

# Bowl Bound

Total Appearances: 57  
Wins: 31 Losses: 22 Ties: 3

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

## Bowl Game Appearances (By Bowl Game):

Sugar - 13	Gator - 2
Orange - 8	BCS National Championship Game - 1
Blockbuster - 1	Cotton - 7
Fiesta - 1	Rose - 6
Citrus - 1	Liberty - 4
Hall of Fame - 1	Independence - 3
Aloha - 1	Sun - 3
Outback - 1	Music City - 2
Bluebonnet - 2	

## Alabama on All-Time Bowl Teams

### Rose Bowl

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

### Sugar Bowl

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

### Orange Bowl

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

### Cotton Bowl

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

## ALL-TIME BOWL OPPONENTS

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

## BOWL RECORD VS. CONFERENCES

Conference	UA Record
ACC	1-1 (.500)
Big East	1-2 (.333)
Big Ten	4-3 (.571)
Big 12	10-9-1 (.525)
Mountain West	0-1 (.000)
Pac 10	7-1-1 (.833)
SEC	1-0 (1.000)
Independents	5-4 (.556)

**BCS National Championship**

Various Sites

**Record: Won 1, Lost 0**

2010 Alabama 37, Texas 21

**Outstanding Player Award**2010 Running Back Mark Ingram (Offense)  
Defensive Tackle Marcell Dareus (Defense)**The Orange Bowl**

Miami, Florida

**Record: Won 4, Lost 4**1943 Alabama 37, Boston College 21  
1953 Alabama 61, Syracuse 6  
1963 Alabama 17, Oklahoma 0  
1965 Texas 21, Alabama 17  
1966 Alabama 39, Nebraska 28  
1972 Nebraska 38, Alabama 6  
1975 Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11  
2000 Michigan 35, Alabama 34 (OT)**Outstanding Player Award**1963 Linebacker Lee Roy Jordan  
1965 Quarterback Joe Namath  
1966 Quarterback Steve Sloan  
1975 End Leroy Cook (Defense)**The Cotton Bowl**

Dallas, Texas

**Record: Won 3, Lost 4**1942 Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21  
1954 Rice 28, Alabama 6  
1968 Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16  
1973 Texas 17, Alabama 13  
1981 Alabama 30, Baylor 2  
1982 Texas 14, Alabama 12  
2005 Alabama 13, Texas Tech 10**Outstanding Player Award**1942 End Holt Rast, Tackle Don Whitmire,  
and Halfback Jimmy Nelson  
1981 Halfback Major Ogilvie and  
Middle Guard Warren Lyles  
1982 Linebacker Robbie Jones  
2005 Quarterback Brodie Croyle (Offense)  
Linebacker DeMeco Ryans (Defense)**The Sugar Bowl**

New Orleans, Louisiana

**Record: Won 8, Lost 5**1945 Duke 29, Alabama 26  
1948 Texas 27, Alabama 7  
1962 Alabama 10, Arkansas 3  
1964 Alabama 12, Mississippi 7  
1967 Alabama 34, Nebraska 7  
1973 Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23  
1975 Alabama 13, Penn State 6  
1978 Alabama 35, Ohio State 6  
1979 Alabama 14, Penn State 7  
1980 Alabama 24, Arkansas 9  
1990 Miami 33, Alabama 25  
1993 Alabama 34, Miami 13  
2009 Utah 31, Alabama 17**Outstanding Player Award**1962 Fullback Mike Fracchia  
1964 Field Goal Kicker Tim Davis  
1967 Quarterback Ken Stabler  
1975 Quarterback Richard Todd  
1978 Quarterback Jeff Rutledge  
1979 Linebacker Barry Krauss  
1980 Halfback Major Ogilvie  
1993 Tailback Derrick Lassic**The Rose Bowl**

Pasadena, California

**Record: Won 4, Lost 1, Tied 1**1926 Alabama 20, Washington 19  
1927 Alabama 7, Stanford 7  
1931 Alabama 24, Washington State 0  
1935 Alabama 29, Stanford 13  
1938 California 13, Alabama 0  
1946 Alabama 34, Southern Cal 14**Outstanding Player Award**1926 Back Johnny Mack Brown  
1927 Tackle Fred Pickhard  
1931 Back John Campbell  
1935 Back Millard "Dixie" Howell  
1946 Back Harry Gilmer**The Gator Bowl**

Jacksonville, Florida

**Record: Won 1, Lost 1**1968 Missouri 35, Alabama 10  
1993 Alabama 24, North Carolina 10**Outstanding Player Award**

1993 Quarterback Brian Burgdorf

**The Blockbuster Bowl**

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

**Record: Won 1, Lost 0**

1991 Alabama 30, Colorado 25

**Outstanding Player Award**

1991 Receiver/PR David Palmer

**The Liberty Bowl**

Philadelphia &amp; Memphis

**Record: Won 2, Lost 2**1959 Penn State 7, Alabama 0  
1969 Colorado 47, Alabama 33  
1976 Alabama 36, UCLA 6  
1982 Alabama 21, Illinois 15**Outstanding Player Award**1976 Linebacker Barry Krauss  
1982 Defensive Back Jeremiah Castille**The Bluebonnet Bowl**

Houston, Texas

**Record: Won 0, Lost 0, Tied 2**1960 Alabama 3, Texas 3  
1970 Alabama 24, Oklahoma 24**Outstanding Player Award**1960 Linebacker Lee Roy Jordan  
(Defensive Player)  
1970 Linebacker Jeff Rouzie  
(Defensive Player)**The Sun Bowl**

El Paso, Texas

**Record: Won 3, Lost 0**1983 Alabama 28, SMU 7  
1986 Alabama 28, Washington 6  
1988 Alabama 29, Army 28**Outstanding Player Award**1983 Quarterback Walter Lewis  
1983 Center Wes Neighbors  
1986 Linebacker Cornelius Bennett  
1988 Quarterback David Smith (Player)  
Linebacker Derrick Thomas (Lineman)**The Aloha Bowl**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**Record: Won 1, Lost 0**

1985 Alabama 24, Southern Cal 3

**Outstanding Player Award**1985 Linebacker Cornelius Bennett (Defense)  
1985 Halfback Gene Jelks (Offense)**The Citrus Bowl**

Orlando, Florida

**Record: Won 1, Lost 0**

1995 Alabama 24, Ohio State 17

**Outstanding Player Award**

1995 Tailback Sherman Williams (Offense)

**The Hall of Fame Bowl**

Tampa, Florida

**Record: Won 0, Lost 1**

1988 Michigan 28, Alabama 24

**The Fiesta Bowl**

Tempe, Arizona

**Record: Won 0, Lost 1**

1991 Louisville 34, Alabama 7

**The Music City Bowl**

Nashville, Tennessee

**Record: Won 0, Lost 2**1998 Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7  
2004 Minnesota 20, Alabama 16**The Outback Bowl**

Tampa, Florida

**Record: Won 1, Lost 0**

1997 Alabama 17, Michigan 14

**Outstanding Player Award**

1997 Linebacker Dwayne Rudd

**The Independence Bowl**

Shreveport, Louisiana

**Record: Won 2, Lost 1**2001 Alabama 14, Iowa State 13  
2006 Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 31  
2007 Alabama 30, Colorado 24**Co-Defensive Player Award**

2001 Strong Safety Wayne Bacon

**Outstanding Player Award**

2007 Quarterback John Parker Wilson

# Alabama Bowl Records

## TEAM RECORDS

### TOTAL OFFENSE

#### Most Plays

89 .....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
88 .....vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
88 .....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
86 .....vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
81 .....vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster  
80 .....vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty  
79 .....vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton  
79 .....vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar  
79 .....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange

#### Fewest Plays

44 .....vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet  
47 .....vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty  
51 .....vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton  
53 .....vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
56 .....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator  
57 .....vs. Minnesota 2004 Music City  
57 .....vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
57 .....vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton

#### Most Yards

586 .....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
521 .....vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
518 .....vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
507 .....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
460 .....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
436 .....vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar  
428 .....vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet  
420 .....vs. Texas Tech, 2005 Cotton  
399 .....vs. SMU, 1983 Sun  
389 .....vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
389 .....vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar

#### Fewest Yards

23 .....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator  
75 .....vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton  
103 .....vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar  
131 .....vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty  
155 .....vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet  
183 .....vs. California, 1938 Rose  
189 .....vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta  
194 .....vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar

#### Yards Per Play

7.4 .....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange

## RUSHING

### Most Rush Attempts

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

### Fewest Rush Attempts

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

### Most Yards Rushing

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

### Fewest Yards Rushing

-45 .....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator  
21 .....vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City  
31 .....vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar  
38 .....vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
41 .....vs. Texas, 1948 Sugar  
49 .....vs. Texas, 1965 Orange  
50 .....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City  
59 .....vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton  
62 .....vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange  
65 .....vs. Texas, 1960 Bluebonnet  
95 .....vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta  
95 .....vs. Army, 1988 Sun

### Most Touchdowns Rushing

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

### Yards Per Rush

6.35 .....vs. Southern California, 1946 Rose

### Fewest Touchdowns Rushing

0 .....most recent: vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

## PASSING

### Most Pass Attempts

52 .....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
44 .....vs. Texas, 1965 Orange  
43 .....vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
40 .....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
37 .....vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
36 .....vs. Minnesota 2004 Music City  
35 .....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City  
35 .....vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta  
33 .....vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence  
32 .....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence

### Fewest Pass Attempts

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

### Most Pass Completions

32 .....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
27 .....vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
23 .....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
22 .....vs. Minnesota 2004 Music City  
22 .....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
20 .....vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
20 .....vs. Texas, 1965 Orange  
19 .....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City  
19 .....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
18 .....vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence  
18 .....vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

### Fewest Pass Completions

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

### Most Passing Yards

412 .....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
317 .....vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
300 .....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
298 .....vs. Texas, 1966 Orange  
296 .....vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
279 .....vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar  
269 .....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
267 .....vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence  
256 .....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
243 .....vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City

### Fewest Passing Yards

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

### Most Touchdown Passes

3 .....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
3 .....vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster  
3 .....vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
3 .....vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet  
3 .....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange

**Fewest Touchdown Passes**

0, most recent: vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback

**Most Interceptions Thrown**

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

**Fewest Interceptions Thrown**

0,.....last: vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City

**Most Interception Return Yards**

88.....vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
 82.....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
 78.....vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty  
 64.....vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar  
 52.....vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar  
 51.....vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar

**Fewest Interception Return Yards**

0, most recent: vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

**Most Pass Interceptions**

7.....vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty (78 yards)  
 5.....vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar (34 yards)  
 4.....vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship  
 4.....vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar (64 yards)  
 3.....vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton (45 yards)  
 3.....vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar (50 yards)  
 3.....vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar (20 yards)

**PUNTING****Most Punts**

16.....vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton  
 10.....vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar  
 10.....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator  
 9.....vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
 9.....vs. Washington, 1986 Sun

**Fewest Punts**

1.....vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar  
 2.....vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty  
 3.....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
 4.....vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar  
 4.....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
 4.....vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
 4.....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
 4.....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
 4.....vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet  
 4.....vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar

**Most Punting Yards**

581.....vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton  
 419.....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator  
 412.....vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
 388.....vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar  
 324.....vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange  
 322.....vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta  
 310.....vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange

**Fewest Punting Yards**

33.....vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar  
 53.....vs. UCLA, 1976 Liberty  
 90.....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
 96.....vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
 141.....vs. Nebraska, 1967 Orange

**Best Punting Average**

46.5.....vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
 45.7.....vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
 45.5.....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
 45.2.....vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton  
 44.5.....vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar  
 43.4.....vs. Texas, 1965 Orange  
 43.3.....vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange  
 42.7.....vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton  
 42.5.....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame

**Worst Punting Average**

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

**PUNT RETURNS****Most Punt Returns**

6.....vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster  
 6.....vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
 6.....vs. Texas, 1965 Orange  
 5.....vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar  
 5.....vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange  
 5.....vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton  
 5.....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange

**Fewest Punt Returns**

0, most recent: vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback

**Most Punt Return Yards**

168.....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
 136.....vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange  
 108.....vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
 86.....vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence  
 74.....vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster  
 73.....vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar  
 64.....vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar  
 52.....vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar

**Fewest Punt Return Yards**

-3.....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City  
 0.....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
 0.....vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
 0.....vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta  
 0.....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator  
 2.....vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton  
 3.....vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton

**KICKOFF RETURNS****Most Kickoff Returns**

8.....vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty  
 6.....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City  
 6.....vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta  
 6.....vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
 5.....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
 5.....vs. Minnesota, 2004 Music City  
 5.....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
 5.....vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
 5.....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator

**Fewest Kickoff Returns**

0.....vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange  
 0.....vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty  
 1.....vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
 1.....vs. Washington, 1989 Sun  
 1.....vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar

**Most Kickoff Return Yards**

127.....vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty  
 119.....vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
 113.....vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet  
 101.....vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
 94.....vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
 89.....vs. Missouri, 1968 Gator

**Fewest Kickoff Return Yards**

0.....vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange  
 0.....vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty  
 9.....vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
 15.....vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar  
 16.....vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton  
 18.....vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar  
 19.....vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship

**FIRST DOWNS****Most Total First Downs**

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

**Fewest Total First Downs**

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

**Most First Downs by Rush**

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

**Fewest First Downs by Rush**

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

**Most First Downs by Passing**

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

**Fewest First Downs by Passing**

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

**Most First Downs by Penalty**

- 4.....vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
 4.....vs. Colorado, 1969 Liberty  
 3.....vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship  
 3.....vs. SMU, 1983 Sun  
 3.....vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton  
 3.....vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange

**Fewest First Downs by Penalty**

- 0, most recent: vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange

**FUMBLES****Most Fumbles**

- 10.....vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar  
 7.....vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty  
 6.....vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar  
 5.....vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton  
 5.....vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange  
 5.....vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange  
 5.....vs. Texas A&M, 1968 Cotton

**Fewest Fumbles**

- 0, most recent: vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar

**Most Fumbles Lost**

- 4.....vs. Rice, 1954 Cotton  
 4.....vs. Penn State, 1959 Liberty  
 3.....vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
 3.....vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty  
 3.....vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar  
 3.....vs. Arkansas, 1962 Sugar

**Fewest Fumbles Lost**

- 0, most recent: vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange

**PENALTIES****Most Penalties**

- 18.....vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
 11.....vs. Penn State, 1979 Sugar  
 10.....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City  
 10.....vs. Southern California, 1985 Aloha  
 8.....vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
 8.....vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
 8.....vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton  
 8.....vs. Oklahoma State, 2006 Independence

**Fewest Penalties**

- 1.....vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
 1.....vs. Texas, 1982 Cotton  
 1.....vs. Ohio State, 1978 Sugar  
 1.....vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange  
 1.....vs. Oklahoma, 1963 Orange

**Most Penalty Yards**

- 132.....vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
 94.....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City  
 93.....vs. Southern California, 1985 Aloha  
 89.....vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton  
 81.....vs. Texas A&M, 1942 Cotton

**QUARTERBACK SACKS****Most Sacks By Alabama**

- 7.....vs. Colorado, 1991 Blockbuster (33 yards)  
 5.....vs. Arkansas, 1980 Sugar (30 yards)  
 4.....vs. Virginia Tech, 1998 Music City (27 yards)  
 4.....vs. North Carolina, 1993 Gator (24 yards)  
 4.....vs. Louisville, 1991 Fiesta (32 yards)  
 4.....vs. Illinois, 1982 Liberty (16 yards)

**SCORING****Most Points**

- 61.....vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange

**Most Points in One Quarter**

- 24.....vs. Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship  
 22.....vs. Boston College, 1943 Orange  
 22.....vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose Bowl

**FIELD GOALS****Most Field Goal Attempts**

- 5.....vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar



Crimson Tide stars Jess Richardson (68), Tommy Lewis (42) and Bobby Marlow (32) enjoy the closing minutes of ninth-ranked Alabama's stunning 61-6 rout of 14th-ranked Syracuse in the 1953 Orange Bowl game on January 1, 1953, in Miami. The victory advanced the Tide's 1952 final record to 10-2 overall.

