

UNIVERSITY, ALA., Dec.—Here is the football path that Coach Red Drew's Alabama team carved through the Southeastern Conference to gain their fourth undisputed championship and a January first date with Rice in the Cotton Bowl. To win the SEC crown, the Crimson Tide had to put together a season record of six victories, two losses and three ties. Anyone can see that the road to Dallas was not an easy one.

Alabama 19, Mississippi Southern 25

Highly-rated Bama felt the shock that rocked the football world as spunky Mississippi Southern delt the Tide their first loss of the season. Tommy Lewis put Alabama ahead in the first quarter, diving over from the one to cap a 42 yard drive, but the SSoutherners came back on a four-yard toss from Bill Jarrell to Bucky McElroy. Bill Oliver, Tide right half, added another touchdown on a five-yard end sweep. Jarrell's 45 yard pitch to All-Southern Back Hugh Laurin Pepper kept the visitors steamed up. Bama got a 19-12 lead shortly before halftime on a five-yard pass from Bart Starr to End Curtis Lynch. A bad Tide pitchout and a 65 yard sprint by Pepper made it 19-18 and a Jarrell-Williams aerial for 23 yards sent Thad Vann's boys home with the upset of the yaer.

Alabama 7, Louisiana State 7

Bama marched 80 yards to score the first time they got the ball, with Lewis bucking over from the one. Starr passed for 10, 19 and 15 yards to keep the Crimson moving against LSU's stiff defenders. The Bengals, who had whipped Texas the week before, knotted the count during that same quarter. Brancato scored from the one, after Al Doggett had set things up by passing 31 yards to Charley Oakley. Cliff Stringfield matched Bobby Luna's perfect conversion. Starr and DAVIS took over for the next two quarters with some fine punting. LSU drove 67 yards in the third period, but Bama held on their own five. Ralph Carrigan's play at linebacker was the defensive show of the evening.

Alabama 21, Vanderbilt 12

Bart Starr gave evidence of his future worth as a passer as he hit nine out of 18 tosses for 189 yards and two scores, a 43 yarder to Bud Willis and another to Joe Cummings for 30. Bobby Luna had broken the ice in the first quarter, going 41 yards around end. Floyd Teas and Dan Byers accounted for both Commodore tallies, on runs of 5 and 3 yards.

Alabama 41, Tulsa 13

Alabama cut loose with 20 points in the second quarter to put the fire to Tulsa's Golden Hurricanes, as Bama rolled up their biggest score of the year, 41-13. Bill Oliver broke over from four yards out to get things moving. Corky Tharp's weaving 63-yard and a 56-yard runback on a pass interception by Bobby Luna put the Tide further ahead. Bart Starr hit End Bud Willis for 31 yards and a score early in the third period, and a Tulsa fumble set up a fifth six-pointer, with Fullback Bill Stone barrelling over from the five. Tulsa countered two touchdowns on a 10-yard toss from Bohn to Holliday, and a 10-yard gallop by Walker, but Cecil Ingram's two-yard buck over center lengthened the margin of victory for the Tide.

Alabama 0, Tennessee 0

The 1953 version of the Bama-Tennessee game was no different from the hard-socking battles of the past. Great line play and hard blocking marked this scoreless tie in Birmingham, that saw Alabama do everything but score

points. Both sides stuck to the ground, with Bama outrushing the Vols, 287 to 93. The visitors never got the pigskin inside the Tide 40. A 40-yard dash by Corky Tharp almost put the Crimsonns ahead but, Corky fumbled on the Vol five when two tacklers hit him. Tennessee took over, killing the Tide's only scoring opportunity. Fred Sington, Jr. tried a 43-yard field just as the half ended, but it was short.

Alabama 7, Mississippi State 7

State's All-American Quarterback Jackie Parker passed, kicked and ran his teammates to a 7-7 tie with favored Alabama to give Coach Ded Drew's eleven a serious scare. Bama had to come from behind to break even. Parker engineered a successful second-period drive that covered 76 yards to put State ahead. Parker scored from three yards out and kicked the extra point. Bart Starr was at the helm as the Tide raced back to tie it up at the start of the third quarter. The Montgomery sophomore hit on seven straight passes to put Bama in scoring position. Corky Tharp scooted over from the two. The Crimsonns were on the move again when the final whistle sounded. The drive died on the Maroon 27 when Bobby Luna's field goal try was blocked.

Alabama 33, Georgia 12

Corky Tharp, Bart Starr, and Bobby Luna combined their talents to lead the Tide to a decisive victory over Georgia in Athens. Tharp set up Bama's first TD by returning a Zeke Bratkowski punt 86 yards to the Georgia two. Starr flipped a pass to End Joe Cummings for the score. Foots Clemens banged over from Bama's two for a Georgia score, but the Tide zipped back on a 31-yard aerial from Starr to Luna. A Harper-Williams pass, covering 28 yards, ended Georgia's scoring. Vince DeLaurentis' 38-yard runback on an intercepted Bratkowski pass, a 63 yard run by Tharp, and a five-yard pass from Starr to Right Half Bill Oliver salted the game away for the Capstoners.

Alabama 21, Chattanooga 14

Chattanooga was picked to be an easy game by the experts but Bama had to give it everything for a 21-14 win. Bama scored with 11 minutes gone as Tharp circled left end from the five and Luna kicked the point. Chattanooga came right back to drive 80 yards and a score. Dick Durham hit Bill Wilkerson with a pass for the TD which covered 36 yards. Durham converted for a 7-7 tie.

