAMI 37

The 1985 Fiesta Bowl, played on January 1, 1985, was the 14th edition of the Fiesta Bowl. The game featured the UCLA Bruins, and the Miami Hurricanes. The game was the fourth highest scoring Fiesta Bowl of all time. Miami was defending national champions, playing with four losses under new head coach Jimmy Johnson.

1985 Fiesta Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#14 UCLA		7	-	15	-	7	-	10	-	39
#13 Miami	(-6.0)	14	-	7	-	3	-	13	-	37

Scoring Summary

UCLA — Green 6 yard run (Lee kick)

Miami — Oliver 34 yard run (Cox kick)

Miami — Brown 68 yard punt return (Cox kick)

Miami — Blades 48 yard pass from Kosar (Cox kick)

UCLA — Green 72 yard run (Lee kick)

UCLA — Shinnick tallies safety

UCLA — Lee 51 yard field goal.

UCLA — Lee 33 yard field goal.

Miami — Cox 31 yard field goal.

UCLA — Sherrard 10 yard pass from Bono (Lee kick)

UCLA — Young 33 yard pass from Bono (Lee kick)

Miami — Bratton 19 yard run. (Kosar pass failed.)

Miami — Bratton 3 yard pass from Kosar (Cox kick)

UCLA — Lee 22-yard field goal

Game summary - UCLA took an early 7-0 lead, off a 6-yard touchdown run by halfback Gaston Green. He would finish with 144 yards rushing on 21 attempts, and would be named the game's MVP. Miami responded following a 34-yard touchdown run by tailback Darryl Oliver, knotting the game at 7. Later in the quarter, all-American wide receiver Eddie Brown fielded a punt, and took it 68 yards for a Hurricane touchdown, giving Miami a 14-7 lead. In the second quarter, Quarterback Bernie Kosar threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Brian Blades to increase Miami's lead to 21-7. UCLA responded in a big way, riding a 72-yard touchdown run by all-American Gaston Green to pull within 21-14. The defense continued the momentum by forcing a safety, bringing the score to 21-16. All-American kicker John Lee kicked two field goals of 51 and 33 yards before halftime to give UCLA a 22-21 lead at halftime. Miami reclaimed the lead in the third quarter, after Greg Cox drilled a 31-yard field goal, putting Miami in front 24-22. Quarterback Steve Bono found wide receiver Mike Sherrard for a 10-yard touchdown pass to switch the lead to UCLA, 29-24. In the fourth quarter, Steve Bono found Mike Young for a 33-yard touchdown pass, increasing UCLA's lead to 36-24. Miami responded with a 19-yard touchdown run from running back Melvin Bratton. The attempted two-point conversion failed, leaving the score 36-30. Bernie Kosar later found Bratton on a 3-yard slant pass, giving Miami a 37-36 lead. With 2:58 remaining, Steve Bono moved the Bruins down the field. UCLA's all-American kicker John Lee scored the winning points on a 23-yard field goal, giving UCLA the 39-37 win. Miami mounted one last charge, but Terry Tumey forced a fumble after a sack of Bernie Kosar to seal the win.

1987 CALIFORNIA BOWL

EASTERN MICHIGAN 30 SAN JOSE STATE 27

The 7th annual California Bowl was played on December 12th, 1987 at Bulldog Stadium in Fresno, California.

Eastern Michigan - The 1987 Eastern Michigan Hurons football team competed as a member of the Mid-American Conference (MAC), was coached by Jim Harkema, and played their home game at Rynearson Stadium. They finished the season 10-2 overall and 7-1 in MAC play, won Eastern's only MAC championship, went to the 1987 California Bowl and upset 17½ point favorite San Jose State University for the only bowl game win in EMU history.

San Jose State - The San Jose State Spartans finished the season 10-2 and were the Pacific Coast Athletic Association champions. They were coached by Claude Gilbert. They played their home games at Spartan Stadium.

Background - In four seasons, Eastern Michigan coach Jim Harkema had the Hurons rise from 1-10 to 2-7-2 to 4-7 to 6-5. In his fifth season, they won 9 games in the regular season along with winning the Mid-American Conference title, their first conference title since 1957. San Jose State, on the other hand, had been rising for years. They finished the season with one more victory than they did the year before as they won their 2nd straight Pacific Coast Athletic Association title, which was their 3rd title in the decade, qualifying them for their third ever California Bowl. San Jose State was a 17½ point favorite coming into this game.

