



January 1, 1940

Clemson 6, Boston College 3

Attendance - 15,000

Had it not been for the efforts of J. Curtis Sanford, there might not have been a 1940 Cotton Bowl Classic to remember. Undefeated Texas A&M, champions of the Southwest Conference, turned down the Cotton Bowl's invitation in favor of the Sugar Bowl. When Tennessee also turned down the Classic Committee's invitation, it was suggested that the 1940 game be cancelled. Fearing such action would kill the future of the Cotton Bowl, Sanford took on the job of staging the game single handedly. Soon, telegrams began to pour in from Boston College and Clemson supporters. Both had good records and good ball clubs, and Sanford happily extended the invitation.

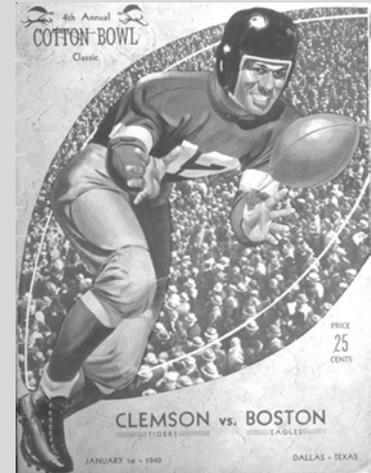
Ironically, this was the game that introduced coach Jess Neely to the Southwest Conference. Neely soon was to leave the South Carolina school for Rice where he would lead the Owls to three Cotton Bowl appearances. Neely brought his 8-1 Clemson Tigers

to Dallas to face coach Frank Leahy's 9-1 Boston College Eagles. The first quarter saw both teams move the football, but neither could punch the ball across the goal line. Then on the final play of the quarter, Charley O'Rourke returned a Clemson punt 27 yards to the Tigers' 13-yard line, putting the Eagles in scoring position. Unable to move, and facing fourth down and 10, Alex Lukachik, a substitute end, came into the game and dropped back to boot a wind-blown three-pointer squarely between the uprights. The kick was good for 36 yards and Boston College owned a 3-0 advantage.

After the exchange of punts, Clemson began its scoring march from its own 43. Charlie Timmons and Banks McFadden did most of the work on the drive. With Timmons and his

favorite spinner play working to perfection, coupled with a 20-yard gallop by McFadden to the Boston College 30, Clemson moved within the shadow of the goalpost. Timmons finished off the drive as he powered over from the Eagles' one-yard line for the go-ahead touchdown midway through the second quarter. Shad Bryant missed the extra point but the day's scoring was over.

GAME SUMMARY



Clemson	0	6	0	0	-	6
Boston College	0	3	0	0	-	3

Second Quarter:
Boston College-Alex Lukachik 36 FG, 0 yards in 4 plays following punt
Clemson-Charlie Timmons 1 run (Shad Bryant kick fail), 57 yards in 9 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYER
Banks McFadden, Clemson

COACHES
Jess Neely, Clemson
Frank Leahy, Boston College

WEATHER
Cold, overcast

FUN FACT #4

Not only is Lamar Hunt a true football legend, when it comes to Cotton Bowl attendance records, he's in a class by himself! Hunt has attended nearly every game. It started on New Year's Day in 1937, when as an infant, his sister carried him to the Classic's inaugural game. He attended every game until 2002, when a scheduling conflict ended his streak. Not only is Hunt the owner of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, but he's one of the AT&T Cotton Bowl's most avid supporters.

GAME STATISTICS

RUSHING
Clemson - Timmons 27-115, Bryant 14-56, McFadden 6-33.
Boston College - Ananis 11-43, O'Rourke 8-41.

PASSING
Clemson - McFadden 2-3-0, 35 yards; Blalock 0-1-1.
Boston College - Toczowski 4-23-1, 73 yards.

RECEIVING
Clemson - Blalock 1-19, Jackson 1-16.

INDIVIDUAL STATS
PUNTING
Clemson: McFadden 11-42.6.