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS****MOST POINTS SCORED**

- 19 Bobby Luna vs. Syracuse, 1953 Orange  
(2 TDs, 7 PATs)  
18 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
(3 TDs)  
18 Bobby Humphrey vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
(3 TDs)

**RUSHING****Most Rushing Attempts**

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

**Most Yards Rushing**

- 166 Sherman Williams vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
161 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
159 Bobby Humphrey vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
149 Bobby Humphrey vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
138 Johnny Musso vs. Oklahoma, 1970 Bluebonnet

**Most Touchdowns Rushing**

- 3 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
2 most recent: Mark Ingram & Trent Richardson  
Texas, 2010 BCS National Championship

**Longest Rushing Touchdown**

- 67 Dixie Howell vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose  
64 Bobby Humphrey vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
50 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange  
49 Trent Richardson vs. Texas, 2010 BCS  
46 Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 1997 Outback  
43 Monk Campbell vs. Washington State, 1931 Rose

**PASSING****Most Pass Attempts**

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

**Most Pass Completions**

- 33 David Smith vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
27 Gary Hollingsworth vs. Miami, 1990 Sugar  
23 Jeff Dunn vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame

**Most Yards Passing**

- 412 David Smith vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
317 Jay Barker vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
296 Steve Sloan vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
269 Jeff Dunn vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame  
256 John Parker Wilson vs. Colorado,  
2007 Independence  
255 Joe Namath vs. Texas, 1965 Orange

**Best Completion Percentage**

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

**Longest Pass Completion**

- 61 Johnny Cain to John Suther vs. Washington,  
1931 Rose  
59 Dixie Howell to Don Hutson vs. Stanford,  
1935 Rose  
59 Grant Gillis to J.M. Brown vs. Washington,  
1926 Rose  
55 Ned Hayden to Griff Langston vs. Colorado,  
1969 Liberty  
55 Richard Todd to Ozzie Newsome  
vs. Penn State, 1975 Sugar

**RECEIVING****Most Receptions**

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

**Most Yards Receiving**

- 178 Ray Perkins vs. Nebraska, 1967 Sugar  
155 Sherman Williams vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
126 Russ Schamun vs. Notre Dame, 1975 Orange

**Most Touchdowns Receiving**

- 2 Don Hutson vs. Stanford, 1935 Rose  
2 Ray Perkins vs. Nebraska, 1966 Orange  
vs. Texas, 2010 BCSALL-PURPOSE YARDS

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

**\* NCAA Record****TOTAL OFFENSE**

- 382 David Smith (412 Pass, -30 Rush)  
vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
315 Jay Barker (317 Pass, -2 Rush)  
vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
296 Steve Sloan (296 Pass, 0 Rush)  
vs. Nebraska 1966 Orange  
280 John Parker Wilson (256 Pass, 24 Rush)  
vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
261 Jeff Dunn (269 Pass, -8 Rush)  
vs. Michigan, 1988 Hall of Fame

**KICKOFF RETURNS****Most Kickoff Returns**

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

**Most Kickoff Return Yards**

- 146 Sherman Williams vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar  
134 Javier Arenas vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar  
122 Steve Williams vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange

**Longest Kickoff Return**

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

**PUNT RETURNS****Most Returns**

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

**Most Punt Return Yards**

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

**Longest Punt Return**

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

**PUNTING****Most Punts**

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

**Most Punting Yards**

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

**Best Punting Average**

- 46.5 Hayden Stockton (6 for 279) vs. Michigan,  
1997 Outback  
46.3 Greg Gantt (6 for 278) vs. Notre Dame, 1973 Sugar  
45.7 Chris Mohr (9 for 412) vs. Washington, 1986 Sun  
45.5 Chris Mohr (4 for 182) vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
45.0 P.J. Fitzgerald (4 for 180) vs. Colorado,  
2007 Independence  
44.5 Bryne Diehl (6 for 267) vs. Miami, 1993 Sugar  
43.5 Greg Gantt (7 for 303) vs. Nebraska, 1972 Orange  
43.5 Daniel Pope (4 for 174) vs. Virginia Tech,  
1998 Music City

**FIELD GOALS****Most Field Goal Attempts**

- 5 Tim Davis vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar  
3 Leight Tiffin vs. Utah, 2009 Sugar  
3 Leigh Tiffin vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
3 Michael Proctor vs. Ohio State, 1995 Citrus  
3 Philip Doyle vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
3 Peter Kim vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton

**Most Field Goals Made**

- 4 Tim Davis vs. Mississippi, 1964 Sugar  
3 Leigh Tiffin vs. Colorado, 2007 Independence  
3 Philip Doyle vs. Army, 1988 Sun  
3 Peter Kim vs. Baylor, 1981 Cotton

**Longest Field Goal Made**

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

**INTERCEPTIONS****Most Interceptions**

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

**Longest Interception Return**

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



### The Rose Bowl

January 1, 1926  
Alabama 20, Washington 19

PASADENA, Calif. — 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 is still remembered as one of the all-time finest and the Tide victory brought new and permanent respect from all sections for Southern football.

Washington's great halfback, George Wilson, was everything he had been billed as being. He carried the ball for 134 yards, completed five passes for 77 yards and two touchdowns. But Alabama put him out of the game for 22 minutes with injuries and it was during those 22 minutes that the Crimson Tide scored all of its points.

Wilson missed the third quarter, and that's when Alabama scored its 20 points, all in seven minutes. First it was Pooley 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.

"All I had to do was sidestep one man and I was across," remembers Brown.

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

Washington scored a final time in the fourth quarter, but they couldn't overcome Bama's lead. And Alabama was off and running to bowl history.

Alabama	0	0	20	0	—	20
Washington	6	6	0	7	—	19

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Hubert (1, right guard), J.M. Brown 2 (59, pass from Gillis of 34, run of 25; 30, pass from Hubert of 27, run of 3). Points after touchdown: Buckler 2. **Washington** — Touchdowns: Patton (1, left tackle), Cole (20, pass from Wilson), Guttormsen (27, pass from Wilson of 17, run of 10). Point after touchdown: Cook.



### The Rose Bowl

January 1, 1927  
Alabama 7, Stanford 7

PASADENA, Calif. — Wallace Wade was invited to return with Alabama for the 1927 renewal after another perfect season. His great backs of 1925 were gone and he was not wealthy in reserves.

It was a team with some unusually colorful nicknames: for example, Lovely Barnes, Goofy Bowdoin, Snake Vines and Rosy Caldwell.

The bowl was packed with 57,417. Gross receipts were \$218,047 — the highest ever. Approximately \$100,000 was refunded.

Stanford scored first, George Bogue passed five yards to end Ed Walker, who ran the remaining 15 yards for a touchdown. Bogue then kicked the point after and Stanford held its 7-0 first quarter lead until the final period.

With just four minutes to go, Alabama blocked a Stanford punt with center Clarke (Babe) Pearce leaping through to deflect the ball. Alabama took over on the Stanford 14.

Into the game went 170-pound Jimmy Johnson at halfback. A dislocated shoulder had prevented him from playing much. First it was Wu Winslett getting three yards, then Johnson knifing forward for seven. Winslett smashed to the one. Then Johnson banged into right guard, the resistance crumpling under his charge. It was 7-6 now. A rush was coming up next.

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

The 7-7 game ended three plays later.

Alabama	0	0	0	7	—	7
Stanford	7	0	0	0	—	7

**Alabama** — Touchdown: Johnson (1, right guard). Point after touchdown: Caldwell.

**Stanford** — Touchdown: Walker (20, pass from Bogue of 5, run of 15). Point after touchdown: Bogue.



### The Rose Bowl

January 1, 1931  
Alabama 24, Washington St. 0

PASADENA, Calif. — This was Wallace Wade's last Alabama team before he left for Duke and it typified the personality of the coldly efficient strategist. Alabama crushed Washington State, 24-0, before 60,000.

Wade announced on New Year's Eve that he planned to start his second team. The writers were incredulous. But Wade, who felt Alabama was two touchdowns better, meant it and in fact did open with his second unit.

The Cougars held the upper hand most of the first quarter but didn't come close to scoring. Late in the period Wade inserted his first string and things began to pop.

After 13 straight plays on the ground, from its own 39, Bama's left end Jimmy Moore returned and sped into his own backfield. He received the ball from fullback John Cain, took a few more steps and spiraled a long pass downfield. Left halfback John (Flash) Suther, galloping at high speed, gathered it in smoothly on the Washington State 22. In a flash he was in the end zone.

Bama center Jess Eberdt intercepted a Cougar pass on the WSU 47. Moore again passed, hitting end Ben Smith on the Cougar one. Monk Campbell powered in for the score.

Lightning struck quickly the next time Alabama got the ball. Campbell, on a beautifully setup fake to Moore, shot through left guard. He wriggled free of a State man's clutches and bolted 43 yards to score. These 21 points had come within a stretch of six minutes of the second quarter.

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

Alabama	0	21	3	0	—	24
Washington St.	0	0	0	0	—	0

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Campbell 2 (1, right guard; 43, left guard). Suther (61, pass from Moore of 39, run of 22). Field goal: Whitworth (30, placekick). Point after touchdown: Campbell 3.



### The Rose Bowl

January 1, 1935  
Alabama 29, Stanford 13

PASADENA, Calif. — “Dixie Howell, the human howitzer from Hartford, Ala., blasted the Rose Bowl dreams of Stanford today with one of the greatest all-around exhibitions football has ever known,” was the lead written by all-time great Grantland Rice.

Alabama blasted Stanford, 29-13, with Howell teaming with the incomparable pass catching end, Don Hutson, to electrify the crowd of 84,474 with a 22-point second quarter outbreak.

In those 15 minutes Alabama amassed 150 yards on passes and another 106 on the ground. Howell himself gained 96 yards in the air on four completions to Hutson and three more to end Paul (Bear) Bryant. Dixie also ran 96 yards, including a sensational 67-yard spring for a touchdown.

Alabama had the ball for four plays in the first quarter and made four yards. Stanford recovered a Tide fumble on the 27 yard line and drove for a score with Bobby Grayson pounding right tackle for the final foot.

Howell scored from the five early in the second quarter to tie the game. Stanford, though, chose to kickoff to show Bama’s scoring was a fluke. On fourth down with the ball on the Stanford six, Hutson held while Riley Smith kicked a 22-yard field goal. Now it was 9-7, and Stanford kicked off again.

Two plays later Howell swung to his right and swerved for the sidelines. He ran 67 yards and the crowd was on its feet, agog at this masterly piece of running.

The Howell to Hutson battery was quiescent until the early part of the fourth quarter. From the Alabama 41 it struck. Don caught Dixie’s long spiral on the Stanford 30 and whizzed for his second touchdown.

When Howell left the field late in the game after a 52-yard punt, he had gained 111 yards running, 160 yards passing (nine completions in 12 attempts) and had punted six times for an average of 43.8 yards.

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

Alabama	0	22	0	7	—	29
Stanford	7	0	6	0	—	13

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Howell 2 (5, left guard; 67, right end). Hutson 2 (54, pass from Riley of 24, run of 30; 59, pass from Howell of 29, run of 30). Field goal: Smith (22, placekick). Points after touchdown: Smith 2.

**Stanford** — Touchdowns: Grayson (1, right tackle), Van Dellen (12, right end). Point after touchdown: Moscrip.



### The Rose Bowl

January 1, 1938  
California 13, Alabama 0

PASADENA, Calif. — Frank Thomas’ 1937 Alabama team was not one of his best, but none was better coached or accomplished quite so much with what it had.

The Crimson Tide experienced several close calls. Sandy Sanford literally kicked his team to Pasadena. In the game with Tulane, Sanford booted a late fourth-quarter field goal of 32 yards when Alabama had only six men on the line of scrimmage. The illegal formation was undetected by officials. The Tide won, 9-6. Sanford beat Vanderbilt 9-7 with another late-game field goal.

In the Rose Bowl, there was no opportunity for Sanford’s heroics. Alabama was subdued 13-0.

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

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

California punched over touchdown No. 1 to culminate a 63-yard 12-play land march. Alabama couldn’t check driving, brutal power smashes accompanied by paralyzing blocking. The Bears hammered out No. 2, pushing the Tide 48 yards in nine whacks in much the same fashion. No passes were thrown on this scoring sweep as well.

Alabama lost the ball on fumbles four times and suffered four pass interceptions. One scoring opportunity was muffed on the California one and another on the six, both on fumbles. The Bears tackled with crunching, stunning force.

“It was a heartbreaker,” said Alabama captain Leroy Monsky. “I still try to blank it from my mind.”

A check for \$104,129.94 from gross receipts of \$293,372.61 helped to ease some of the grief felt by the Alabama party.

California	0	7	6	0	—	13
Alabama	0	0	0	0	—	0

**California** — Touchdowns: Bottari 2 (3, right end; 5, right end). Point after touchdown: Chapman.



### The Cotton Bowl

January 1, 1942  
Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21

DALLAS, Texas — It wasn’t a very festive atmosphere, since most of the nation was thinking about World War II, but Alabama’s opportunist Crimson Tide whipped Texas A&M 29-21 under very bizarre circumstances.

The Tide made only one first down. A&M had 13. Bama picked up only 75 yards total offense, as opposed to 309 for the Aggies. The Tiders clicked on just one pass while A&M completed 13 and Bama ran just 32 plays as opposed to 79 by the Texans.

Yet the Tide led 29-7 midway in the fourth quarter, held off an Aggie rush at the end and wound up with one of the most amazing bowl wins ever.

The significant statistics were seven Alabama pass interceptions and five fumble recoveries, for a total of 12 turnovers against A&M.

A&M scored first, Chal Daniels passing to Bob Crowley. Later in the second quarter Daniels fumbled and Don Whitmire recovered on the Aggie 24. Jimmie Nelson passed to Holt Rast for 16. Two passes failed. On a no-shift play, Nelson reversed to Russ Craft for an eight-yard score.

In the third quarter Nelson returned a punt 72 yards to put Bama ahead. In the same quarter Nelson punted to Daniels who fumbled, with Sam Sharpe grabbing it for the Tide on the A&M 21. Nelson quickly scored, romping 21 yards around right end.

In the final period another A&M interception put Alabama in business on the Aggie 17. George Hecht wound up kicking a 31-yard field goal to make it 23-7.

Alabama’s final score was another unique play. A&M had the ball and Derece Moser passed, had it tipped into the hands of Holt Rast who jogged 10 yards into the end zone. It was 29-7. The Aggies scored twice in the fourth quarter to narrow the gap, but the alert Tidesmen won the only statistical battle that counted — the score.

Alabama	0	7	13	9	—	29
Texas A&M	0	7	0	14	—	21

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Craft (2, left end), Nelson 2 (72, punt return; 21, right end), Rast (10, intercepted pass by Moser, tipped by Webster). Field goal: Hecht (31, placekick). Points after touchdown: Hecht 2.

**Texas A&M** — Touchdowns: Crowley (18, pass from Daniels of 15, run of 8), Webster (1, right tackle), Sterling (43, pass from Moser, tipped by Nelson). Points after touchdown: Webster 3.





## The Orange Bowl

January 1, 1943  
Alabama 37, Boston College 21

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

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

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

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

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

The Boston press treated the game from an unbiased standpoint.

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

Alabama	0	22	6	9	—	37
Boston College	14	7	0	0	—	21

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Leeth (14, pass from Mosley of 9, run of 5), Cook (17, pass from August), Jenkins 2 (40, left end; 1, left guard), August (15, fake pass, right end). Field goal: Hecht (25, placekick). Points after touchdown: Hecht 2. Safety: Domnanovich tackled Connolly in end zone on play from Boston College 7.

**Boston College** — Touchdowns: Holovak 3 (65, left end, lateral from Doherty; 35, left end; 2, right guard). Points after touchdown: Connolly 3.



## The Sugar Bowl

January 1, 1945  
Duke 29, Alabama 26

NEW ORLEANS, La. — If you said the 1945 Sugar Bowl game was charged with drama every minute, it wouldn't be much of an exaggeration.

The lead changed four times. The outcome was uncertain until the last second. The heart-throbbing finish pulled 72,000 people out of their seats.

In the last analysis, it was the power and experience of Duke's Navy trainees that prevailed over Alabama's inspired wartime civilian group, 29-26.

Harry Gilmer hit the tough Duke line hard for important gains and made many tackles, personally downing the Blue Devil ball carrier after every kickoff.

One pass in particular stood out. Forced far back, Harry tripped over one Duke man. Two more Blue Devils got a piece of him. Suddenly, he broke loose for an instant, leaped high, and whipped the ball 41 yards to Ralph Jones, a big end.

In bowl history never has one so young performed so brilliantly.

On the last play he fired another long pass to Jones, who just missed going for a touchdown on a 33-yard gainer to Duke's 25.

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

Trailing 20-19 early in the 4th quarter, Alabama threw back the Blue Devils on the Tide 12. But they surged forward again, this time with Hugh Morrow intercepting a Cliff Lewis pass and running 75 yards for the score.

Duke took the kickoff and wasn't stopped until the goal line was a yard away.

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

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

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

**Duke** — Touchdowns: Clark 2 (14, fake pass, through the middle; 20, right tackle), Davis 2 (1, center plunge; 1, center plunge). Points after touchdown: Raether 3. Safety: Gilmer knelt in end zone intentionally on play from Alabama 1.

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Hodges 2 (1, plunge; 1, plunge), Jones (10, pass from Gilmer), Morrow (75, intercepted pass by Lewis). Points after touchdown: Morrow 2.



## The Rose Bowl

January 1, 1946  
Alabama 34, Southern California 14

PASADENA, Calif. — This was Alabama's sixth and final trip to the Rose Bowl and although the Crimson Tide had enjoyed great success against the West Coast powers, a lot of coast writers and fans always said, "but you've never played Southern Cal." You didn't hear much of that commentary after this one. Bama won, 34-14.

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

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

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

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

The great bowl victory assured Coach Thomas a place among the all-time greats. Captain Tom Whitley 15 years later remarked: "Coach Thomas' system would go today. He used innovations no scout could capture with notes and against which no defense could be surely set."

Alabama	7	13	7	7	—	34
Southern California	0	0	0	14	—	14

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Self 2 (1, sneak; 24, pass from Gilmer of 3, run of 21), Gilmer (1, left guard), Tew (2, left guard), Hodges (1, center). Points after touchdown: Morrow 4.

**Southern California** — Touchdowns: Adelman (20, pass from Lillywhite), Clark (Doornbos blocked Gryaska's punt from Alabama 28, recovered by Clark and run for touchdown). Points after touchdown: Lillywhite 2.



### The Sugar Bowl

January 1, 1948  
Texas 27, Alabama 7

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

Three years before, Gilmer, the Alabama sharpshooter, had heard the multitudes roar of applause in the Sugar Bowl. It was a far cry from the reaction of 72,000 fans who saw Texas thwart Gilmer and the Crimson Tide, 27-7, in 1948. He completed only three of his 11 passes and ran for a mere five yards.