1987 California Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Eastern Michigan		10	-	7	-	0	-	13	-	30
San Jose State	(-17.0)	7	-	7	-	7	-	6	-	27

Scoring Summary

Eastern Michigan - Foster 1 yard run (Henneghan kick)

San Jose State - Jackson 6 yard run (Olivarez kick)

Eastern Michigan - Henneghan 42 yard field goal

Eastern Michigan - Foster 1 yard run (Henneghan kick)

San Jose State - Klump 1 yard pass from Saxon (Olivarez kick)

San Jose State - Johnson 12 yard pass from Perez (Olivarez kick)

Eastern Michigan - Patton 15 yard run (Kick failed)

San Jose State - Saxon 16 yard run (Pass failed)

Eastern Michigan - Ostrander 32 yard pass from Adams (Henneghan kick)

Los Angeles Times Game Summary - Though he spent most of his day blocking, Eastern Michigan flanker Craig Ostrander knew he could get open when he needed to. All he had to do was convince his coach, Jim Harkema. That time came with 3:59 to play, when Quarterback Ron Adams completed a 32-yard touchdown pass to Ostrander to give the underdog Hurons a 30-27 victory over San Jose State in the California Bowl Saturday. Adams said he and Ostrander knew they could complete the pass against San Jose's left cornerback, Phil Frasch. "We weren't throwing much, but we knew 23 (Frasch) was the weak link in their secondary and could be beat," Adams said. Adams threw only 12 times, completing 7 for 100 yards, while Spartans Quarterback Mike Perez completed 26 of 39 for 290 yards. But the Hurons chewed up the clock with a steady ground attack, holding the ball for 36:47 to San Jose's 23:13. Tailback Gary Patton led the running attack with 130 yards. The victory by the Hurons (10-2) ended a string of three straight one-sided losses by Mid-American Conference representatives. The Spartans, of the host Pacific Coast Athletic Assn., had been favored by up to 17 points to win their second straight California Bowl. But Eastern Michigan scored on its first possession. Glennard Smith returned the opening kickoff 48 yards to the San Jose State 42, and the Hurons drove to the 1, where Bob Foster dived over for the score. Spartan tailback Kenny Jackson tied the game with a six-yard off-tackle slant for a touchdown, but a 42-yard field goal by Tim Henneghan put the Hurons on top, 10-7, at the end of the first quarter. Foster scored again on a one-yard plunge early in the second quarter for a 17-7 lead. But after the Spartans (10-2) were stopped on one goal-line stand, they scored on

their next possession when fullback James Saxon took a pitchout and completed a one-yard pass to Bill Klump. Perez then put the Spartans ahead, 21-17, late in the third quarter with a 12-yard pass to Johnny Johnson. Eastern Michigan regained the lead on the first play of the fourth quarter on Patton's 15-yard touchdown run. But Saxon gave San Jose State the lead for the final time with a 16-yard run. The Spartans had one last chance, but were stopped in Eastern Michigan territory on fourth and three with 2:10 to go. The Hurons then ran out the clock.

Gary Patton rushed for 130 yards for the Hurons (who had 212 rushing yards in total while holding the Spartans to 81) in an MVP effort.

Aftermath - Despite having winning seasons the following two years, the Hurons weren't invited to a bowl game. Eastern Michigan changed the name of the team to the Eagles in 1991. The 1995 season under Rick Rasnick (after Harkema resigned in 1992, with two other coaches following him before they were fired) remains their last season with a finish over .500. Even though they finished 6-6 in 2011, the Eagles' two wins over FCS squads resulted in them not being invited to a bowl. As for the Spartans, they would return to a bowl in 1990, which was their last until 2006.

Chapter 6 – 1990's

1990 Freedom Bowl

COLORADO STATE 32 OREGON 31

The 7th annual Freedom Bowl was played on December 29th, 1990 at Anaheim Stadium in Anaheim, California. Colorado State Rams finished the season 9-4 and was coached by Earle Bruce. Oregon Ducks finished the season 8-4 and was coached by Rich Brooks. Both teams finished unranked in the final Polls. The Rams had finished 2nd in the Western Athletic Conference to earn a bowl appearance, their first since 1949 in Coach Bruce's second season. The Ducks finished third in the Pacific-10 Conference in Brooks' 14th year with the Ducks. This was the first time the Ducks had made consecutive bowl appearances. This was the first and only Freedom Bowl for both teams.

