



January 1, 1938

Rice 28, Colorado 14

Attendance - 32,118

The name Byron "Whizzer" White will forever be associated with the second Cotton Bowl Classic. White was the leader of an unbeaten and much celebrated Colorado team that roared into Dallas to face the Owls of Rice Institute. White was one of those athletes who could do it all: he could run, pass, score, kick, and most of all, was an aggressive defender. An outstanding All-America on the field, off the field White was a Rhodes Scholar who would go on to hold a seat on the United States Supreme Court. In every sense of the word, White was a star.

Rice didn't possess the glowing press clippings as the Buffaloes. The Owls were a sophomore-laden team which had fought an uphill battle to earn the first bowl bid in Rice football history. But one weapon Rice did have was a gifted young halfback named Ernie Lain. At the end of the 1937 season, Grantland Rice referred to Lain as "football's greatest sophomore back." Promoters built their pre-game hype around White and Lain, and in this second New Year's Day Classic, they more than lived up to the billing.

The first quarter could have served as a Colorado season-highlight film. On the game's third play, the Owls coughed up the football at their own 40-yard line and Colorado quickly took advantage of the Rice turnover. Moving inside the Rice 10, the Buffaloes were faced with a fourth down situation. White responded by passing nine yards to Joe Antonio for the game's first touchdown.

It was the intention of Rice coach Jimmy Kitts to start his upperclassmen and keep Lain on the sideline in the first quarter. But, shortly after the Colorado score, Lain trotted onto the field to take control of the Owls' offense. However, on the series' first play, White presented Lain with an unexpected welcoming. Lain dropped back to throw, fired and found White standing in the way. He hauled in the interception and galloped 47 yards into the end zone. White added the extra point to give Colorado a quick 14-0 lead.

That set the stage for one of the Classic's greatest comebacks. Lain hit Jake Schuehle with a 13-yard scoring strike to get the Owls on the scoreboard. Then, on its next possession, Lain led Rice back to the end zone, powering over from the three to even the score at 14. Before the contest reached intermission, it was Lain again taking control, passing 37 yards to Ollie Cordill for the go-ahead score. It was an explosive second quarter as the Owls posted 21 points on the scoreboard to overcome the early 14-point deficit. Leading 21-14 at the start of the third period, Lain still was far from through, taking to the air again to toss an 11-yard scoring pass to Frank Steen.

Even though the Classic was still in its infancy stage, this was a game that recorded several long-standing records. White's 47-yard interception return stood for 50 years as the longest in history. The 21 points scored by the Owls stood for 40 years as the highest scoring second quarter until Notre Dame equalled the feat against Texas in 1978. Finally, Lain's three touchdown passes were not to be equalled until Doug Flutie came along in the 1985 Classic. The Cotton Bowl

was only two years old, yet already had produced some outstanding performances that would stand for years as the standard by which future games would be measured.

GAME SUMMARY



Colorado	14	0	0	0	- 14
Rice	0	21	7	0	- 28

First Quarter:

Colorado-Joe Antonio 9 pass from Byron White (White kick), 60 yards following fumble recovery by Antonio
Colorado-White 47 interception return (White kick)

Second Quarter:

Rice-Jake Schuehle 13 pass from Ernie Lain (Red Vestal kick), 72 yards in 8 plays following kickoff
Rice-Lain 3 run (Vestal kick), 58 yards in 9 plays following punt
Rice-Ollie Cordill 37 pass from Lain (Vestal kick), 87 yards in 5 plays following punt

Third Quarter:

Rice-Frank Steen 11 pass from Lain (Vestal kick), 50 yards in 8 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Byron White, Colorado
Ernie Lain, Rice

COACHES

Bunny Oakes, Colorado
Jimmy Kitts, Rice

WEATHER

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FUN FACT #2

Founded in 1938, the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association has been directed by 34 prominent Dallas businessmen who have served in the volunteer capacity of President/Chairman. In addition, five others have served as the CBAA's Executive Director. The first person to hold both of these positions was Dan D. Rogers. Rogers began his relationship with the Cotton Bowl in the summer of 1938. He continued to manage the daily affairs of the CBAA until his death in 1952.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	CU	Rice
First Downs	6	20
Rushing	5	17
Passing	1	3
Penalty	0	0
Net Yards Rushing	87	257
Net Yards Passing	8	158
Passes	1-9-2	11-20-1
Total Net Yards	95	415
Fumbles-Lost	2	2
Penalties-Yards	3-15	9-65
Punts-Average	9-41.0	4-38.0

RUSHING
Colorado - White 23-62, Cheney 9-21, Antonio 2-4.
Rice - Lain 14-78, Vickers 13-59, Cordill 7-44, Neece 3-18, Schuehle 4-25.

PASSING
Colorado - White 1-5-2, 9 yards.
Rice - Lain 8-12-1, 123 yards; Vickers 3-6-0, 35 yards.

RECEIVING
Colorado - Antonio 1-9.
Rice - Cordill 3-60, Steen 4-57.

INDIVIDUAL STATS
PUNTING

Colorado - White 8-41.6