Loudest cheers went to Texas quarterback Bobby Layne. He sent the ball a loft 24 times and made connections ten times for 183 yards. Ground attacks were virtually non-existent as Alabama rushed for 41 yards and Texas to 59.

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

The entire left side of the Longhorns' line swarmed into the backfield when Norman Mosley tried to punt from Alabama's 25 in the third quarter. Left tackle George Petrovich blocked the kick and left guard Vic Vasicek recovered in the end zone for a touchdown. Alabama appeared to wilt after that but displayed the heart to stall Texas drives twice within its 10. Then with six minutes left and the Tide gambling to tie or win, Gilmer was rushed hard and threw almost despairingly over oncoming Longhorns' upraised arms. End Lewis Holder intercepted Harry's soft, short, high pitch. He raced for the red flag at the corner of the field 18 yards away, just making it.

A few plays after that, Holder pounced on a Gilmer fumble five yards from another touchdown. Layne got this one on a sneak. The result was a shock to Alabama followers who expected the large senior contingent, stars of freshman and sophomore appearances in bowl games, to finish in the grand manner. Texas was faster, more powerful, and deserved to win.

Texas	7	0	7	13	—	27
Alabama	0	7	0	0	—	7

**Texas** — Touchdowns: Blount (5, pass from Layne), Vasicek (recovered ball in end zone after Petrovich blocked Mosley's punt from Alabama 25), Holder (18, intercepted pass by Gilmer), Layne (1, sneak). Points after touchdowns: Guess 3.

**Alabama** — Touchdown: White (8, pass from Gilmer). Point after touchdown: Morrow.



### The Orange Bowl

January 1, 1953  
Alabama 61, Syracuse 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bobby Marlow, who scored the Tide's second touchdown, was one of the finest running backs in Southeastern Conference history. In three years he gained 2,560 yards. That was 693 yards more than the next highest total in the conference in the 1950-59 period made by Billy Cannon of Louisiana State. But Marlow was not picked on the all-decade team in the conference.

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

Alabama	7	14	20	20	—	61
Syracuse	6	0	0	0	—	6

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Luna 2 (27, pass from Hobson; 38, right tackle), Marlow (1, left tackle), Tharp (50, pass from Hobson of 38, run of 12), Lewis 2 (1, center; 30, center), Cummings (22 pass from Starr), Ingram (80, punt return), Hill (60, intercepted pass by Stark). Points after touchdown: Luna 7.

**Syracuse** — Touchdown: Szombathy (15, pass from Stark of 7, run of 8).



### The Cotton Bowl

January 1, 1954  
Rice 28, Alabama 6

DALLAS, Texas — A crestfallen player sorrowfully trudged off the field.

"I'm too emotional," he told a reporter. "I kept telling myself, 'I didn't do it. I didn't do it.' But I knew I had.

"I'm just too full of 'Bama. He just ran too close. I know I'll be hearing about this the rest of my life."

What Tommy Lewis, Alabama fullback, had done before 75,504 spectators in the 1954 Cotton Bowl game was the nearest thing to the wrong-way run by Roy Riegels 25 years before.

Rice was leading, 7-6, midway in the second quarter. The Owls were in possession on their own 5. UA had just muffed a scoring opportunity.

Left halfback Dickie Moegle's signal was called. Taking a hand-off from quarterback LeRoy Fenstermaker, he turned right end as his blockers did their job efficiently and headed for the Alabama goal line.

As Moegle approached midfield near the sidelines in front of the Alabama bench, it appeared no player could stop him. No one, that is, except Lewis, who was on the bench, and suddenly ran onto the field barehanded, and threw his body into Moegle's legs. Moegle was felled on Alabama's 41. Referee Cliff Shaw awarded a touchdown to Rice. Moegle was credited with a 95-yard run.

Although Tide coach Harold (Red) Drew said the Lewis incident had no demoralizing effect on his team, the Southeastern Conference champions were never the same again. A letdown was evident. Rice went on to smash Alabama, 28-6.

It was Lewis who plunged the final foot for a touchdown on a 47-yard advance in the first quarter.

Rice went ahead on Moegle's 79-yard scamper followed by Fenstermaker's extra point. Dick scurried 34 yards for another touchdown in the third period. He gained 265 yards of his team's whopping 379 rushing. He carried the ball only 11 times, averaging 24.1 yards. After this game Moegle held four Cotton Bowl records and three all-time major bowl records.

Rice	0	14	7	7	—	28
Alabama	6	0	0	0	—	6

**Rice** — Touchdowns: Moegle 3 (79, right tackle; 95, right end; 34, right end), Grantham (7, right tackle). Points after touchdown: Fenstermaker, 3; Burk, 1.

**Alabama** — Touchdown: Lewis (1, center plunge).



## The Liberty Bowl

December 19, 1959  
Penn State 7, Alabama 0

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Perhaps it was fitting that this was the 13th bowl appearance by an Alabama team. Penn State bested Alabama, 7-0, before 36,211 frigid spectators. But it was the start of something that ran for 24 straight years — that of Paul William (Bear) Bryant taking an Alabama team bowling.

“We weren’t a real strong team,” says Bryant, “but that team would hit you. We had the makings of something good a couple of years later and it was important for them to get started in the bowl business.”

The play that beat Alabama was one that Penn State coach Rip Engle put in just two days before the game. It was a fake field goal, quickly sprung and well executed, as the clock ran out ending the first half.

A 20-mile-an-hour gale held up punts all afternoon and Tommy White’s punt just before halftime went only three yards. With the ball on Alabama’s 18, second-down and six yards to go, Penn State went into field goal formation without huddling. Quarterback Galen Hall knelt on the 25. Guard Sam Stelatella stood ready to kick. Hall took a high snap, rose and rolled to his right. Roger Kochman took the pass near the 20 and bolted for the goal line, charging behind a convoy of teammates. He was tripped near the end zone but fumbled it in.

“We were fortunate not to be beaten by four or five touchdowns,” said Bryant. “We just got a good sound thrashing.”

Penn State	0	7	0	0	—	7
Alabama	0	0	0	0	—	0

**Penn State** — Touchdown: Kochman (18, screen pass from Hall). Point after touchdown: Stelatella.



## The Bluebonnet Bowl

December 17, 1960  
Alabama 3, Texas 3

HOUSTON, Texas — A unique field-goal stand-off, something new in big league bowl action, left 68,000 fans neither happy nor hurt as Texas and Alabama fought to a 3-3 tie in the 1960 Bluebonnet Bowl defensive struggle.

It was a strange contest from this standpoint, too: if the Longhorns of Texas had won, they would have done so on a play that began after time had officially expired.

End Tommy Brooker kicked a 30-yard field goal to put Alabama in the lead in the third quarter when a drive stalled on the Texas 13.

Dan Petty, a third-team tackle, booted the equalizer. He kicked it from the 10. The play started on Alabama’s 3. There were three minutes, 44 seconds remaining.

With 28 seconds to go, Texas took possession of the ball on its 48. An Alabama pass, thrown on fourth down, was complete. But it failed to make the required yardage. No doubt existed about what Texas would do.

The Crimson Tide secondary defense broke up Johnny Genung’s first long fling. Alabama’s Leon Fuller and Texas end Bob Moses both jumped for Genung’s second lengthy throw. The big clock’s second half stopped at zero. Part of the crowd flocked onto the field thinking the game had ended. But a handkerchief had been dropped. Interference was called against Fuller. Since a game cannot end on a penalty, Texas was awarded another play.

The ball was placed on Alabama’s 18. It would be a field-goal try, of course, and from the 25 Petty missed it wide left.

Earlier — late in the first quarter, Bobby Skelton tossed a look-in pass to end Bill Rice, who took it on the Texas 40 and ran to the seven before David Russell overhauled him. It was a 49-yard run.

On third down from the three, Skelton cut in at left tackle. Millions watching on television thought he had carried the ball across the goal line before being halted. So did many at the game.

“I was in there,” Skelton said. “I had chalk all over my jersey when I got up.”

A moment later, fullback Bobby Richardson was stopped within an inch or two of scoring.

“Naturally, we all were hoping that last kick by Petty would go through,” said Texas coach Darrell Royal. “But it would have been a shame to win it that way. I think the score was indicative of the comparative strength of the two teams.”

Alabama	0	0	3	0	—	3
Texas	0	0	0	3	—	3

**Alabama** — Field goal: Brooker (30, placekick).  
**Texas** — Field goal: Petty (20, placekick)



## The Sugar Bowl

January 1, 1962  
Alabama 10, Arkansas 3

NEW ORLEANS, La. — There were late season rumors that the Rose Bowl might relent on its tie-up with the Big Ten and invite Alabama to play in Pasadena. Tide fans couldn’t wait.

The Crimson Tide team, too, was hopeful, but the call never came from Pasadena, and Alabama’s Bear Bryant took his undefeated National Championship team to New Orleans to face a tough Arkansas team. The Tide barely escaped with a 10-3 victory.

Starting a drive on its own 21, Alabama fullback Mike Fracchia, a high stepper with terrific drive, burst through two tacklers’ arms and sped 43 yards to the Arkansas 12 before being halted. Pat Trammell carried the ball on the next play, rolling wide to the left and through tackle. As teammates obliterated all opposition, Trammell ran unhindered into the end zone.

Placekick specialist Tim Davis toed a 32-yard field goal in the second quarter. A fumble, a missed field goal try and a holding penalty after a successful third quarter effort by the Tide kicking expert thwarted other penetrations.

Mickey Cissell got the Razorbacks on the scoreboard in the third quarter with a 23-yard placement.

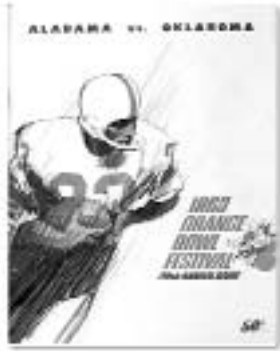
Late in the game standout halfback Lance Alworth had a touchdown pass trickle off his fingertips that might have turned the game around.

Bryant was proud of his team. “Regardless of who was coaching them, they still would have been a great team. I said early in the season that they were the nicest, even the sissiest bunch I’d ever had. I think they read it, because later on they got unfriendly.”

Alabama allowed only 22 points and didn’t allow their goal line to be crossed in the last seven games.

Alabama	7	3	0	0	—	10
Arkansas	0	0	3	0	—	3

**Alabama** — Touchdown: Trammell (12, left tackle). Point after touchdown: Davis. Field goal: Davis (32, placekick).  
**Arkansas** — Field goal: Cissell (23, placekick).



### The Orange Bowl

January 1, 1963  
Alabama 17, Oklahoma 0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lee Roy Jordan was as fine a linebacker as ever played in the South. Perhaps nobody else in college football in 1962 had his almost instinctive ability to seek out the ball carrier so quickly and bring him down so abruptly. It is doubtful if Bryant ever praised a player quite as much.

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

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

Alabama	7	7	3	0	—	17
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	—	0

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Williamson (25, pass from Namath), Clark (15, left end). Points after touchdown: Davis 2. Field goal: Davis (19, placekick).



### The Sugar Bowl

January 1, 1964  
Alabama 12, Ole Miss 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Everyone knew that this wasn't just an ordinary Sugar Bowl game. It snowed on the eve of the game and that was just the first of some unusual occurrences.

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

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

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

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

In the final quarter the Tide defense stopped the Rebels on its two, nine and 28-yard lines to show that its defense came ready to play.

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

**Alabama** — Field goals: Tim Davis (31, 46, 22, 48 yards).  
**Ole Miss** — Touchdown: Smith (5-yard Dunn pass). Point after touchdown: Irwin (kick).



### The Orange Bowl

January 1, 1965  
Texas 21, Alabama 17

MIAMI, Fla. — Gimpy legged Joe Namath put on one heckuva show and almost pulled a victory out of the fire, but the Texas Longhorns rose up to stop Namath inches short of the goal line late in the game and held on to win, 21-17, over the national champion Crimson Tide team.

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

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

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

Texas got a couple of breaks for its next score just before halftime. The Longhorns were seemingly stopped and went for a field goal. Creed Gilmer raced through to block it, David Ray recovered for the Tide and rambled three yards before fumbling. Texas recovered to regain possession. On the next play Hudson went back to pass, and was dumped by Jim Simmons for a loss but on the play Alabama was guilty of holding a receiver downfield and it gave the Horns a first down on the Tide 13. Three plays later Koy went around right end from the one and it was 21-7 at halftime.

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

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

Alabama	0	7	7	3	—	17
Texas	7	14	0	0	—	21

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Trimble (7-yard Namath pass), Perkins (20-yard Namath pass). Field goal: David Ray (26-yards). Points after touchdown: Ray 2.

**Texas** — Touchdowns: Koy 2 (79-yard run, 1-yard run), Sauer (69-yard Hudson pass). Points after touchdown: Conway 3.



**The Orange Bowl**  
January 1, 1966  
Alabama 39, Nebraska 28

MIAMI, Fla. — Alabama's cobra-quick Crimson Tide found out just before game time that a victory over Nebraska's big Cornhuskers would mean a second straight National Championship, since upsets earlier that day had set this game up as the National Title playoff.

Striking with daring aggressiveness against the much larger Big Eight power, Alabama won 39-28, but the game really wasn't as close as the final score. Bama ran 86 plays to just 43 for the Huskers. It outgained Nebraska 518 to 377 in total offense and Bama's great quickness and speed were just too much.

Tom Somerville recovered a Nebraska fumble at the Bama 39 early in the game and in seven plays Bama was on the scoreboard, the payoff being a 21-yard pass from Steve Sloan to Ray Perkins.

Bob Churchich passed to Tony Jeter for a 33-yard TD in the second quarter to tie it at 7-7, but Bama promptly marched 89 yards to score, with Les Kelley ripping over from the four. Shortly afterward Sloan hit Perkins with an 11-yard scoring aerial. The Tide then used the onside kick, recovered by Vernon Newbill, and moved to the Nebraska two when time almost ran out before David Ray could kick an 18-yard field goal and make it 24-7 at halftime.

Nebraska scored early in the third quarter, Churchich passing to Ben Gregory for a 49-yard score. Bama marched right back, though, with Steve Bowman cracking over from the one, then Sloan passed to Perkins for two points and it was 32-13. Churchich sneaked over from the one on the first play of the final quarter and it was 32-20.

Bowman got the next Tide touchdown with a three-yard run, Ray kicked and it was 39-20. Nebraska scored with 2:50 left when Jeter gathered in a 14-yard Churchich pass and Churchich passed to Gregory for a two-point PAT, making the final tally, 39-28, and with the victory the National Championship for the Crimson Tide.

Alabama	7	17	8	7	—	39
Nebraska	0	7	6	15	—	28

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Perkins 2 (21 and 11 yard passes from Sloan), Kelley (4-yard rush), Bowman 2 (1 and 1-yard rushes). Field goal: Ray (18 yards). Points after touchdowns: Ray 4 (kicks), Perkins (pass from Sloan).

**Nebraska** — Touchdowns: Jeter 2 (33 and 14-yard Churchich passes), Gregory (49 yard Churchich pass), Churchich (1-yard rush). Points after touchdown: Wachholtz 2 (kicks), Gregory (Churchich pass).



**The Sugar Bowl**  
January 2, 1967  
Alabama 34, Nebraska 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. — It was billed as a classic rematch, Alabama vs. Nebraska, after the Crimson Tide had whipped the Cornhuskers, 39-28, the year before in Miami and won the national championship in so doing.

The 1966 season found Alabama unbeaten in 10 straight games, but frustrated at the polls since Notre Dame and Michigan State had battled to a 10-10 tie and were 1-2 in the ratings.

When Alabama got through with Nebraska this day, though, it went down in history as the finest performance anyone had seen. Alabama completely thrashed a good Nebraska team, 34-7.

"This was the greatest college team I've ever seen," said Bama's Bear Bryant afterwards. Nebraska's Bob Devaney certainly didn't argue.

On the first play from scrimmage Kenny Stabler faded back and lofted a strike to streaking Ray Perkins and it was a 45-yard gain to the Husker 27. Seven plays later big Les Kelley bulled his way into the end zone. The second time Bama had the ball, Stabler hit Perkins for a nine-yard gainer, then flipped to him again for a 42-yard gain to the Nebraska 20. After Stabler had connected to Dennis Homan for six yards, the crafty signal caller rolled out and sprinted 14-yards to score.

Before the first quarter was over Charlie Harris recovered a fumble at the 39 and Steve Davis kicked a 30-yard field goal making it 17-0. The Tide took over early in the second quarter and marched 71 yards in 10 plays with Wayne Trimble scoring from the six, making it 24-0.

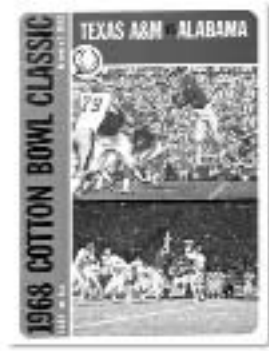
Then in the third quarter another Davis field goal from 40 yards out, pushed it to 27-0. Game Nebraska, hitting harder as the game wore on, scored early in the fourth quarter when Bob Churchich passed to Dick Davis for a 15-yard touchdown.

Moments later, however, Stabler and Perkins renewed their act and the result was a 45-yard touchdown pass play. Stabler hit 12 of 17 passes for 218 yards, gained 40 more on the ground and was the MVP with Perkins a close second.

Alabama	17	7	3	7	—	34
Nebraska	0	0	0	7	—	7

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Kelley (1-yard rush), Stabler (14-yard rush), Trimble (6-yard rush), Perkins (45-yard Stabler pass). Points after touchdown: Davis 4 (kicks). Field goals: Davis 2 (30 and 40 yards).