1990 Freedom Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Colorado State	(46.5)	7	-	7	-	5	-	13	-	32
Oregon	(-2.0)	7	-	10	-	0	-	14	-	31

Scoring Summary

Colorado State – Giminez 1 yard run (Brown kick)

Oregon – Jones 16 yard pass from Musgrave (McCallum kick)

Oregon – McCallum 23 yard Field goal

Colorado State – Alford 1 yard run (Brown kick)

Oregon – Burwell 3 yard pass from Musgrave (McCallum kick)

Colorado State – Safety – recovered fumble in end zone

Colorado State – Brown 35 yard Field goal

Oregon – McClellan 44 yard pass from Musgrave (Burwell pass from Musgrave)

Colorado State – Primus 49 yard pass from Giminez (Brown kick)

Colorado State – Yert 52 yard run (Kick blocked)

Oregon – Burwell 1 yard run (Pass failed)

Los Angeles Times Freedom Bowl Summary - They lifted Earle Bruce to their shoulders, victorious, as another, more famous team had three years ago. Colorado State raised Bruce high Saturday night. A team that was 1-10 two years ago beat favored Oregon, 32-31, in the Freedom Bowl at Anaheim Stadium. The Rams hadn't been to a bowl since 1948, when they lost to Occidental in Fresno's Raisin Bowl. Saturday night's victory wasn't easy, and it never seemed sure or even likely until 1:01 remained and a two-point conversion attempt by Oregon barely failed. Michael McClellan caught Bill Musgrave's pass with his feet in the end zone, but the ball never crossed the plane of the goal line. And then, in a reprise of the day when Ohio State's players marched onto the field carrying their fired coach after a victory over Michigan in his final game with the Buckeyes, Colorado State celebrated. "I gotta tell you, I'm just so proud of those young men," Bruce said. "It's unbelievable. It's really unbelievable that they just won the Freedom Bowl. I'm so proud of them. They showed what hard work and a little bit of wanting can do." Colorado State's victory before 41,450 came despite a spectacular effort by Musgrave, who passed for 392 yards and three touchdowns in his final game for Oregon, completing 29 of 47 passes without an interception. His best receiver Saturday night was McClellan, who caught nine passes for 148 yards in his first game after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery during the season. But McClellan's failure may live longest in the minds of Oregon fans hoping for the first back-to-back bowl victories in school history. After closing the score to 32-31 on Sean Burwell's one-yard run that capped a masterful drive by Musgrave, Oregon went for two points-after-touchdown. The play worked to perfection--almost. "The crowning blow was the two-point play," Brooks said. "We didn't run the route deep enough. We were about half a yard short of where we should have been to win the football game. I thought his feet were in. And the ball? I don't know." The Ducks led at halftime, 17-14, but played a messy second half that included a botched handoff in the end zone for a Colorado State safety, two fumbles by tailback Burwell and a nullified punt after officials ruled that punter Tommy Thompson's knee touched the ground as he fielded a snap. "We gave you an exciting football game, by golly," Brooks said. "Dropped balls, penalties, mistakes. You've got to give Colorado State credit. They took advantage of our mistakes. Unfortunately

we played most uncharacteristic of the way we played all year." Colorado State cut the lead to 17-16 in the third quarter on a safety when Oregon's Bud Bowie fell on the ball in the end zone after Musgrave and fullback Ngalu Kelemeni collided.

1991 Aloha Bowl

GEORGIA TECH 18 STANFORD 17

The 1991 Aloha Bowl was played between the Stanford Cardinal and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets played on December 25, 1991 at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was the tenth edition of the bowl game. After trailing for most of the game, with just over a minute to play, Georgia Tech's Willie Clay returned a punt 63 yards to the Stanford 31. Quarterback Shawn Jones scored on a one-yard touchdown plunge with 14 seconds remaining and the Yellow Jackets completed a 2-point conversion to take an 18–17 victory.

Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets - After being named national champion by the Coaches' Poll in the previous season, Georgia Tech was coming off an uneven season, and a disappointing loss to rival Georgia. The team was led by its defense, including linebacker Marco Coleman, defensive back Willie Clay (who also returned punts), and lineman Coleman Rudolph.