Bama scored the third play after the kickoff with Albert Elmore going 54 yards off on the keep play. Ingram put the Tide ahead 14-7 by kicking the extra point. Carter scored from the two after a 73 yard drive and Ed Jarmakowics converted for a tie at the half. The winning TD came on a 19-yard pass from Starr to Tharp with Ingram kicking the point.

Alabama 13, Georgia Tech 6

Alabama attempted only one pass and held Tech to 57 yards rushing and handed the Yellow Jackets its first conference defeat since Nov. 18, 1950 when the Tide won that on 54-19. Injured Bart Starr was riding the bench, but Sophomore Albert Elmore took over like a veteran and guided Bama home. Bobby Luna's interception of Wade Mitchell's pass gave the ball to Bama on the Tech 21. Bill Oliver went over from the three, five plays later. Tech came back in the third going 54 yards, with Glenn Turner bulling over from the three. Another pass interception, this time by Fullback Bill Stone, set up the Crimsonns' other tally. Starting on its own 48, Bama hit pay dirt 11 plays later, with Elmore going over on a quarterback sneak.

Alabama 0, Maryland 21

Three lightening-fast first-half touchdowns made the difference as mighty Maryland, the nation's Number One team, delt the Tide its roughest defeat of the season. Chet Hanulak dashed 81 yards for the Terripin's first score the first time they got the ball. Bernie Faloney hit Bill walker with a 52-yard scoring toss. Shortly before halftime, the Terps struck again, with Charley Boxold rifling one to Walker for 25 yards and a score. Bama looked dangerous the second half, with Bart Starr throwing 'em long and short to put his mates inside the Maryland 10 no less than four times. Each time, however, the big Terps held. It was Starr's best passing afternoon. He hit 12 out of 23 tosses for 226 yards.

Alabama 10, Auburn 7

Recovering their composure after a brusing first-quarter showing, Bama raced back to tie their arch rivals and go ahear for good on Bobby Luna's 30-yard field goal. Vince Dooley's 27-yard dash to the Bama 33, followed by Fob James' two sprints, set up the Tigers, score. Charley Hattaway shot over from the three and Joe Davis converted. The Tide came right back in the second quarter going 65 yards in five plays, with Bill Stone accounting for the final 15. Luna converted. In the fourth, Bama moved down to the Tiger 22. Luna booted from the 30.

ALABAMA'S INTERSECTIONAL RECORD

1902—Ala. 0,	U. of Texas	10	Tuscaloosa	Nov. 11
1908—Ala. 16,	U. of Cincinnati.....	0	Birmingham	Oct. 10
1908—Ala. 9,	Haskell Inst.	8	Tuscaloosa	Nov. 20
1914—Ala. 3,	Carlisle Inst.	20	Birmingham	Dec. 5
1915—Ala. 0,	U. of Texas	20	Austin, Tex.	Nov. 13
1920—Ala. 40,	Case College	0	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Nov. 27
1922—Ala. 10,	U. of Texas	19	Austin, Tex.....	Oct. 28
1922—Ala. 9,	U. of Pennsylvania	7	Philadelphia	Nov. 4
1923—Ala. 0,	Syracuse	23	Syracuse, N. Y.....	Oct. 13
1926—Ala. 20,	U. of Washington	19	ROSE BOWL	Jan. 1
1927—Ala. 7,	Stanford	7	ROSE BOWL	Jan. 1
1928—Ala. 0,	Wisconsin	15	Madison, Wis.	Nov. 3
1931—Ala. 24,	Washington State	0	ROSE BOWL	Jan. 1
1932—Ala. 28,	George Washington	0	Washington, D. C.....	Oct. 8
1932—Ala. 6,	St. Mary's (Calif.).....	0	San Francisco	Dec. 3
1933—Ala. 0,	Fordham	2	New York	Oct. 28
1935—Ala. 29,	Stanford	13	ROSE BOWL	Jan. 1
1935—Ala. 39,	George Washington	0	Washington, D. C.....	Oct. 5
1937—Ala. 19,	George Washington	0	Washington, D. C.....	Oct. 23
1938—Ala. 0,	California	13	ROSE BOWL	Jan. 1
1938—Ala. 19,	Southern Calif.	7	Los Angeles	Sept. 24
1939—Ala. 7,	Fordham	6	New York	Oct. 7
1942—Ala. 29,	Texas A. & M.....	21	COTTON BOWL	Jan. 1
1943—Ala. 37,	Boston College	21	ORANGE BOWL	Jan. 1
1946—Ala. 34,	Southern Calif.	14	ROSE BOWL	Jan. 1
1946—Ala. 7,	Boston College	13	Boston, Mass.	Nov. 23
1947—Ala. 26,	Duquesne	0	Tuscaloosa	Oct. 11
1948—Ala. 7,	Texas	27	SUGAR BOWL	Jan. 1
1948—Ala. 48,	Duquesne	6	Tuscaloosa	Oct. 8
1949—Ala. 48,	Duquesne	8	Tuscaloosa	Oct. 1
1951—Ala. 18,	Villanova	41	Tuscaloosa	Oct. 12
1952—Ala. 27,	Maryland	7	Mobile.....	Nov. 22
1953—Ala. 61,	Syracuse	6	ORANGE BOWL	Jan. 1
1953—Ala. 41,	Tulsa	13	Tuscaloosa	Oct. 10
1953—Ala. 0,	Maryland	21	College Park, Md.	Nov. 21
1954—Ala. 6,	Rice	28	COTTON BOWL	Jan. 1

Alabama won 22, lost 12, tied one.