**Nebraska** — Touchdowns: Davis (15-yard Churchich pass). Point after touchdown: Wachholtz (kick).



**The Cotton Bowl**  
January 1, 1968  
Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16

DALLAS, Texas — It was cold, drizzly and wet in the Cotton Bowl and Texas A&M took advantage of five Crimson Tide turnovers to upset Bama, 20-16, with Coach Gene Stallings' Aggies winning the pupil vs. teacher matchup.

Alabama drove 80 yards in the first quarter with QB Kenny "Snake" Stabler going over from the three to put the Tide out front first. A&M intercepted a Stabler pass later in the period to set up the Aggie tying score. Edd Hargett passed 13 yards to Larry Stegent for the score.

On the first play of the second quarter Steve Davis booted a 36-yard field goal to give Bama its final lead of the day at 10-7. With just 16 seconds left on the first half clock, Hargett hit Tommy Maxwell with a seven-yard pass to put A&M out front, 13-10, at intermission.

It didn't take long for the A&M lead to push to 20-10 as the Aggies drove 52 yards in six plays with big Wendall Housley going over from the three.

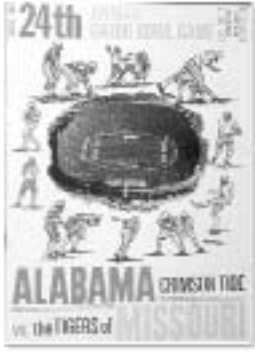
But the Tide wasn't through. It took the kickoff and drove 83 yards in just nine plays, with Stabler racing over from the seven yard line. Bama tried to run for two points, but it failed and A&M led 20-16.

Time and time again in the fourth quarter Alabama threatened but the Aggies defense kept the Tide at bay. With just seconds left a Stabler pass was stolen by Curley Hallman, a youngster who grew up just across the river from Tuscaloosa in Northport. That sealed the Aggie victory.

Alabama	7	3	6	0	—	16
Texas A&M	7	6	7	0	—	20

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Stabler 2 (3 and 7 yards). Point after touchdown: Davis (kick). Field goal: Davis (36 yards).

**Texas A&M** — Touchdowns: Stegent (13-yard Hargett pass), Maxwell (7-yard Hargett pass), Housley (3-yard run). Points after touchdown: Riggs 2 (kick).



### The Gator Bowl

December 28, 1968  
Missouri 35, Alabama 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — It was a close game for three quarters, but when the fourth period rolled around Missouri's powerful Tigers pushed home three touchdowns and routed Alabama, 35-10, before 68,011 in the 24th annual Gator Bowl.

It was the worst beating a Bryant coached Alabama team had ever suffered and the statistics tell the story.

Bama had minus 45 yards rushing and a total offense of just 23 yards. Missouri banged out 402 yards rushing, but didn't complete a single pass although it really wasn't necessary. Alabama made just six first downs to 21 for the Big Eight Tigers.

Missouri scored the first time they had the ball, driving 71 yards in 11 plays with Terry McMillan scoring from the four. Alabama tied it at 7-7 in the second quarter when Donnie Sutton intercepted a McMillan pass and raced 38-yards for the Bama score. Late in the second quarter the Tigers drove 55 yards in 13 plays, with McMillan going over from the five. A roughing the kicker penalty against the Tide kept Missouri's drive going, but at halftime it was 14-7, Missouri, and stayed that way going into the final period.

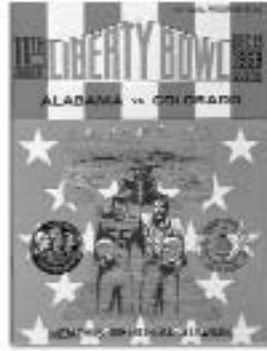
Mike Dean connected on a 25-yard field goal early in the final period to pull the Tide within striking distance, but a Missouri interception put the Tigers in business on the Bama 21 and it took six plays for McMillan to sweep over from the two, making it 21-10.

After the Tiger defense pushed Bama back to its eight, a bad Alabama punt put the ball on the Tide 36. Greg Cook raced in for a score. Alabama tried to go to the air and get back in contention, but Dennis Poppe snared one for the Tigers and sprinted 46 yards to close out the scoring and make it 35-10.

Alabama	0	7	0	3	—	10
Missouri	7	7	0	21	—	35

**Alabama** — Touchdown: Sutton (38-yard pass interception). Point after touchdown: Dean (kick). Field goal: Dean (28 yards).

**Missouri** — Touchdowns: McMillan 3 (4, 5 and 2 yard rushes), Cook (36-yard rush), Poppe (47-yard interception). Points after touchdown: Sangster 5 (kick).



### The Liberty Bowl

December 13, 1969  
Colorado 47, Alabama 33

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The enthusiastic Liberty Bowl people wanted an offensive football game to enhance its reputation and brother did they get it when they matched Colorado and Alabama.

Colorado won, 47-33, in a wild one, with everyone scoring for CU but "Ralphie," its Buffalo mascot. The Big Eight school scored on the opening drive, Ward Walsh blasting over from the 13 after driving 80 yards in eight plays. Later in the quarter Dave Haney kicked a 30-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

Then it went to 17-0 as power running Bob Anderson barged over from four yards out to cap an 80-yard march in just eight plays.

But the Tide got in a few surprises of its own, the payoff being pass minded Scott Hunter dashing 31 yards on a sneak to make it 17-7. Later in the quarter George Ranager took a pitchout and got a key block from Johnny Musso to score from the six and it was 17-13, as Bama went for two and failed.

But it took the Buffaloes only six plays to score again. Walsh popping over from the 15. Alabama wasn't finished, however, and drove 72 yards in seven plays to score, Musso going in from the two. Again the Tide went for two and failed, but it was 24-19 with just 46 seconds left in the first half.

Jim Duke's kickoff was fielded by Bob Mastern on the Buffs nine, with Mastern handing off to Steve Engle and he sped 91 yards to score and make it 31-19 at the half. Alabama received to open the second half, then with second and 10 from its 45, Neb Hayden arched a long pass to Griff Langston who gathered it in and raced home to score, to make it 31-26.

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

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

Then with time running out and trying to make a last ditch stand, Alabama went for it on fourth and 18 from its own 18 and could not convert. Colorado then marched down the field and Anderson went over from the three with just 45 seconds left to make it a 47-33 final.

Alabama	0	19	14	0	—	33
Colorado	10	21	0	16	—	47

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Hunter (31-yard run), Ranager (6-yard run), Musso 2 (2-yard run and 10-yard Hayden pass), Langston (55-yard Hayden pass). Points after touchdown: Buck 3 (kick).

**Colorado** — Touchdowns: Anderson 3 (4, 2 and 3-yard runs), Walsh 2 (13 and 15-yard runs), Engel (91-yard kickoff return). Points after touchdown: Haney 6 (kicks). Field goal: Haney (30 yards). Safety: Brundidge and Orvis tackled Hayden in end zone.



### The Bluebonnet Bowl

December 31, 1970  
Alabama 24, Oklahoma 24

HOUSTON, Texas — Two offensive-minded football squads battled to a 24-24 deadlock in Houston's famed Astrodome in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl as Alabama and Oklahoma fought tooth-and-nail down to the wire.

There was a total of 843 yards total offense in the game, showing that defense just wasn't anything to write home about, although both teams did make some key stops along the way.

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

Bama was within the shadows of Oklahoma's goal, only to have an interception kill a drive. The Sooners got a 58-yard scoring play out of swift-moving Greg Pruitt to go on top, 14-7.

Then it went to 21-7, as Pruitt got a key block from Wylie and dashed 25 yards to score after a Bama field goal attempt was no good. With just 14 seconds left before halftime, Hunter hit David Bailey with a five-yard scoring pass and it was 21-14, Oklahoma, at halftime.

In the third quarter Richard Ciemny kicked a 20-yard field goal to narrow it to 21-17. Then came the big fourth quarter. With 7:36 left, fourth down from the Sooner 25, Johnny Musso took a handoff and started wide to his right. He stopped, fired a left-handed pass back to quarterback Hunter and it caught the Okies napping, with Hunter making a dash for his life to score. Alabama led, 24-21.

With only 59 seconds left, OU field goal specialist Bruce Derr hit on a 42-yard attempt to tie the game at 24-24. But Alabama had one last shot. Oklahoma tried an onside kick, but it didn't go anywhere and the Tide had it at the OU 40. Musso broke loose for 21 yards to the 19. Dave Brungard got two yards, then Hunter was hit for a yard loss, and with just five seconds left Bama called time out. Ciemny lined up for a 34-yard field goal try that would win the game, only to have John Shelley get a hand on it and deflect the attempt to preserve the tie.

Alabama	7	7	3	7	—	24
Oklahoma	7	14	0	3	—	24

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Moore (4-yard Hunter pass), Bailey (5-yard Hunter pass), Hunter (25-yard Musso pass). Points after touchdown: Ciemny 3 (kick). Field goal: Ciemny (20 yards).

**Oklahoma** — Touchdowns: Pruitt 2 (58 and 25-yard runs), Wylie (2-yard run). Points after touchdown: Derr 3 (kicks). Field goal: Derr (42 yards).



## The Orange Bowl

January 1, 1972  
Nebraska 38, Alabama 6

MIAMI, Fla. — It was billed as the National Championship game, Nebraska ranked first and Alabama second, but the Cornhuskers quickly salted away not only the game but the national title with a 38-6 victory which was greatly aided by a mistake-laden Crimson Tide.

Nebraska scored late in the first quarter after a fumbled punt snap by Bama gave the Huskers possession at the Bama 47. Jeff Kinney ripped off tackle for the score.

Then swift-moving Johnny Rodgers returned a Tide punt 77 yards to make it 14-0, and before you could ask "who?" the Tide fumbled the kickoff and Nebraska had it on the Tide 27. Jerry Tagge kept for the score, making it 21-0, as the wall tumbled down on Bama.

Moments later it was a fumble-fingered Alabama team that again coughed up the ball on its own four and Gary Dixon quickly scored to send the scoreboard to 28-0, still midway in the second quarter.

The Tide settled down, but found it couldn't pass from the new wishbone-T. Finally Terry Davis went over from the three in the third quarter to cut the score to 28-6. Rich Sanger kicked a 21-yard field goal to make it 31-6 at the end of the third quarter, and then Van Brownson scored from the one after a Nebraska interception, to close out the scoring at 38-6.

Stats on the game were reasonably close, but the score wasn't and it was a long trip home for the 16,000 Crimson Tide fans.

Alabama	0	0	6	0	—	6
Nebraska	14	14	3	7	—	38

**Alabama** — Touchdown: Davis (3-yard run), PAT: run failed.

**Nebraska** — Touchdowns: Kinney (2-yard run), Rodgers (77-yard punt return), Tagge (1-yard run), Dixon (2-yard run), Brownson (1-yard run). Field goal: Sanger (21 yards). PAT: Sanger kicked three, Damkoger one pass from Tagge.



## The Cotton Bowl

January 1, 1973  
Texas 17, Alabama 13

DALLAS, Texas — The "battle of the wishbones" found Texas storming from behind in the fourth quarter to capture a 17-13 decision on a cold and blustery day in which the Crimson Tide was unable to get it together on offense.

Following Steve Wade's interception Gregg Gantt kicked a Cotton Bowl record 50-yard field goal.

After an exchange of punts, Wade grabbed his second interception of the young game and raced 42 yards to the Texas 31. On the first play, Wilbur Jackson took a pitch wide to the right and behind Joe LaBue's springing block, cruised untouched for the touchdown and Bill Davis quickly added the extra point to make it 10-0.

Texas drove down for a field goal of 24-yards by Billy "Sure" Schott and then with just eight seconds until intermission, Bill Davis banged through a 30-yard three-pointer for Bama to push its halftime lead to 13-3.

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

Alabama reeled off a dazzling fourth quarter drive from its 20 to the Texas 34, where on first down, Terry Davis went for broke and tried to hit Wayne Wheeler with a TD pass, only to have Terry Melancon intercept for a touchback.

Texas, going to the air behind Lowry, marched to the Tide 34, from where Lowry bootlegged the final 34 yards, tightwalking the sidelines for the winning touchdown. Schott's kick made it 17-13.

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

Alabama	10	3	0	0	—	13
Texas	0	3	7	7	—	17

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Jackson (31-yard run). Point after touchdown: Bill Davis (kick). Field goals (50-yards and Cotton Bowl record), Bill Davis (30-yards).

**Texas** — Touchdowns: Lowry 2 (3 yard run and 34 yard run). Point after touchdown: Schott 2 (kick). Field goals: Schott (24 yards).



## The Sugar Bowl

December 31, 1973  
Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23

NEW ORLEANS, La. — It was the first ever meeting between two giants of college football and the game was promoted so heavily even the fans involved got tired of all the advance publicity. It was THE GAME of all time in a lot of ways, and it certainly lived up to every inch of newspaper space and moment of radio-TV air time.

Notre Dame won, 24-23, in one of the truly all-time classics of college football. It had everything you could want in a football game and Notre Dame vaulted from third in the AP to first. Alabama had finished first in both polls in the regular season and remained the UPI champ.

Seldom do games live up to all the advance and frenzied billing. Just like most Super Bowl games are dull. But when Ara Parseghian of Notre Dame and Bear Bryant of Alabama unleashed two of the finest college teams of modern history onto the Sugar Bowl's soggy artificial turf, this game caught the fancy of the entire football world.

Big plays abounded. Alabama could have put it away in the third quarter, but couldn't deliver the knockout punch. Notre Dame ran a kickoff back for a touchdown, a real no-no in this type of encounter. Alabama had a controversial play develop when Notre Dame roughed the Tide kicker in the waning moments of the game, but it was controversial only in that the TV announcers blew the call. The 15-yard penalty would not have given Bama a first down and Bryant elected to let Notre Dame have the ball backed up on their own two yard line.

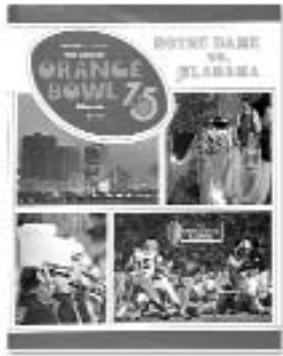
But millions of people listening and watching on TV didn't know it wasn't an automatic first down, as it is in pro football. As a result, Bryant received literally thousands of letters and wires about the decision.

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

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

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Billingsley (6-yard rush), Jackson (5-yard rush), Todd (25-yard pass from Stock). Point after touchdown: Davis, 2 kick. Field goal: Davis, 39-yards.

**Notre Dame** — Touchdowns: Bullock (1-yard rush), Hunter (93-yard kickoff return), Penick (12-yard rush). Point after touchdown: Clements to Demmerle pass, Thomas kick. Field goal: Thomas, 19-yards.



### The Orange Bowl

January 1, 1975  
Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11

MIAMI, Fla. — Notre Dame once again proved to be the spoiler for Alabama's national championship dreams, as the underdog Fighting Irish upset the Crimson Tide, 13-11, and jerked the throne rug right out from under Coach Bear Bryant's team.

Alabama was ranked first in the nation in the UPI poll and second in AP going into the game, with Notre Dame being eighth and ninth. A year before when the two had met with Sugar Bowl as the setting, Notre Dame won, 24-23, and vaulted to the national title. This time all it did was ruin Bama's chance, and give retiring coach Ara Parseghian a retirement gift.

Neither team had much offense, as the defense dominated. Alabama's Willie Shelby fumbled a punt in the first quarter and gave the Irish the ball on the Tide 16. In five plays Wayne Bullock scored from the four.

It went to 13-0 early in the second quarter when Notre Dame put together a 77-yard drive in 17 plays with Mark McLane scoring from the nine, after a Tide penalty had kept the drive alive. Then a Notre Dame fumble gave the Bama team a chance from the Irish 40, but all the Tide could get was a field goal by Danny Ridgeway of 21 yards and it was 13-3 at halftime. The score remained the same going into the fourth quarter.

Then after a good Shelby punt return, Richard Todd found Russ Schamun on a 48-yard touchdown pass play. Todd then threw to George Pugh for a two-point conversion to narrow it to 13-11.

With 1:39 left, Alabama got a chance from its own 38. Todd to Schamun for 16, then to Randy Billingsley for eight to the Irish 38, but Reggie Barnett grabbed off the next Todd effort and iced the game for the Irish.

Alabama's Leroy Cook was the defensive stand-out, although Ronnie Robertson led in tackles. Bama had more total offense, 285 to 204, but had four turnovers. Todd hit 13 of 24 passes, six of them to freshman Ozzie Newsome for 68 yards and five to Schamun for 126 yards.

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

Alabama	0	3	0	8	—	11
Notre Dame	7	6	0	0	—	13

**Alabama** — Touchdown: Schamun (48-Todd pass). PAT — Todd pass to Pugh, two points. FG — Ridgeway, 21 yards.  
**Notre Dame** — Touchdowns: Bullock (4-rush), McLane (9-rush). PAT — Reeve one of two.



### The Sugar Bowl

December 31, 1975  
Alabama 13, Penn State 6

NEW ORLEANS, La. — For eight consecutive seasons, sports writers had been writing about and fans had been crying about Alabama's terrible bowl drought. Not since Jan. 1, 1967 — with a 34-7 victory over Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl — had the Tide won in post-season play.

But with a 13-6 victory over Joe Paterno's Penn State Nittany Lions on December 31, 1975, Paul "Bear" Bryant's team gained the needed respect it had been lacking in eight previous bowl encounters. It was the first Sugar Bowl played inside the pleasant confines of the multi-million dollar Louisiana Superdome, matching third-ranked Alabama (10-1) against seventh-ranked Penn State (9-2).