Stanford Cardinal - Stanford started the season 1–3 before recovering to win the last seven games of the season, including a Big Game win over rival and #6 ranked California. The Cardinal offense was led by "Touchdown" Tommy Vardell, who had rushed for 1,084 yards and 20 touchdowns during the season, and Quarterback Steve Stenstrom, who led the Pac-10 in passing.

1991 Aloha Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
Georgia Tech	(44.5)	10	-	0	-	0	-	8	-	18
#17 Stanford	(-4.0)	7	-	10	-	0	-	0	-	17

Scoring Summary

Stanford - Vardell 6 yard run (Mills kick)

Georgia Tech - Smith 2 yard pass from Jones (Sisson kick)

Georgia Tech - Sisson 24 yard field goal

Stanford - Mills 38 yard field goal

Stanford - Vardell 2 yard run (Mills kick)

Georgia Tech - Jones 1 yard run (Lincoln run)

Game summary - Stanford took the opening kickoff and drove 48 yards on six plays, with Vardell scoring from six yards out. The Yellow Jackets answered with a touchdown drive of their own, 60 yards in 10 plays, tying the game on a two-yard pass from Quarterback Shawn Jones to Michael Smith. Georgia Tech got on the board again as time expired in the first quarter with a 24-yard Scott Sisson field goal. In the second quarter, the Cardinal tied the game on a 38-yard Aaron Mills field goal, and then took the lead on another Vardell run, this one for two yards. In addition to the two touchdowns, Vardell rushed for 104 yards on the day and was named Stanford's MVP of the game. Stanford held the lead through the third quarter, but the Yellow Jackets had a huge scoring opportunity when Cardinal punter Paul Stonehouse fumbled a low snap at the Stanford 18 yard line. Georgia Tech drove to the Stanford one-yard line, but Rodney Williams fumbled, and Stanford linebacker Tom Williams recovered the ball to keep Stanford's lead into the final quarter. As time ran down in the fourth quarter, Stanford still had a 7-point lead but was forced to punt with 1:41 left. Georgia Tech's Clay fielded the punt at his own six-yard line and made the play of the game: he returned the punt 63 yards to the Stanford 31. From there, the Yellow Jackets drove to the Stanford goal line and scored on a one-yard rush from Jones (who was named Georgia Tech's game MVP) to make the score 17–16 with 14 seconds left in the game. Instead of opting for a tie, Tech head coach Bobby Ross called for the two-point conversion and sent Jimmy Lincoln over the right end to give Georgia Tech the victory.

1994 Rose Bowl

WISCONSIN 21 UCLA 16

The 1994 Rose Bowl was played on January 1, 1994. It was the 80th Rose Bowl Game. The Wisconsin Badgers defeated the UCLA Bruins 21-16. Running back Brent Moss of Wisconsin was named the Rose Bowl Player of the Game.

Wisconsin Badgers - In the final game of the season, Wisconsin defeated Michigan State in the last Coca-Cola Classic to secure a conference co-championship. The Badgers' sole loss was to Minnesota by a score of 21-28 in their annual rivalry game. Ohio State lost to Michigan 0-28 in their annual rivalry game. Wisconsin and Ohio State ended the season with identical 9-1-1 records with 6-1-1 conference records, and tied the only time they met during the season in a game at Camp Randall (college football did not adopt "overtime" to resolve ties in regulation until the 1996 season). Wisconsin and Ohio State were co-champions of the Big Ten. Wisconsin won the Rose Bowl invitation tiebreaker due to Big Ten rules which resolved first-place ties by eliminating the most recent invitee: Wisconsin had last been to the Rose Bowl in 1963, while Ohio State was in the 1985 Rose Bowl.

UCLA Bruins - UCLA opened the season with two close losses: 25-27 against California, and 13-14 against Nebraska. The Bruins then won seven in a row, including a win over #7 Arizona. They lost 3-9 against Arizona State. The 1993 UCLA-USC rivalry game had the Pac-10 championship and the Rose Bowl berth on the line for both the Bruins and the Trojans. UCLA won 27-21 at the Coliseum. Arizona was tied for first, but did not receive the Rose Bowl invitation because of the head-to-head loss at UCLA. This was Coach Terry Donahue's last Rose Bowl appearance.

Game summary - The weather was 73 degrees and hazy. UCLA receiver J. J. Stokes set Rose Bowl records for receptions (14) and receiving yards (176). Brent Moss gashed the UCLA defense for 158 rushing yards and 2 TDs.

