



January 1, 1944

Attendance - 32,000

Texas 7, Randolph Field 7

This game, if for no other reason, turned out to be the most unique in Cotton Bowl history. It's the only time a military installation has played in the Classic, and it matched the nation's best aerial attack — Randolph Field — against the country's top defense — Texas. Tulsa All-America Glenn Dobbs was now pulling the trigger for the Ramblers as a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces.

There was considerable debate in advance of this eighth Cotton Bowl Classic as to which is the superior weapon — a great passing attack or a solid defense. This was the game that would produce the answer. But, it didn't. The elements, the great equalizer of sporting events, all but ruled out a valid answer. First came the cold, and then the rain. By halftime, Texas coach D. X. Bible had called the weather the worst he had seen in 30 years of coaching.

Texas entered the game ranked 14th nationally, the Ramblers had fallen out of the

Top 20 after losing their last contest of the season. Still, Randolph Field had Dobbs, who was playing in his third consecutive bowl game, and undoubtedly was one of the nation's outstanding players. He led the country in total offense, accounting for 1,867 yards for the year, completed 106 passes for 1,431 yards, threw for 20 touchdowns, and gained 421 yards rushing. In addition, Dobbs was the Ramblers' punter, averaging 40.2 points per kick. His favorite receiver was Leslie "Tex" Aulds, who had grabbed 34 passes for 588 yards during the course of the season.

It was the combination of Corporal Dobbs and Aulds that got on the board first, a 16-yard first quarter strike. Texas answered in the second quarter following a Dobbs fumble on the Randolph 42-yard line. Two plays later, Ralph Ellsworth hooked up with George McCall for a 35-yard scoring pass to even things at 7-7 by halftime. Both teams threatened in the second half but the elements joined the side of the defense, and the Cotton Bowl had its first tie.

The contest also produced another first: former Texas A&M standout Martin Ruby became the first man to star for two Classic teams. He was named as the outstanding player for Texas A&M two years earlier against Alabama, and again today for Randolph Field.

GAME SUMMARY



First Quarter:

Randolph Field-Tex Aulds 16 pass from Glenn Dobbs (Walter West kick), 26 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by Walter Parker

Second Quarter:

Texas-George McCall 35 pass from Ralph Ellsworth (J. R. Calahan kick), 42 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by Phil Bolin

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Glenn Dobbs, Randolph Field
Martin Ruby, Randolph Field
Joe Parker, Texas

COACHES

Frank Tritico, Randolph Field
D. X. Bible, Texas

WEATHER

Rain

FUN FACT #8

In 1944, lineman Martin Ruby became the first and only player to star for two different Cotton Bowl teams. Ruby was named as Texas A&M's outstanding player in the Aggies' 29-21 loss to Alabama in the 1942 Classic. Two years later, in the midst of World War II, he returned to the Cotton Bowl as a member of Randolph Field, a San Antonio airbase, and again was named MVP.

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GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Randolph	UT
First Downs	7	3
Rushes-Net Yards	99	73
Net Yards Passing	51	37
Passes	3-16-3	3-10-1
Total Net Yards	150	110
Fumbles-Lost	1	1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	0-0
Punts-Average	10-39.9	8-33.1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS PUNTING

Randolph Field - Dobbs 10-39.9