Richard Todd, Alabama's senior quarterback, put on an offensive show, completing 10 of 12 passes for 205 yards. In running the Tide's wish-bone offense to near perfection, he was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Todd passed 55 yards to sensational split end Ozzie Newsome to set up the game's only touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"We had a sweep called to the left side but I didn't like the defense they were in. I didn't want to take the chance of ruining a play," said Todd after the game. "So I called time. I went over to the sidelines and Coach Bryant sort of winked at me. He called a pass.

"We felt they'd be single covering Ozzie. He ran what we call a slant-and-go. The last time we called this particular play was in the Tennessee game. But it was more important this time."

Two plays later, Mike Stock swept left for an 11 yard touchdown.

Danny Ridgeway added an extra point and two field goals to offset Penn State's two three-pointers by Chris Bahr and the nation's leading defense allowed its average — six points — to put the wraps on Alabama's first bowl victory in nearly a decade.

Alabama	3	0	0	10	—	13
Penn State	0	0	3	3	—	6

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Stock (11 yard rush). Points after touchdown: Ridgeway 1 (kick). Field goals: Ridgeway 2 (25 and 28 yards).

**Penn State** — Field goals: Bahr 2 (37 and 37 yards).



### The Liberty Bowl

December 20, 1976  
Alabama 36, UCLA 6

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A record crowd of 52,737 braved 28 degree temperatures and gusting winds at speeds up to 28 miles per hour in the 18th annual Liberty Bowl.

The "refrigerator bowl" was blown wide open by the Bama defense, which stopped the Bruins twice on fourth down, once at the one, and another time by an interception at the one on third down.

It was sophomore linebacker Barry Krauss, the game's most valuable player, who intercepted a pass and rambled 44 yards for the Tide's first touchdown.

"Our defense was simply magnificent most of the time," said Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. "Not only were we stopping them, our defense put some points on the board, too."

Bucky Berrey kicked three field goals of 37, 25, and 28, a Liberty Bowl record. Johnny Davis plunged one yard for the Tide's first TD. Tony Nathan added six more with a half back pass to quarterback Jack O'Rear, in a 20-yard scoring play.

Rick Watson added a one-yard touchdown run and Berrey was successful in three extra point attempts.

Only a 61-yard run by UCLA's Theotis Brown averted a shutout, but the extra point attempt failed making the score 30-6.

But the Crimson Tide came right back and Rick Watson's one-yard touchdown run ended the scoring at 36-6.

UCLA's young head coach summed up the game as he met Alabama's legendary Bear Bryant at midfield at the conclusion of the game.

"You gave us a good, old-fashioned butt-whipping, and you know it," Terry Donahue told Bryant.

Alabama	17	7	3	9	—	36
UCLA	0	0	0	6	—	6

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Krauss (44-yard pass interception), Davis (2-yard rush), Nathan (20-yard O'Rear pass), Watson (1-yard rush). Points after touchdown: Berrey 3 (kick). Field goals: Berrey 3 (37, 25, and 28 yards).

**UCLA** — Touchdown: Brown (61-yard rush). Point after touchdown: failed.





**The Sugar Bowl**  
January 2, 1978  
Alabama 35, Ohio State 6

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Alabama had been knocked to its knees after an early-season 31-24 loss to Nebraska, but it bounced all winningly into a Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl encounter with the Ohio State Buckeyes.

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

It turned into a rout. Alabama won easily, 35-6, and with the upset by fifth-ranked Notre Dame of number-one Texas in the Cotton Bowl, many Crimson Tide fans thought their team should have claimed the national prize. But in a controversial and ever-so-tight vote, the Irish vaulted from fifth to first, with Alabama finishing a close second.

Jeff Rutledge and his comeback team of 1977 wasted no time in putting the game into their control. On the Tide's second possession - a 10 play, 76 yard march - "Touchdown" Tony Nathan scored from a yard away, and the rout was on.

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

Alabama led 13-0 at the half and built the margin to 21-0 on a three yard Rutledge pass to Rick Neal in the third quarter before sophomore Steadman Shealy manned the controls in the final period to direct the Tide to another pair of touchdowns.

Ohio State's Chris Ward dealt Alabama the supreme compliment after all the fighting had taken place.

"I don't think they were extremely quick," he said. "I don't think they were extremely strong. I think they were extremely effective."

Alabama	0	13	8	14	—	35
Ohio State	0	0	0	6	—	6

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Nathan (1-yard run). Bolton (27-yard Rutledge pass). Davis (1-yard run and 7-yard run). Ogilvie (1-yard run). Point after touchdowns: Chapman 2 (kick). Nathan 1 (pass from Rutledge).

**Ohio State** — Touchdowns: Harrell (38-yard pass from Gerald).



**The Sugar Bowl**  
January 1, 1979  
Alabama 14, Penn State 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. — One vivid image was permanently etched into the minds of the 76,824 in the Superdome and the millions of TV viewers who watched the 45th annual Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day, 1979.

Penn State, the nation's No. 1 team was stopped on two consecutive plays inside the one-yard line to preserve a 14-7 victory for Alabama's second ranked Crimson Tide. That now-famous goal line stand won a national championship for Paul "Bear" Bryant's Crimson Tide. UA appeared content to run out the clock in the first half with 1:11 left. But Penn State called a timeout on two consecutive plays to stop the clock, hoping to get the ball back and set up a field goal. But senior halfback Tony Nathan countered with runs of 30 and 7 yards down to the Penn State 30 yard line.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno watched his plan backfire as Crimson Tide quarterback Jeff Rutledge dropped back and found split end Bruce Bolton wide open in the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown pass with just eight seconds left in the half.

Alan McElroy kicked the extra point to give Alabama a 7-0 halftime lead. A Pete Harris pass interception at Alabama's 48-yard line late in the third period set up Penn State's only touchdown. Nittany Lion quarterback Chuck Fusina hit Scott Fitzkee deep in the end zone for a touchdown. Matt Bahr's extra point kick tied the game with 4:25 left at 7-7.

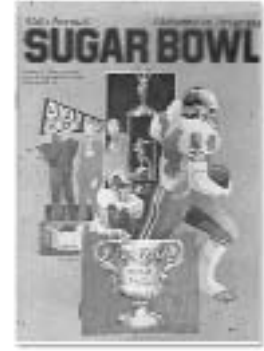
Moments later, Lou Ikner, Alabama's talented halfback, ran 62 yards with a Penn State punt before being dragged down at Penn State's 11-yard line. Three plays later Major Ogilvie rammed himself into the corner of the end zone, sprung by a key block from tight end Rick Neal. McElroy kicked the extra point ending the scoring at 14-7.

The Nittany Lions had a chance to tie the score when the Lions Joe Lally fell on a misdirected pitchout on an option play by Rutledge at the Tide 19 with 7:57 remaining. Penn State drove from there to a third and goal at the one. But the Alabama defense sealed off its end zone in a tremendous defensive effort, climaxed by UA linebacker Barry Krauss stopping Penn State tailback Mike Guman short of the goal line. After the game, Bryant commented on one of the most memorable goal line stands in college football history.

Penn State	0	0	7	0	—	7
Alabama	0	7	7	0	—	14

**Penn State** — Touchdown: Fitzkee (17-yard Fusina pass). Point after touchdown: Bahr.

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Bolton (30-hard Rutledge pass), Ogilvie (8-yard rush). Point after touchdowns: McElroy 2 (kick).



**The Sugar Bowl**  
January 1, 1980  
Alabama 24, Arkansas 9

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The University of Alabama reached a new pinnacle of success as Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's Crimson Tide beat Arkansas 24-9 in the 46th annual Sugar Bowl.

In the process of winning its fifth straight bowl, four of them Sugars, this unbeaten Alabama team became the first Tide squad in the school's history to win 12 games in a season.

A record Sugar Bowl crowd of 77,468 and millions of viewers on national TV watched Alabama win.

After Ish Odenez booted a 34-yard field goal following Arkansas' recovery of Don McNeal's fumble on the opening kickoff, the Razorbacks didn't get back into the game until Alabama was holding a 17-3 advantage in the third quarter.

The game's most valuable player, Major Ogilvie, capped off an 82-yard touchdown drive with a 22-yard scramble to put Alabama up 7-3 in the first period.

Arkansas quarterback Kevin Scanlon fumbled a snap from center and linebacker Thomas Boyd recovered the ball on the Hog 22.

Again it was Ogilvie, minutes later with a one-yard plunge to set up a 14-3 advantage.

With two minutes left in the half, Ogilvie returned a punt 50 yards to the Arkansas 30, setting up an Alan McElroy field goal, which made the halftime score 17-3.

Arkansas came back from halftime with an 80-yard scoring drive in 11 plays, but the Bama defense rejected Scanlon's two-point attempt after the touchdown and the Razorbacks were held scoreless for the remainder of the contest.

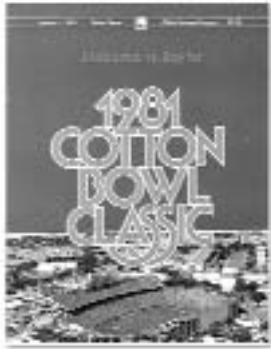
Alabama quarterback Steadman Shealy engineered a final 98-yard touchdown drive capped off by a 12-yard blast by senior Steve Whitman.

Alabama's defense held the Razorbacks the rest of the way, under the brilliant secondary of Tommy Wilcox and Jim Bob Harris.

Alabama	14	3	0	7	—	24
Arkansas	3	0	6	0	—	9

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Ogilvie (22-yard rush), Ogilvie (1-yard run), Whitman (12-yard run). Points after touchdowns: McElroy 3 (kick). Field goal: McElroy (25-yarder).

**Arkansas** — Touchdown: Farrell (3-yard pass from Scanlon). Point after touchdown: failed. Field goal: Ordenez (34 yarder).



### The Cotton Bowl

January 1, 1981  
Alabama 30, Baylor 2

DALLAS, Texas — Alabama capped off a 10-2 season by decking Southwest Conference champion Baylor 30-2 in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day 1981.

For only the second time since 1971, Alabama had failed to win the Southeastern Conference championship, finishing second behind eventual national champion Georgia. The Tide had been upset by Mississippi State (6-3) to snap its longest-in-the-nation 28 game winning streak and then fell to old nemesis Notre Dame (7-0).

But against Grant Teaff's Baylor Bears, Paul "Bear" Bryant's Crimson Tide was impressive. The 'Bama defense was the big hero, as the likes of middle guard Warren Lyles, E.J. Junior and Thomas Boyd shut down Baylor's thought-to-be unstoppable running tandem of Walter Abecrombie and Dennis Gentry.

The pair had combined for nearly 2,000 yards during Baylor's 10-1 regular season, but on this sunny day in Dallas, they were limited to 54 yards — altogether.

Major Ogilvie (one yard run), Don Jacobs (one yard run) and Mark Nix (three yard run) scored touchdowns for the Crimson Tide and sophomore Peter Kim added a Cotton bowl record three field goals to send Alabama to its record-tying sixth consecutive bowl victory.

Alabama	6	7	3	14	—	30
Baylor	2	0	0	0	—	2

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Ogilvie (1-yard run), Jacobs (1-yard run), Nix (3-yard run), Points after touchdown: Kim 2 (kicks), Mardini 1 (kick), Field goals: Kim 3 (29 yards, 38 yards, 42 yards).

**Baylor** — Safety: Lewis tackled in endzone.



### The Cotton Bowl

January 1, 1982  
Texas 14, Alabama 12

DALLAS, Texas — Alabama marched into Dallas as the Southeastern Conference co-champion and its coach as the winningest man in the history of the game, but Fred Akers' Texas Longhorns were not impressed.

Five weeks after Bryant had won his record-shattering 315th contest against cross-state rival Auburn, the Longhorns came from behind to hand Alabama a 14-12 defeat, which ended its season at 9-2-1.

After a scoreless first quarter, Alabama struck to take a 7-0 lead into halftime as sophomore quarterback Walter Lewis tossed six yards to sophomore wide receiver Jesse Bendross. Junior Peter Kim kicked the extra point.

Kim added a 24 yard field goal in the third quarter to put the Crimson Tide out front 10-0.

But Texas saved its best for the final quarter, wherein it scored each of its 14 points. Quarterback Robert Brewer, who completed 12 of 21 passes on the day for 201 yards, directed the Longhorns on two fourth quarter scoring drives, running himself 30 yards for the first points.

Terry Orr's eight yard run was the clincher and Raul Allegre added his second PAT to give the Longhorns a 14-10 lead.

Texas allowed an intentional safety in the game's closing moments to secure the win.

Alabama	0	7	3	2	—	12
Texas	0	0	0	14	—	14

**Alabama** — Touchdown: Bendross (6-yard pass from Lewis), Point after touchdown: Kim 1 (kick), Field goal: Kim (24 yards), Safety: QB tackled in end zone.

**Texas** — Touchdowns: Brewer (30-yard run), Orr (8-yard run), Point after touchdown: Allegre 2 (kick).



### The Liberty Bowl

December 29, 1982  
Alabama 21, Illinois 15

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The University of Alabama football team retired Coach Paul W. "Bear" Bryant in grand fashion by registering a 21-15 Liberty Bowl victory over Illinois at Memphis, Tenn.

The win gave Coach Bryant a final record of 323-85-17 — unmatched in intercollegiate football history.

"Many thanks to the staff for one heck of a job," he said afterward in a crowded press interview tent. "The players' preparation and the coaches' preparation, especially in this circus-type atmosphere, were exceptional.

"I am thankful to have won my final game," said the Crimson Tide coaching legend. "Whether the team likes it or not, they will always be remembered for winning my last game. I am proud they wanted to win this one for me."

Alabama saw fullback Ricky Moore, flanker Jesse Bendross and fullback Craig "Touchdown" Turner scored touchdowns for the Tide in Bryant's final battle to overcome Illinois' potent offensive attack.

Even Heisman Trophy candidate Tony Eason who threw two touchdown passes on the evening, couldn't spoil Coach Bryant's final exciting appearance.

"Give Alabama credit," Eason said following his team's loss. "Their defense hit harder tonight than any opponent we faced all season long."

Crimson Tide cornerback Jeremiah Castille ended an illustrious career at Alabama by tying secondary Coach Louis Campbell's single game Liberty Bowl record with three interceptions.

"It sure was great to send Coach Bryant out a winner," Castille said after being named Liberty Bowl "Most Valuable Player." "He really deserved to finish his career on a good note."

With the win, the Crimson Tide ended its 1982 campaign with an 8-4 record. An upset loss to Tennessee and three disappointing November setbacks spoiled what could have been a national championship-type season, but the win over Illinois provided college football's greatest coach one of his most cherished memories.

Alabama	7	0	7	7	—	21
Illinois	0	6	0	9	—	15

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Moore (4-yard rush), Bendross (8-yard rush), Turner (1-yard rush), Points after touchdown: Kim 3 (kick).

**Illinois** — Curtis (1-yard rush), Williams (2-yard Eason pass), Points after touchdown: failed; Field goal: Bass (23-yarder).



## The Sun Bowl

December 24, 1983  
Alabama 28, SMU 7

EL PASO, Texas — It was the largest crowd (41,412) to ever witness an event in El Paso, Texas sports history. The Alabama Crimson Tide football team gave the fans their money's worth by shocking fifth ranked SMU, 28-7, in the 50th anniversary of the Sun Bowl.

The game ranked as one of the memorable wins in Crimson Tide football history. Head coach Ray Perkins, who directed the Alabama to its 20th bowl victory, had said the week prior to the game with the Mustangs would be crucial for three reasons.

"First of all, it was the last game for our seniors. It may have been the last game, period, for some. Secondly, this game meant a lot to me because I go out to win every game. Finally, this game meant a lot to the players who return for the 1984 season. A win in our final game of 1983 meant that our players will be able to return next year with a good taste in their mouths," Perkins said.

Alabama gained possession with 7:33 remaining in the first quarter and drove 59 yards in seven plays as fullback Ricky Moore pounded over from the one for the first touchdown. "The offensive line did a great job all day," Moore said after racking up his sixth consecutive 100-yard-plus game with a Sun Bowl record 28 carries.

Following cornerback Sammy Hood's fumble recovery, Moore ran untouched for an 11-yard score to put the Tide ahead, 14-0, with 1:14 remaining in the first stanza. The key play in the drive was a 32-yard pass by quarterback Walter Lewis to flanker Greg Richardson.

As the second quarter got underway, Alabama marched 91 yards on a 15-play possession as Lewis capped the drive with a one-yard dive to give UA a 21-0 lead, with 7:16 left in the half. The senior quarterback from Brewton engineered a march that knocked 6:22 off the clock and he combined for 58 yards (45 passing, 13 rushing). After the teams traded turnovers late in the half, the UA moved 62 yards as the offensive line provided outstanding protection for Lewis, who found split end Joey Jones on a 19-yard touchdown pass with 43 seconds left on the clock.

Although the Mustangs got on the scoreboard in the third quarter when McIlhenny threw a 15-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Marquis Pleasant to cut the Tide lead, 28-7, the Tide defense took over and shut the "Pony Express II" down.

Alabama	14	14	0	0	—	28
SMU	0	0	7	0	—	7

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Moore (1-yard rush); Moore (11-yard rush); Lewis (1-yard rush); Jones (19-yard Lewis pass). Points after touchdown: Tiffin 4 (kick).

**SMU** — Touchdown: Pleasant (15-yard McIlhenny pass). Point after touchdown: Harrell 1 (kick).



## The Aloha Bowl

December 28, 1985  
Alabama 24, Southern California 3

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Alabama had "fun in the sun" in beautiful Hawaii dominating Southern California 24-3 in the fourth annual Aloha Bowl in Honolulu to end the season with a 9-2-1 record.