1994 Rose Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
#9 Wisconsin	(48.5)	7	-	7	-	0	-	7	-	21
#14 UCLA	(-6.5)	3	-	0	-	0	-	13	-	16

Scoring Summary

UCLA — Merten 27 yard field goal.

Wisconsin — Moss 3 yard run (Schnetzky kick)

Wisconsin — Moss 1 yard run (Schnetzky kick)

UCLA — Davis 12 yard run (Merten kick)

Wisconsin — Bevell 21 yard run (Schnetzky kick)

UCLA — Nguyen 5 yard pass from Cook (Pass failed.)

Los Angeles Times Rose Bowl Game Summary - Probably the most surprising thing about a Rose Bowl game in which UCLA fumbled the ball away five times and had a pass intercepted was that the Bruins actually had a chance to win in the last few seconds. They didn't win, of course. That would be asking too much from a UCLA team that spent the majority of Saturday's 21-16 loss to Wisconsin, well, goofing things up. Soon the various theories of explanation began surfacing. "It seemed like someone put a hex on us or something," said running back Daron Washington, who wins the award for most creative. "Everything bad happened," linebacker Nkosi Littleton said. No one could argue with that. The way it looked, UCLA's best offensive play was the untimely fumble and its best defensive play the always popular pass interference. Other than that, it was a robust Bruin performance, except maybe for the nine times they backed up for 95 yards in penalties. "We kept shooting ourselves in the head, not in the foot," Coach Terry Donahue said. Add one really bad decision by Bruin Quarterback Wayne Cook in the waning seconds, and the mostly red-hued crowd of 101,237 got sent home happy, even that Badger fan wearing the red helmet with the box of Velveeta glued to the top. Cook threw the ball 43 times, but made a huge mistake when he didn't throw it once more. Out of timeouts, UCLA took over on its 38-yard line with 1:43 left and moved to a first down at the Wisconsin 18. The clock showed 15 seconds remaining. Cook chose to scramble instead of throwing the ball away to stop the clock and he was tackled at the 15, and the clock ran out before the Bruins could get off another play. If Cook had been able to stop the clock with an incomplete pass, UCLA might have had enough time for two or three plays. "My reaction was to run," Cook said. "It was a mistake on my part." It certainly was, said Donahue, who stuck up for his Quarterback nonetheless. "He takes a lot of blame for a lot of things," Donahue said. "But you can't take a sack in that area. You can't scramble if you can't score the touchdown." Then there were the other pesky problems that kept cropping up. Things such as tackling. For instance, what do the UCLA defense and a rolling stone have in common? Neither one gathers any Moss. The Bruins didn't have much luck bringing down Badger tailback Brent Moss, whom they held to 158 yards in 36 carries. Credit Wisconsin's mammoth offensive line, roughly the size of, say, Eau Claire. "They play smash-mouth," Bruin defensive tackle Sale Isaia said. Actually, Isaia was one of the several frustrated Bruins--and Badgers for that matter--who ran afoul of the officials. After one play, Isaia grabbed the facemask of a prone Badger and sort of dribbled his head on the field. Isaia, who was assessed a personal foul, said he felt better afterward. "Yeah, but it didn't help out the team any," he said. There was also the quadruple ejection--a dubious Rose Bowl record--affecting Marvin Goodwin and Donovan Gallatin of UCLA and Lee DeRamus and Mark Montgomery of Wisconsin. All four were tossed for their parts in a brief but spirited third-quarter skirmish along the UCLA sideline that wasn't broken up until Wisconsin Coach Barry Alvarez sprinted across the field and began peeling players apart. Goodwin and DeRamus wound up on the ground, arms and legs entwined. Goodwin, who is said to be considering turning pro, might consider the World Wrestling Federation. "I was trying to protect Nkosi and the next thing I know, I felt someone hit me in the back," Goodwin said. "Then DeRamus and I started wrestling. "I guess the refs felt they lost control and had to throw somebody out. It's just unfortunate I was the one." Maybe, but what was really unfortunate for UCLA were the turnovers. "The turnovers by us, there goes the game right out the window," Donahue said. "When I look back on this game, I'll just be sick of the fact . . . six turnovers."