Before a crowd of 35,183, the Crimson Tide victory tied USC with the most bowl victories (21) as the traditional football powers met for only the second time in bowl competition. The Tide stopped USC 34-14 in the 1946 Rose Bowl, the last team to play in the bowl outside of the Big Ten and Pac Ten Conferences.

The first half ended in a 3-3 tie and led Coach Ray Perkins to comment afterwards. "This was the worst first half I have been associated with to play such a great second half."

Alabama was whistled for 68 yards on seven penalties in the first half. It scored on its first possession. From its own 15-yard line, the team drove to the USC 31 where Van Tiffin kicked a 48-yard field goal.

Early in the second quarter, USC tied the score on a 24-yard field goal by Don Shafer with 9:36 left in the half. UA had stopped the Trojans at the eight yard line on a drive that started from the USC 37.

The charged up Crimson Tide scored a touchdown on its second possession in the third quarter. Greg Richardson returned a punt 14 yards to the Trojan 42. Ten plays later fullback Craig Turner dove into the end zone from the one. Tiffin converted the extra point for a 10-3 lead.

Then freshman Kermit Kendrick intercepted a USC aerial and returned it 16 yards to the Trojan 44. Five plays later quarterback Mike Shula hit wide receiver Clay Whitehurst in the end zone for a 24-yard TD pass. Tiffin converted for a 17-3 lead with 13:25 left.

Alabama forced USC to punt on its next possession and Richardson called for a fair catch on the Trojan 44. Seven plays later, flanker Albert Bell ran a reverse around the left side for a 14-yard touchdown with 8:25 remaining. Tiffin kicked the extra point for the 24-3 final score.

Freshman running back Gene Jelks gained 79 yards on 17 carries and was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player. Junior All-American linebacker Cornelius Bennett had nine tackles, broke up one pass, and pressured the opposing passers throughout the game and was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player. The game was televised nationally by Innovative Sports-TV.

Alabama	3	0	7	14	—	24
Southern Cal	0	3	0	0	—	3

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Turner (1-yard rush), Whitehurst (24-yard Shula pass), Bell (14-yard rush). Field Goal: Tiffin 1 (48 yards). Points after touchdown: Tiffin 3.

**Southern Cal** — Field Goal: Shafer 1 (24 yards).



## The Sun Bowl

December 25, 1986  
Alabama 28, Washington 6

EL PASO, Texas — Alabama's star-studded senior class went out in grand style with a sparkling 28-6 victory over Pac-10 runner-up Washington. The win gave the Crimson Tide a 10-3 record against one of the nation's toughest schedules.

Senior All-American linebacker Cornelius Bennett was selected the game's most valuable player. He led the defense that allowed Washington's high powered offense just 62 yards on the ground, and 241 yards total offense. The Tide didn't allow a touchdown.

After a scoreless first quarter, All-American half-back Bobby Humphrey broke loose for a 64-yard spring for the game's first score with 13:55 left in the second quarter. The Huskies all-star kicker, Jeff Jaeger, booted a 31-yard field goal with 5:55 left and added a 34-yarder with :44 remaining as Alabama took a 7-6 halftime lead.

After two possession exchanges, Alabama's Freddie Robinson recovered a Washington fumble on their 47 yard line. In six plays, quarterback Mike Shula sharply guided the Crimson Tide to a touchdown, completing two passes to Humphrey, and a 32-yard scoring strike to Greg Richardson. All-American place-kicker Van Tiffin converted his second PAT of the day with 6:24 remaining in the third stanza. Alabama led 14-6.

On the Crimson Tide's next possession, Humphrey ran three plays for 15 yards. Then Shula hit Angelo Stafford for 27 yards, Richardson for 25 and Humphrey for an 18-yard TD pass. The six-play, 83-yard drive took but 2:11 off the clock and with Tiffin's PAT, Alabama was in charge 21-6.

Alabama's almost unstoppable attack scored again on its next possession covering 92 yards in 16 plays. Humphrey ran in the score from three yards out after gaining 48 yards on ten carries and catching three passes for 30 yards from Shula on the drive. Tiffin converted at the 7:16 mark in the last quarter for a 28-6 victory.

Shula, starting his 27th consecutive game for Alabama, completed 15 of 26 passes for 176 yards with two TD passes to end his collegiate career. Humphrey ended a sensational year with three touchdowns. His 159 yards rushing gave him eight 100-plus yards rushing games for the season.

It was also to be Coach Ray Perkins last game as head coach of the Crimson Tide and it was one of his team's greatest performances during his career at Alabama. A crowd of 48,722 witnessed the game and CBS televised it nationally.

Alabama	0	7	14	7	—	28
Washington	0	6	0	0	—	6

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Humphrey (64-yard rush), Richardson (32-yard Shula pass), Humphrey (18-yard Shula pass), Humphrey (3-yard rush). Points after touchdown: Tiffin 4 (kick).

**Washington** — Field Goals: Jaeger 2 (31 and 34 yards).



### The Hall of Fame Bowl

January 2, 1988  
Michigan 28, Alabama 24

TAMPA, Fla. — In a battle of two traditional football powers, Alabama and Michigan met for the first time in the second Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla., and the Wolverines won 28-24 on a fourth down last minute touchdown.

NBC televised the game nationally and 60,156 fans looked on as Alabama Coach Bill Curry faced Michigan Assistant Head Coach Gary Moeller who replaced Head Coach Bo Schembechler, who had a heart attack three weeks prior to the game.

A 51-yard Philip Doyle field goal at 8:43 in the first quarter gave the Crimson Tide a 3-0 lead. Michigan's All-American halfback Jamie Morris then proceeded to score three unanswered touchdowns. Two came in the second quarter from 25 and 14 yards out. Michigan held a 14-3 lead at intermission.

On Michigan's second possession in the third quarter, Morris broke through the left side of his line for a 77-yard touchdown sprint with 9:36 remaining. Down 21-3, Alabama came to life and scored three touchdowns for the lead.

With 4:55 left in the third stanza, tight end Howard Cross took a 16-yard scoring strike from quarterback Jeff Dunn to complete a 72-yard drive but the Tide failed on a two-point conversion. Then on Alabama's next possession, the team put together an 85-yard drive with its All-American tailback Bobby Humphrey leaping over from the one yard line.

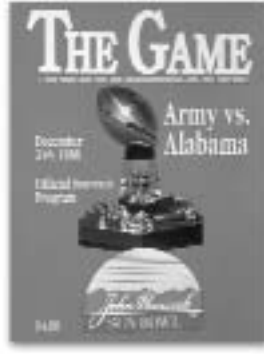
After forcing Michigan to punt on its next two possessions, the passing of Dunn and the running of Humphrey completed a 79-yard drive with Humphrey scoring on a determined 17-yard run. Dunn completed a two-point play to Clay Whitehurst for a 24-21 lead with 4:49 remaining to play.

Starting from its own 38-yard line after the kickoff, Michigan caught fire and moved to Alabama's 20-yard line with a fourth and three situation. In a surprise move, quarterback Demetrius Brown completed a beautifully executed touchdown pass with 50 seconds left in the game to flanker John Kolesar in the end zone to give the Wolverines a 28-24 victory.

Dunn completed 23 of 40 passes for 269 yards and Humphrey rushed for 149 yards on 27 attempts to lead Alabama offensively.

Alabama	3	0	6	15	—	24
Michigan	0	14	7	7	—	28

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Cross (16-yard pass from Dunn), Humphrey (1 and 17-yard rushes). Field goal: Doyle (51-yard).  
**Michigan** — Touchdowns: Morris (25, 14 and 77-yard run), Kolesar (20-yard pass from Brown).



### The Sun Bowl

December 24, 1988  
Alabama 29, Army 28

EL PASO, Texas — Resilient Alabama, behind a record-setting performance by senior quarterback David Smith, rallied to defeat upset-minded Army 29-28 in the 55th annual Sun Bowl Classic. Smith shattered passing records set by such esteemed Bama names as Steve Sloan and Joe Namath in guiding Bama to this win on a near perfect football day in El Paso.

A 51-yard run by Army fullback Ben Barnett set up the first score of the game, a one-yard run by Mike Mayweather, with less than three minutes gone in the action.

Alabama cut the lead to 7-3 in the first quarter, but early in the second period, the Cadets took a 14-3 lead when quarterback Bryan McWilliams capped a 69-yard, six-play drive with a 30-yard TD scamper on a patented wishbone option play. Again Alabama had to settle for a Philip Doyle field goal, this time from 22 yards out.

The end of the first half brought some of the game's most pivotal moments. While the Alabama defense was trying to figure out the intricacies of the Black Knights' wishbone, Army finally went to the airways on a halfback pass. Bama got a break when passer Calvin Cass overshot a wide open Otto Leone for what would have been a cinch score. Instead Army had to settle for a field goal attempt from the Bama 24 yard line. Enter Bama's sensational Derrick Thomas, king of the big play. Thomas blocked the kick, keeping Army from adding to its lead. David Smith rapidly drove Alabama 76 yards in 1:12 for a score. With only :35 left in the first half, Doyle converted the extra point to narrow the lead to 14-13.

Five plays later and with only a few ticks left on the clock, Army lined up for another field goal try, this time from the Bama 27-yard line. Keith Walker's 44-yard attempt was blocked, again by the omnipresent Thomas.

Trailing 28-20, Bama and Smith did not panic, driving back to the Knights' two-yard line. However, Army's defense stiffened and Doyle was called on to kick a 32-yard field goal with 7:25 left.

A 19-yard pass from Smith to Todd Richardson and a 16-yard run by Wayne Shaw led to a touchdown in the Tide's winning drive with senior David Casteal leaping into the end zone for the winning score.

Smith, the game's MVP, completed 33 of 52 for 412 yards, each setting an Alabama bowl record. Thomas was voted the afternoon's best lineman.

Army	7	7	14	0	—	28
Alabama	3	10	7	9	—	29

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Battle (7-yard pass from Smith); Payne (23-yard pass from Smith); Casteal (2-yard run). Field Goals: Doyle (37, 22, 32 yards). PATS: Doyle (2 of 2)

**Army** — Mayweather (1 and 3-yard runs); McWilliams (30-yard run); Miller (57-yard interception return); PATS: Walker (4 of 4)



### The Sugar Bowl

January 1, 1990  
Miami 33, Alabama 25

NEW ORLEANS, La. — On the first day of the 1990s, Miami clinched the 1989 National Championship with a 33-25 victory over seventh-ranked Alabama in a game that was Bill Curry's last as head coach of the Crimson Tide.

Miami never trailed in the game, moving ahead 7-0 with 4:55 left in the first quarter on a three-yard run by fullback Stephen McGuire. Actually the Tide had held the Hurricanes on downs and forced a field goal attempt by Carlos Huerta but Bama was off-sides, giving Miami a first down at the three-yard line.

Two series later the Tide was even at 7-7, thanks to a short punt and a 10-yard return by Gene Jelks which put Bama within striking range from the Miami 36. It took nine plays to move that distance against the renowned Miami defense, but a four-yard reception by Marco Battle scored the Tide touchdown.

Miami was quickly back in front 13-7 after going 78 yards in five plays. Big Mike Ramil, playing in his final Bama game, blocked Huerta's extra point to leave it at 13-7.

Tide freshman Antonio London recovered a Miami fumbled punt to set up a 45-yard field goal by Philip Doyle. Nine plays later Miami was up 20-10 after Alex Johnson scored from three yards out. In its most impressive drive of the night, Alabama covered 80 yards in 11 plays and scored on a seven-yard pass from Gary Hollingsworth to Lamonde Russell with :40 left in the half.

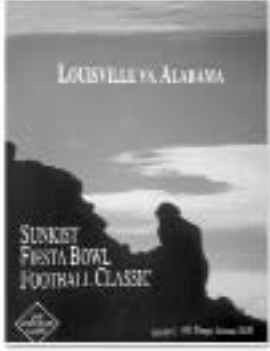
Alabama was back in business seconds later when senior Lee Ozmint intercepted an Erickson toss and ran it back 23 yards to the Miami 19. Doyle tried a 40-yard field goal on the final play of the half. He had the distance to hit it from better than 60 yards but the kick sailed to the left and the halftime score read: Miami 20, Alabama 17.

Miami dominated the second half, scoring a pair of TDs on Erickson passes. Trailing 33-17 late in the game, Alabama made a heroic effort to get back into the tilt. The Tide attempted an on-sides kick, but failed and the Hurricanes had little trouble in running out the clock and claiming not only the Sugar Bowl crown but the unanimous No. 1 ranking in the nation as well.

Miami	7	13	6	7	—	33
Alabama	0	17	0	8	—	25

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Battle (4-yard pass from Hollingsworth), Russell (7-yard pass from Hollingsworth), Wimbley (9-yard pass from Hollingsworth). PATS: Doyle (2 of 2), Russell (1 of 1 pass from Hollingsworth). Field Goals: Doyle (45).

**Miami** — McGuire (3-yard run), Carroll (19-yard pass from Erickson), Johnson (3-yard run), Chudzinski (11-yard pass from Erickson), Bethel (12-yard pass from Erickson). PATS: Huerta (3 of 4), Erickson (0 of 1 pass). Field Goals: none.



### The Fiesta Bowl

January 1, 1991  
Louisville 34, Alabama 7

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Louisville Cardinals, behind four, first-quarter touchdowns, jumped to a 25-0 lead over the Crimson Tide and then coasted to a 34-7 victory in the 1991 Sunkist Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona.

The game marked the second time Howard Schnellenberger, an assistant coach at Alabama from 1961-65, had faced the Tide as a head coach. Schnellenberger, an assistant under the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant, helped coach the Tide to an impressive, 49-5-1 record, including three SEC and national championships (1961, 64 and 65).

Offensively, the Tide compiled only 189 yards total offense. Alabama's vaunted defense, ranked first in passing defense, third in total defense, fourth in scoring defense and sixth in rushing defense, gave up a Bama bowl-record 458 yards passing. The Cardinals rushed for another 113 yards to set an opponent record for most yards gained in a bowl game (571).

The Tide defense was unable to stop the Cardinals' Browning Nagle who hit on 20-of-33 attempts for 451 yards and three TDs. The Tide's only score came when Charles Gardner intercepted a Jeff Brohm pass and returned it 49 yards for a TD in the second quarter.

The Cardinals jumped out in the first quarter when Nagle hit Latrell Ware for a 70-yard scoring pass with 7:35 left. Ralph Dawkins came back with 3:40 remaining to score on a five-yard burst that capped a six-play, 26 yard drive. The Tide's Byron Holdbrooks blocked the extra point, but just 53-seconds later, Louisville blocked an Alabama punt and recovered it in the endzone for a touchdown. The Cardinals went for two, but George Teague stopped Ralph Dawkins on the one-yard line.

Louisville rounded out the scoring when Nagle threw 19 yards to Anthony Cummings and Bama quarterback Danny Woodson was called for intentional grounding in the endzone.

Alabama	0	7	0	0	—	7
Louisville	25	0	7	2	—	34

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Gardner (49-yard interception return)

**Louisville** — Touchdowns: Ware (20-yard pass from Nagle); Dawkins (5-yard run); Cummings (37-yard pass from Nagle); Buchanan (recovered blocked punt in endzone); Cummings (19-yard pass from Nagle). Safety (Alabama intentional grounding in endzone). PATs: Wilmmsmeyer (1 of 2). Two-point conversions (0-2, both passes, failed).



### The Blockbuster Bowl

December 28, 1991  
Alabama 30, Colorado 25

MIAMI, Fla. — Alabama relied on a second half rally and three Jay Barker touchdown passes to come from behind and defeat defending national champion Colorado 30-25 at Joe Robbie Stadium in South Florida.

David "The Deuce" Palmer was honored with the "Brian Piccolo Award" as the game's most valuable player. He got the Crimson Tide on the scoreboard first in his usual fashion, a punt return. Palmer took the punt on Alabama's 48-yard line, ran through four Colorado defenders and scooted down the right sideline 52 yards for the score. Matt Wethington's PAT gave Alabama a 7-0 lead.

A blocked Tank Williamson punt gave the Buffaloes the ball on the Alabama three-yard line and two plays later Scott Phillips ran it in from the one. Jim Harper kicked the extra point to tie the game.

Two possessions later, Colorado took the lead when Ted Johnson tackled Martin Houston in the endzone for a safety.

Neither team could generate much offense, but the Alabama defense provided the necessary boost when Mark McMillian intercepted a Darian Hagan pass on the 50-yard line and ran it back 49 yards to the one. The Tide lost seven yards in three plays and settled for a Wethington field goal. The Buffaloes used the final 43 seconds in the half and kicked a 33-yard field goal as time ran out.

In the second half, the Alabama offense woke up and drove the ball to Colorado's eight. An apparent David Palmer touchdown was called back because of an illegal substitution, but on the next play (third-and-13) Barker and Siran Stacy connected on a 13-yard pass for six points. The two-point conversion failed and Alabama led, 16-12.

A Colorado touchdown gave them a three point lead (19-16), but Alabama marched 75 yards its next possession and scored on a 12-yard toss from Barker to Kevin Lee. Wethington's PAT put the Tide up 23-19. A 15-play drive in the fourth quarter culminated with a five-yard touchdown pass from Barker to Palmer and gave the Tide a 30-19 lead. Colorado got a quick fourth quarter score to bring them within five, but the Alabama defense held on in the final three and a half minutes to preserve the victory.

Colorado	7	5	7	6	—	25
Alabama	7	3	13	7	—	30

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Palmer (52-yard punt return, 5-yard pass from Barker), Stacy (13-yard pass from Barker), Lee (12-yard pass from Barker). PATs: Wethington, (3 kicks), Palmer (0 of 1, rush). Field Goals: Wethington (25).

**Colorado** — Touchdowns: Phillips (1-yard run), Westbrook (62-yard pass from Hagan), Johnson (13-yard pass from Hagan). Safety: Johnson tackles Houston in endzone. PATs: Harper (2 of 2, kicks), Hagan (0 of 1, pass). Field Goals: Harper (33).



### The Sugar Bowl

January 1, 1993  
Alabama 34, Miami 13

NEW ORLEANS, La. — All week long Alabama coach Gene Stallings said he did not consider his Crimson Tide an underdog. In front of 76,789 in the Superdome and a national TV audience, Alabama proved the skeptics wrong as the Tide handily defeated the No. 1 ranked Miami Hurricanes 34-13, winning the national championship for the first time since 1979.

Alabama's defensive strategy stifled Miami's rushing game, only allowing the Hurricanes 48 yards on the ground. Gino Torretta did pass for another 278, but it would not matter.

With Alabama leading 13-6 at the half, the defense took control of the game early in the third quarter. On the UM's first play from scrimmage in the second half, Torretta was intercepted by Tommy Johnson, who returned the ball to the Miami 20-yard line. Six plays later, Derrick Lassic scored from a yard out to increase UA's lead to 20-6.

Alabama's defense had been giving Torretta problems all day but the one play that virtually spelled the end for Miami came on their next possession. The Tide pulled all 11 players up to line with Torretta operating from the shotgun. His errant pass was snared by George Teague who high-stepped 31 yards for a second Tide touchdown in 16 seconds.

This play by Teague would be a big one in the Tide's victory, however, it would not be the only one he would be remembered for in this game.

Trailing 27-6, the Hurricane offense took the field to mount a successful second-half drive. On Miami's second down and 10 play, Teague made one of the biggest defensive plays of the season, although it was null and void because of a five-yard offside penalty called against Alabama.

Torretta hit his favorite receiver, Lamar Thomas, who was streaking down the sideline for an apparent six points. Teague streaked down the sideline, ran Thomas down, stripped the ball from him, and proceeded to advance the ball in the other direction for a short gain. The play may not be officially recorded in the record books but it will stand as one of the best defensive plays ever.

The Tide relied on a ground attack to move the ball on offense. Out of the 285 total yards gained, 267 came on the ground. Derrick Lassic cut and weaved his way to 135 yards rushing on 28 carries and two touchdowns. His efforts gained him the Miller-Digby Sugar Bowl Most Valuable Player Award.

Alabama	3	10	14	7	—	34
Miami	3	3	0	7	—	13

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Williams (2-yard run), Lassic (1 and 4-yard runs), Teague (31-yard INT return). PATs: Proctor (4 of 4 kicks). Field Goals: Proctor (19, 23).

**Miami** — Touchdowns: Kevin Williams (78-yard punt return). PATs: Prewitt (1 of 1 kick). Field Goals: Prewitt (49, 42).



### The Gator Bowl

December 31, 1993

Alabama 24, North Carolina 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A key to this game for Alabama was to stop the Tar Heels' running attack led by 1,000-yard rushers Curtis and Leon Johnson. The Tide would also have to concern itself with the passing game, guided by Jason Stanicek (139-219-1,878 yards and 12 TDs) whose favorite receiver, Corey Holliday, finished the year with 867 yards and two TDs.

A key ingredient for Alabama to win would be the play of back-up quarterback Brian Burgdorf, who was starting for the injured Jay Barker. Also, the Tide defensive backs would be without the services of consensus All-American Antonio Langham, who lost his eligibility for the SEC Championship game and the Gator Bowl.

After a scoreless first quarter, Alabama got on the board with a Michael Proctor 22-yard field goal with 11:01 in the second quarter. The Tar Heels answered Alabama's score with a one-yard touchdown carry by William Henderson on the next series giving them a 7-3 lead.

On Alabama's next series, Burgdorf hit three-of-four passing for 27 yard and picked up another 19 himself placing Alabama on the Tar Heels' 33-yard line. On first and 10, Burgdorf ran a draw up the middle for the distance and the touchdown. Proctor's PAT gave Alabama a 10-7 lead.

North Carolina tied the game with two seconds left on the clock before the half on a Tripp Pignetti 23-yard field goal.

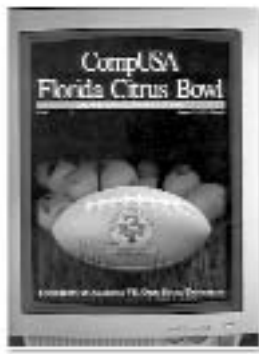
In the third quarter, Alabama had the first possession and used its rushing attack to drive the length of the field. On second and goal from the UNC eight, Burgdorf threw his first pass of the drive to Tarrant Lynch in the middle of the endzone for six points.

Alabama's final score was Chad Key's first career touchdown. The Tide picked up three rushing first downs and then Burgdorf hit Key on a 10-yard reception. Proctor's PAT gave Alabama a 24-10 lead with 6:34 left, with neither team threatening again.

Alabama	0	10	7	7	—	24
North Carolina	0	10	0	0	—	10

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Brian Burgdorf (33-yard run), Tarrant Lynch (8-yard pass), Chad Key (10-yard pass). PATs (Michael Proctor 3 of 3 kicks). Field Goals: Proctor (27).

**North Carolina** — Touchdowns: William Henderson (1-yard run). PAT Tripp Pignetti (1 of 1 kick). Field Goal: Pignetti (23).



### The Citrus Bowl

January 2, 1995

Alabama 24, Ohio State 17

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Crimson Tide and the Ohio State Buckeyes met for only the third time in the two schools' storied histories at the 1995 CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl. Alabama, winner of the previous two encounters with OSU, made its first Citrus Bowl appearance, the school's 13th different bowl.

A scoreless first quarter was highlighted by a four-legged, unwanted visitor. Alabama took possession following a missed field goal and mounted an impressive drive, but the momentum seemed to escape when a stray dog found his way onto the field and caused a lengthy delay in play. After the curious canine was chased off the field and into a portal, the drive stalled and Michael Proctor's 49-yard field goal attempt was blocked.

The Crimson Tide started another drive on its 20-yard line with just over four minutes remaining in the first period. The 16-play, 80-yard drive ended early in the second period and was capped off by Tarrant Lynch's touchdown run from nine yards out.

The lead was short-lived, however, as 13 seconds later, OSU tied the game with a 69-yard bomb from Bobby Hoying to Joey Galloway. The Buckeyes then capitalized on a blocked punt deep in Tide territory, and Hoying hooked up with Galloway again, this time from 11 yards out, to give OSU a 14-7 lead.

Alabama responded with an 11-play, 80-yard drive on the very next possession to tie the game. Sherman Williams finished the drive with a seven-yard scamper and both teams went to the locker room deadlocked at 14.

After a scoreless third quarter, Ohio State regained the lead at 17-14 as Josh Jackson connected on a 34-yard field goal with 8:41 to go in the game. Michael Proctor, who had missed a 25-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter, redeemed himself with a 27-yarder that tied the score, 17-17, with 4:29 left to play.

Then, as it had done all season long, Alabama came through with late-game heroics to pull out a win. With less than a minute to play, Jay Barker hit Sherman Williams over the middle, and 50 yards later, the talented tailback had given the Tide a 24-17 win. Alabama finished the season at 12-1-0, and with the victory, the senior class of 1994 (45-4-1) broke the record for most wins in a four-year period. Sherman Williams was given the Charles Y. McClendon Most Valuable Player Award after rushing for 166 yards, catching eight passes for 155 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

Alabama	0	14	0	10	—	24
Ohio State	0	14	0	3	—	17

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Tarrant Lynch (9-yard run), Sherman Williams (7-yard run), Sherman Williams (50-yard pass). PATs: Michael Proctor (3 of 3 kicks). Field Goals: Proctor (27).

**Ohio State** — Touchdowns: Joey Galloway (69-yard pass, 11-yard pass). PATs: Josh Jackson (2 of 2 kicks). Field Goals: Jackson (34).



### The Outback Bowl

January 1, 1997

Alabama 17, Michigan 14

TAMPA, Fla. — With two storied football traditions behind both teams participating in the 1997 Outback Bowl in Tampa Bay, the Crimson Tide and the Michigan Wolverines met for the second time under the sun of Florida's Gulf coast.

Alabama provided the only score of the first quarter when placekicker Jon Brock nailed a 43-yard field goal with 11:18 remaining on the game clock, giving the Crimson Tide a 3-0 lead that lasted until midway through the second quarter.

Starting from their own 30 yard line, the Wolverines capitalized on their first possession of the second quarter as Remy Hamilton split the uprights from 44 yards away to tie the score at three with eight minutes left in the first half.

After two Alabama possessions ended in a punt and a costly interception, Michigan took possession on the Alabama 35-yard line and drove 33 yards, highlighted by a fake field goal that netted 18 yards. A stingy Tide stop unit forced the Wolverines to settle with a 22-yard field goal by Hamilton and Michigan took a 6-3 lead in to halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, Butkus semifinalist Dwayne Rudd made the highlight reel and the play of the game for Alabama. Kelvin Sigler's blindside hit of quarterback Brian Griese forced an errant throw that Rudd picked off at the 12-yard line and returned 88 yards for the go-ahead score. Brock's extra point gave the Crimson Tide a 10-6 lead with 12:13 remaining in the game.

Two possessions later, tailback Shaun Alexander capped a five-play, 77-yard scoring drive with a 46-yard touchdown scamper to boost the Alabama lead to 17-6 with 2:15 remaining in the game.

Michigan did not go away, however, and the Wolverines mounted a nine-play, 80-yard scoring drive on the next possession, as Griese connected with Russell Shaw to move Michigan to within five. Chris Floyd completed the two-point conversion for the Wolverines and Bama's lead was cut to three.

An onside kick followed, and Alabama's Chad Goss recovered to close the game for the Tide. Rudd earned the Outback Bowl Most Valuable Player trophy.

Alabama	3	0	0	14	—	17
Michigan	0	6	0	8	—	14

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Dwyane Rudd (88-yard INT return), Shaun Alexander (46-yard run). PATs: Brock (2 of 2 kicks) Field Goals: Brock (43).

**Michigan** — Touchdowns: Russell Shaw (9-yard pass). PATs: none Conversions (Chris Floyd run) Field Goals: Hamilton (44, 22)



### The Music City Bowl

December 29, 1998  
Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tide's 49th bowl appearance and the first for Mike DuBose as Alabama's head coach, turned out to be an unhappy affair, as Virginia Tech beat the Tide, 38-7 in the inaugural Music City Bowl. Televised by ESPN, the late-afternoon game was played in Vanderbilt Stadium before an announced crowd of 41,600. The weather was horrid with rain and sleet as the temperature hung just above the freezing mark.

Tech opening the scoring with a four-play, 56 yard drive to open the game as quarterback Al Clark ran 43 yards for the TD when his receivers were covered. Alabama came back in the second quarter to score on a 75-yard drive when Andrew Zow threw to Michael Vaughn for what would prove to be the Tide's only score of the game. Tech came back on the ensuing possession to score on a field goal to lead 10-7 at the half.

Virginia Tech then scored 14 points in each of the final two quarters to notch their ninth win of the season. The Hokies blocked a pair of Tide punts, picked-off three Alabama passes and generally played havoc with the Tide offense.

In the third quarter, three successive Alabama possessions ended with an interception, a blocked punt and a fumbled punt return. All three miscues resulted in Hokie touchdowns. The final Tech score came when Anthony Midget intercepted an Andrew Zow pass and returned it 27-yards for a touchdown.

Offensively, the stats were close...15 first downs for each team; 278 total yards for Tech and 274 yards for Alabama. Alabama lost one fumble, suffered three interceptions and could manage just 50 yards rushing. The Tide did have 224 yards passing, but could not move the football into the endzone.

Zow hit 19 of 35 passes for 224 yards and one TD, pitching eight to Shaun Alexander for 87 yards. Alexander, who rushed for 1,178 yards in the regular season, managed just 55 yards on 21 carries.

Alabama	0	7	0	0	—	7
Virginia Tech	7	3	14	14	—	38

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Michael Vaughn (5-yard pass) Field Goals: None.

**Virginia Tech** — Touchdowns: Al Clark (43-yard run); Lamont Pegues (1-yard rush); Lamont Pegues (1-yard rush); Shyrone Stith (4-yard rush); Lamont Pegues (1-yard rush); Anthony Midget (27-yard interception return); Field Goals: Shayne Graham (44-yard) Conversions: Shayne Graham 5-of-5.



### The Orange Bowl

January 1, 2000  
Michigan 35, Alabama 34 (OT)

MIAMI, Fla. — Two of the most storied college football teams faced each other in the 2000 FedEx Orange Bowl and only extra time and an extra point could separate them.

The Michigan Wolverines scored a touchdown and converted an extra point in the overtime to beat the Crimson Tide 35-34. Alabama scored a touchdown but missed the PAT on its overtime possession.

Shaun Alexander scored three touchdowns in the first three quarters to help the Crimson Tide build a 28-14 lead with 8:29 left in the third. His three touchdowns were the most in school history for an individual in a bowl game. Alexander finished with 161 yards rushing and scored his last touchdown on a 50-yard run.

Freddie Milons scored the last touchdown for Alabama in regulation on a 62-yard punt return. Milons ran for 107 yards on four punt returns to set a new Alabama and Orange Bowl record for punt return yards in a game. The previous records for both had been set by Hootie Ingram in the 1953 Orange Bowl Game.

Michigan rallied with three touchdowns in the third to tie the game at 28. The Wolverines lined up to attempt a game-winning field goal with two seconds left in regulation, but Phillip Weeks blocked the kick.

Weeks and several other Crimson Tide players had bigger roles in the bowl game than they had in the regular season. Lannis Baxley made his first start on the offensive line in place of injured Outland Trophy winner Chris Samuels. Baxley and Bart Raulston combined to secure the right tackle position and Dante Ellington moved to left tackle to fill in for Samuels.

Andrew Zow and Tyler Watts combined to take all the snaps at quarterback for Alabama. Zow threw for 86 yards and one touchdown and Watts completed all six of his passes for 35 yards.

The two teams combined to set new Orange Bowl records with 35 points scored in the third quarter.

Alabama	0	14	14	0	6	—	34
Michigan	0	7	21	0	7	—	35

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Shaun Alexander (5-yard run); Alexander (6-yard run); Alexander (50-yard run); Freddie Milons (62-yard punt return); Antonio Carter (21-yard pass from Andrew Zow); Ryan Pflugner (4-of-5 PATs)

**Michigan** — Touchdowns: David Terrell (27-yard pass from Tom Brady); Terrell (57-yard pass from Brady); Terrell (20-yard pass from Brady); Anthony Thomas (3-yard run); Shawn Thompson (25-yard pass from Brady); Hayden Epstein (5-of-5 PATs).



### The Independence Bowl

December 27, 2001  
Alabama 14, Iowa State 13

SHREVEPORT, La. — The Alabama Crimson Tide made it four in a row to finish the 2001 season as the Tide trimmed Iowa State, 14-13 before a national television audience on ESPN. The game marked Alabama's 51st bowl appearance and the first ever for the Tide in the Independence Bowl.

The final score wasn't indicative of the final score. Iowa State's offense gave the Bama defense all it wanted and racked-up 456 yards of total offense and 23 first downs. But the Tide defense held when it had to and the offense scored when it counted most.

Trailing the Cyclones 13-7 late in the fourth quarter, Marc Miller and Wayne Bacon combined to block a Tony Yelk punt. Bama recovered at the Cyclone 29-yard line with 5:31 left in the fourth quarter.

Ahmaad Galloway ran right for two yards and then quarterback Andrew Zow connected with tight end Terry Jones, Jr. for a 27-yard TD strike for the winning points. Neal Thomas kicked the extra point and turned the game over to the Bama defense.

ISU began its drive at their own nine-yard line, getting to the Tide 30 before settling on a 47-yard field goal attempt by Yelk. The kick sailed wide right and UA celebrated its NCAA-best 29th bowl victory.

The Cyclones scored first, getting a field goal with 13:18 remaining in the first quarter. On the first play of the game, Cyclone quarterback Seneca Wallace threw deep to Craig Campbell for a 39-yard completion, but the Tide defense stiffened to force the field goal attempt.

Iowa State scored again, just seconds into the second quarter when Joe Woodley went in from one yard out. Lane Danielsen had the big play on the drive, getting 33 yards on a reverse.

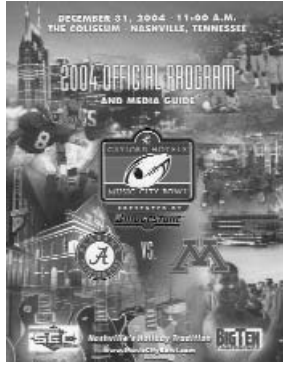
Bama got on the scoreboard on its next possession, going 80 yards in 10 plays. Zow got the scoring honors on an eight-yard run and Thomas kicked the extra point. A Zow to Sam Collins pass for 17 yards got the Tide started, while Zow threw another to Freddie Milons for 15 yards. The first half ended with Iowa State leading, 10-7.

Yelk got ISU's next points on a 41-yard field goal from the Tide 24-yard line. State had marched 31 yards in five plays for the 13-7 third quarter lead.

State's Ennis Haywood was the game's leading rusher with 125 yards on 20 carries, while the Tide was led by Galloway's 90 yards on 16 carries. Neither team had a rushing touchdown. The Cyclone's Wallace completed 25 of 42 passes for 284 yards, with Zow hit on 11 of 19 for 119 yards, one TD and one interception.