1998 Liberty Bowl

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The 1998 AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl, took place on December 31, 1998, at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, Tennessee. The competing teams were the Tulane Green Wave, representing the Conference USA (C-USA) and the BYU Cougars, representing the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). Tulane won the game 41–27 to finish along with the Tennessee Volunteers as the only undefeated Division I-A teams for the 1998 season.

Tulane - The 1998 Tulane squad entered the season with returning C-USA Offensive Player of the Year Shaun King at Quarterback and picked to finish tied for second place with East Carolina in the preseason conference rankings. Following their week two victory over SMU, local media started to mention the Green Wave as a potential at-large opponent to play in the Sugar Bowl as part of the inaugural Bowl Championship Series (BCS). Although Tulane finished the regular season with an 11–0 record, since they finished outside the sixth position in the final BCS standings, the Green Wave did not qualify for a BCS bowl game. Instead they were invited to the Liberty Bowl as C-USA champions. The appearance in the game marked Tulane's first bowl since the 1987 Independence Bowl, and their third all-time appearance in the Liberty Bowl. Following the conclusion of the regular season, on December 2 head coach Tommy Bowden resigned as head coach to accept the same position at Clemson. At that time offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez was named interim head coach through at least the Liberty Bowl. Although Rodriguez was thought to be the top candidate for the coaching vacancy, on December 7 Tulane announced Georgia offensive coordinator Chris Scelfo as Tulane's new head coach. At the time of the announcement, officials also

stated Scelfo would serve as head coach in the bowl game instead of Rodriguez, and that most of Bowden's staff would remain in place for the Liberty Bowl.

BYU - After opening the season 2–3, BYU won seven consecutive games to earn a spot in the WAC Championship Game. In that contest, the Cougars lost to the Air Force 20–13. Prior to the championship game, the Cougars accepted a bid to play in the 40th Liberty Bowl. The appearance in the game marked BYU's first New Year's Eve bowl, and their first all-time appearance in the Liberty Bowl. In mid-December, BYU head coach LaVell Edwards announced that starting running back Ronney Jenkins and defensive back Heshimu Robertson would be suspended for the Liberty Bowl for violating the Brigham Young University Honor Code.

1998 Liberty Bowl	Line	1	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	Final
BYU	(64.0)	6	-	0	-	0	-	21	-	27
#10 Tulane	(-6.5)	10	-	10	-	14	-	7	-	41

Scoring Summary

BYU – Horton 11 yard pass from Feterik (Kick failed)

Tulane – Palazzo 31 yard Field goal

Tulane – Jordan 79 yard interception return (Palazzo kick)

Tulane – King 3 yard run (Palazzo kick)

Tulane – Palazzo 23 yard Field goal

Tulane – Cook 60 yard pass from King (Palazzo kick)

Tulane – Dartez 13 yard pass from King (Palazzo kick)

BYU – Capp 3 yard run (Pochman kick)

Tulane – Converse 5 yard run (Palazzo kick)

BYU – Cupp 18 yard pass from Feterik (Pochman kick)

BYU – Mahe 3 yard run (Pochman kick)

Game summary - In a game ultimately dominated by Tulane, BYU scored the first points of the game. Early in the first, Kevin Feterik hit Ben Horton for an 11-yard touchdown reception, and after Owen Pochman missed the extra point the Cougars took an early 6–0 lead. The Green Wave responded on the following drive with a 31-yard Brad Palazzo field goal to cut the lead in half. With BYU driving on the ensuing possession, Michael Jordan intercepted a Feterik pass and returned it 79 yards for touchdown. The return was the longest in the history on the Liberty Bowl and gave Tulane a 10–6 lead. In the second quarter, Shaun King scored on a three-yard run and Palazzo hit a 23-yard field goal to give Tulane a 20–6 lead at the half. King continued the scoring in the third with a pair of touchdown passes to cap two 82-yard drives. The first came on a 60-yard pass to Kerwin Cook and the second on a 13-yard pass to Jamaican Dartez. With Tulane leading 34–6 entering the fourth quarter, BYU scored the first of three late touchdowns on a three-yard Aaron Cupp touchdown run. Tulane responded on the next drive with its final points of the game on a five-yard Toney Converse run to extend their lead to 41–13. The Cougars closed the contest with an 18-yard Cupp reception for a score and a three-yard Reno Mahe touchdown run to bring the final score to 41–27. For his 276 yards passing, 109 yards rushing and three total touchdowns, Tulane Quarterback Shaun King was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

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