Alabama	0	7	0	7	14
Iowa State	3	7	3	0	13

**Alabama** — Touchdowns: Andrew Zow (8-yard run); Terry Jones (27-yard pass from Zow); Neal Thomas (2-of-2 PATs)  
**Iowa State** — Joe Woodley (one-yard run); Tony Yelk (1-of-1 PATs, 2-of-5 FGs)



### The Music City Bowl

December 31, 2004  
Minnesota 20, Alabama 16

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Minnesota's tailback tandem of Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney rushed for a combined 292 yards in a 20-16 win over the Tide at the 2004 Music City Bowl at The Coliseum in Nashville.

Bama managed just 21 yards rushing but quarterback Spencer Pennington hit 22 of 36 passes for 243 yards and one TD.

The Tide struck first when Pennington, after a Freddie Roach fumble recovery, hit Le'Ron McClain with a two-yard TD pass to give the Crimson Tide a 7-0 lead just 48 seconds into the game.

The Tide then intercepted the Gophers on their next possession but gave the ball right back on a turnover of their own. Minnesota's Keith Lipka picked up a fumble at Bama's 2-yard line and stepped over the goal line for the touchdown to tie the game at 7-7. On their next possession, UM's Barber scored on a five-yard run to give the Gophers a 14-7 lead with 14:57 left in the first half. UM's Rhys Lloyd tacked on a field goal with 8:07 to play in the first half to go up 17-7 but Bama answered when McClain capped a 10-play, 73-yard drive with a one-yard run to make it 17-14 at the half.

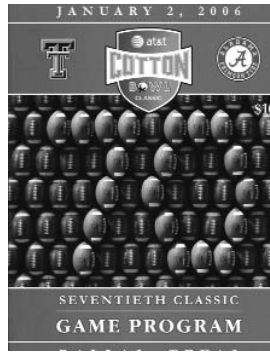
Lloyd drilled his second field goal of the game to put UM up 20-14 with 10:16 left to play in the third. His 24-yarder capped an 11-play, 68-yard drive to open the second half. Following an Alabama punt, Minnesota, pinned deep in its own territory, opted for a safety with 3:11 left in the game to make the score 20-16.

Alabama had one last chance from their own 48-yard line. After two first downs moved the chains to the UM 19-yard line, Bama faced third down. Pennington missed an open Tyrone Prothro in the end zone that would have given Bama the lead. Pennington's fourth down pass to DJ Hall was also incomplete and Minnesota ran out the clock.

Alabama	7	7	0	2	16
Minnesota	7	10	3	0	21

Alabama -- Touchdowns: Le'Ron McClain two-yard pass from Spencer Pennington. McClain one-yard run. Field Goals: None. Conversions: Brian Bostick (2-2).

Minnesota -- Touchdowns: Keith Lipka one-yard fumble return. Marion Barber 5-yard run. Rhys Lloyd two extra points. Field Goals: Lloyd (1-2, 24-yards).



### The AT&T Cotton Bowl

January 1, 2006  
Alabama 13, Texas Tech 10

DALLAS, Texas — The Alabama Crimson Tide concluded its 2005 season at 10-2 thanks to a 13-10 win over No. 15 Texas Tech in the 2006 AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas. It marked the Tide's 28th 10 win season, an NCAA record. When the dust settled, Alabama finished ranked 8th in both final polls.

Although the Jamie Christensen kick was by no means perfect, it was enough to keep Bama in the win column and marked his third game-winning field goal of the season.

Alabama's defense dominated the game early as the Red Raiders were forced to punt after their first possession of the game.

The Tide's first possession resulted in a 76-yard touchdown pass from Brodie Croyle to Keith Brown. It was the Tide's second play of the game and Croyle flicked a play action pass to Brown. Christensen's PAT was good, giving the Tide an early 7-0 lead.

The Tide defense held the Red Raiders in check until late in the first quarter when Alex Trlica hit a 34-yard field goal, cutting the Tide lead to 7-3.

With 2:39 left in the second quarter, Alabama had a 38-yard field goal blocked and Tech took over at the Bama 46. Tech marched to the Alabama 21 and with time ticking off, attempted a 37-yard field goal. Bama's Mark Anderson burst through to block the attempt.

In the third quarter, the Tide was able to put more points on the scoreboard when Christensen kicked a 31-yard field goal for a 10-3 Bama lead. Earlier in the fourth quarter, Tech managed another Trlica field goal to tie the game at 10-10.

Bama then went to work from their own 14-yard line, moving to the Red Raiders' 28-yard line. With just five seconds left in the game, Christensen nailed a 45-yard field goal, giving the Tide a 13-10 win.

In his last game, Alabama quarterback Brodie Croyle was named the game's Offensive MVP. He completed 19 of 31 passes for 275 yards and one touchdown. Alabama linebacker DeMeco Ryans was named Defensive MVP after getting seven tackles to lead the Bama defense.

Texas Tech	3	0	0	7	-	10
Alabama	7	0	3	3	-	13

Alabama - Touchdowns: Keith Brown 76-yard pass from Brodie Croyle. Conversions: Jamie Christensen (1-1). Field Goals: Jamie Christensen (2-3, 31 yards and 45 yards).

Texas Tech - Touchdowns: Jarrett Hicks 12-yard pass from Cody Hodges. Conversions: Alex Trlica (1-1). Field Goals: Alex Trlica (1-1, 34 yards)



### The Independence Bowl

December 28, 2006  
Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 31

SHREVEPORT, La. — Ending the 2006 season in the PetroSun Independence Bowl, Alabama scored two late touchdowns to erase a 14-point deficit, but a 27-yard field goal by Oklahoma State's Jason Ricks with 13 seconds left pinned a 34-31 loss on Bama at Independence Stadium.

Alabama trailed at halftime, 24-14, after OSU capitalized on an early Alabama fumble to grab an early 7-0 lead when Dantrell Savage scored from one yard out. Alabama responded with a 72-yard scoring drive with John Parker Wilson connecting with Matt Caddell on a slant pattern to tie the score. Wilson finished the day 18-of-33 passing for 168 yards and a touchdown.

DJ Hall extended his school record for single-season receiving yards with five catches for 42 yards, giving him 1,056 yards on the season. Kenneth Darby had a career-high four catches for 30 yards and Caddell caught three for 33 yards and a touchdown.

After OSU extended its lead to 17-7 in the second period, Alabama answered with an 80-yard drive ended by a one-yard run by Tim Castille to pull the score to 17-14 before OSU led by 10 at the half, 24-14.

After the Tide opened the third quarter with a 24-yard field goal from Jamie Christensen to pull the score to 24-17, OSU extended its lead to 31-17.

Alabama's comeback came quickly. Javier Arenas returned a punt 86 yards for a score to pull the Tide within seven, 31-24, with 10:50 remaining. The touchdown was the longest punt return in Independence Bowl history. On the ensuing kickoff, Chris Rogers forced a fumble and recovered it on the OSU 21-yard line. Five plays later, Wilson tossed a screen pass (ruled a lateral) to right tackle Andre Smith, who carried the ball two yards into the end zone, tying the score 31-31 with 8:41 remaining.

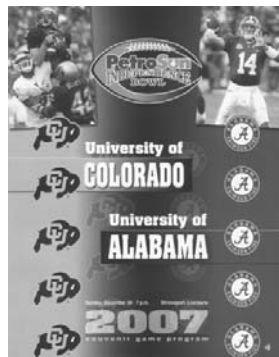
After trading possessions, the OSU offense strung together a 10-play, 74-yard drive to the Alabama 10 with 13 seconds remaining, and Ricks' 27-yard field goal split the uprights for the 34-31 verdict.

Oklahoma State	7	17	0	10	-	34
Alabama	7	7	3	14	-	31

Alabama - Touchdowns: Matt Caddell 18-yard touchdown reception from John Parker Wilson, Tim Castille 1-yard run, Javier Arenas 86-yard punt return, Andre Smith 2-yard run. Conversions: Jamie Christensen (2-2). Field Goals: Jamie Christensen (1-1, 24 yards).

Oklahoma State - Touchdowns: Dontrell Savage 1-yard run, Keith Toston 4-yard run, Toston 7-yard run, Adrian Bowman 10-yard reception from Bobby Reid. Conversions: Jason Ricks (4-4). Field Goals: Jason Ricks (2-2, 28 yards and 27 yards)





## The Independence Bowl

December 30, 2007  
Alabama 30, Colorado 24

SHREVEPORT, La. — Alabama used a 20-point first quarter and relied on a stingy second-half defense to withstand Colorado in the PetroSun Independence Bowl, gaining 388 total yards in a 30-24 win over the Buffaloes at Independence Stadium.

Alabama (7-6) dominated the first quarter of the game, opening with two field-goal-scoring drives to take a 6-0 lead before an unsuccessful fake punt by Colorado (6-7) led to the Crimson Tide's first touchdown of the night, a 15-yard pass from junior John Parker Wilson to senior Keith Brown for a 13-0 lead 10 minutes into the game.

After a Colorado punt, the Tide took the ball 63 yards in five plays on its next possession, capping the drive with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to senior Matt Caddell for the 20-0 first-quarter lead. A blocked punt by Caddell on Colorado's next possession set up the Tide at its own 35-yard line, and six plays later Wilson hit Nikita Stover for his third touchdown pass of the night, a 34-yarder, to extend Alabama's lead to 27-0 with 12:20 left in the first half. Wilson completed 13 of his first 15 passes for 185 yards and three touchdowns.

Late in the half, Colorado quarterback Cody Hawkins found receiver Tyson DeVree for a four-yard score to cut the Tide lead to 27-7. A 25-yard pass from Hawkins to Dusty Sprague with four seconds left cut the Alabama lead to 27-14 at the half.

A third quarter Colorado field goal cut the Alabama lead to 10, and with the Alabama offense stalled the Buffaloes got the ball back at the Alabama 20 with 8:25 left in the game and a chance to cut the Tide even more. But Brandon Deaderick tipped a Hawkins pass and Darren Mustin made a diving interception to give Alabama the ball on Buffaloes' 22.

Seven plays later Alabama was able to extend its lead to 30-17 with a 26-yard field goal from Leigh Tiffin, his third of the night, with 4:36 left in the game. Colorado then went 69 yards in just 45 seconds to cut the Alabama lead to 30-24 with a touchdown pass from Hawkins to DeVree, but the Tide was able to convert two first downs on its next possession, running the clock down to one second before the Buffaloes took over at their own 20. Colorado's lateral-filled final play was stopped at the Buffaloes' 45-yard line.

Wilson was 19-of-32 passing for 256 yards, with three touchdowns and one pick. The UA defense was led by end Wallace Gilberry, who recorded five tackles-for-loss in an eight-tackle performance in his final game for the Tide, tying the Alabama single-game record for tackles-for-loss. Safety Rashad Johnson had 13 tackles while Mustin had eight stops to go with his interception.

Alabama	20	7	0	3	-	30
Colorado	0	14	3	7	-	24

Alabama - Touchdowns: Keith Brown 15-yard pass from John Parker Wilson, Matt Caddell 34-yard pass from Wilson, Nikita Stover 31-yard pass from Wilson. Conversions: Leigh Tiffin (3-3). Field Goals: Leigh Tiffin (3-3, 41 yards, 24 yards, 26 yards). Colorado- Touchdowns: Tyson DeVree 4-yard pass from Cody Hawkins, Dusty Sprague 25-yard pass from Hawkins, DeVree 14-yard pass from Hawkins. Conversions: Kevin Eberhart (3-3). Field Goals: Kevin Eberhart (1-2, 39 yards).



## The Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2009  
Utah 31, Alabama 17

NEW ORLEANS, La. - Fourth-ranked Alabama battled back from an early 21-0 deficit, cutting the scoring margin against No. 6 Utah to 21-17, but the Crimson Tide was unable to overcome the Utah lead, falling to the Utes, 31-17, in the 75th Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Utah scored 21 first-quarter points, capitalizing on a John Parker Wilson interception and getting a pair of touchdown passes from Brian Johnson to take a 21-0 lead into the second quarter. Alabama responded with 17 unanswered points, including a 73-yard punt return for a touchdown by Javier Arenas, to cut the score to 21-10 at halftime. A fumble on Utah's first possession of the third quarter gave Alabama the ball in the Utes' territory, and a 4-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to Glen Coffee cut the lead to 21-17 with 11:14 to go in the third. Utah, however, closed the game on a 10-0 run.

Wilson completed 18-of-30 passes for 177 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions. Julio Jones was Wilson's leading receiver, finishing with seven catches for 77 yards. Coffee (36 yards) and Mark Ingram (26) combined for 62 yards on the ground. Coffee moved into second place on the Alabama single-season rushing list with 1,386 yards.

Utah quarterback Brian Johnson threw for 336 yards and three touchdowns on his way to being selected the game's most outstanding player, a fitting finish to the career of Utah's winningest quarterback (26-7).

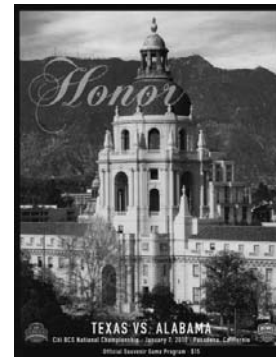
Johnson spread the ball around, completing passes to seven receivers while the Utes almost completely ignored the running game. Johnson connected with receiver Freddie Brown 12 times for 125 yards. Johnson's touchdowns went for 7 yards to Brent Casteel, 18 yards to Bradon Godfrey and 28 yards to David Reed. Matt Asiata ran for a 2-yard score, set up by Reed's leaping catch at the 2. An Alabama comeback appeared to be building early in the second half, when Dont'a Hightower stripped Johnson, and Bobby Greenwood recovered at the Utah 30. Wilson drove the Tide for a score, hitting Coffee for an easy 4-yard touchdown pass on a roll-out to close the gap to 21-17.

At that point, Alabama had scored 17 straight points, and it appeared to be only a matter of time before the Tide would overtake the underdog Utes. But Johnson opened Utah's next drive with a 33-yard pass over the middle to Brown. That started a 71-yard scoring drive that ended with Reed's touchdown. The Tide drove right back into Utah territory, but Ingram was stopped for no gain on third-and-2 from the Utah 32. Leigh Tiffin then missed his second long field goal of the game, hooking a 49-yarder just left of the upright.

Utah	21	0	7	3	-	31
Alabama	0	10	7	0	-	17

Alabama - Touchdowns: Javier Arenas 73-yard punt return, Glen Coffee 4-yard pass from John Parker Wilson. Conversions: Leigh Tiffin (2-2). Field Goals: Leigh Tiffin (1-3, 52 yards; missed 47 yards, 49 yards).

Utah - Touchdowns: Brent Casteel 7-yard pass from Brian Johnson, Matt Asiata 18-yard run, Bradon Godfrey 18-yards pass from Johnson, David Reed 28-yard pass from Johnson. Conversions: Louie Sakoda (4-4). Field Goals: Louie Sakoda (1-1, 28 yards).



## The BCS National Championship Game

January 7, 2010  
Alabama 37, Texas 21

PASADENA, Calif. - Top-ranked Alabama held true to its ranking, defeating second-ranked Texas, 37-21, in the 2010 BCS National Championship at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, sealing the 2009 national championship.

"Our message to the team at halftime was that it's a 60-minute game," said head coach Nick Saban. "I'm proud of the way we hung in there and bounced back at the end of the game."

The Crimson Tide defense ended any hopes of a Longhorn comeback when blitzing linebacker Eryk Anders forced a fumble by Texas quarterback Garrett Gilbert with only 3:08 remaining in the game. Alabama would force two more turnovers and score two touchdowns to seal the 2009 national championship.

After Texas jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, the Crimson Tide took the lead with running back Mark Ingram punching in a two-yard rush putting Alabama up 7-6 with 14:18 remaining in the second quarter.

Trent Richardson joined in on the ground attack when he busted a 49-yard touchdown run at the 7:59 mark of the second quarter to stretch Alabama's lead to 14-7.

Place-kicker Leigh Tiffin extended the Tide's lead by connecting on a 26-yard field goal. Two plays later, defensive tackle Marcell Dareus intercepted Gilbert's shovel pass and returned it 28 yards for an Alabama touchdown. The 10-point swing gave the Crimson Tide a 24-6 lead heading into halftime.

With Texas' offense scoring 11 unanswered points in the second half and pulling within 24-21, linebacker Courtney Upshaw recovered the fumble forced by Anders for the Tide. The Texas fumble led directly to Ingram's one-yard touchdown run, putting Alabama up 31-21.

Javier Arenas came up with his second interception of the night with 1:55 remaining in the game and Richardson turned the turnover into points once again, scoring a touchdown on a two-yard run. Tiffin missed the extra point attempt, making the final score 37-21.

With the win Alabama head coach Nick Saban became the first head coach in major college football history to win a national championship at two different schools, also winning the BCS national championship in 2003 at LSU. Saban also became the second head coach to win two BCS national championships, joining Urban Meyer of Florida.

The victory in Pasadena came 84 years after Alabama won its first national championship in the 1926 Rose Bowl game and maraked the fifth time for an Alabama team to end a national championship campaign at the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena.

Texas	6	0	7	8	-	21
Alabama	0	24	0	13	-	37

Alabama - Touchdowns: Mark Ingram 2-yard run, Trent Richardson 49-yard run, Marcell Dareus 28-yard interception return, Ingram 1-yard run, Richardson 2-yard run. Conversions: Leigh Tiffin (4-5). Field Goals: Leigh Tiffin (1-2, 26 yards; missed 52 yards).

Texas - Touchdowns: Jordan Shipley 44-yard pass from Garrett Gilbert, Shipley 28-yard pass from Gilbert. Conversions: Hunter Lawrence (1-1). Field Goals: Hunter Lawrence (2-2, 18 and 42 yards).