



January 1, 1946

Texas 40, Missouri 27

Attendance - 45,500

This Classic broke records for breaking records...and it's not surprising to find that the incomparable Bobby Layne was behind it all. Here were the team records established during the course of the afternoon: Most Points Scored - 40, by Texas; Most First Downs - 22, by Missouri; Most Yards Passing - 234, by Texas; Most Yards Rushing - 408, by Missouri; Highest Passing Percentage - .928 on 13 completions in 14 attempts, by Texas; Most Total Yards Gained - 514, by Missouri; and a two-team record for total offense - 950 total yards, 514 by the Tigers and 436 by the Longhorns.

Bobby Layne was responsible for all 40 Texas points; he threw for two touchdowns, ran for three scores, was on the receiving end of a 50-yard bomb for another, and kicked four extra points. When Layne wasn't scoring touchdowns, he was completing 11-of-12 passes for the best passing day ever in Cotton Bowl history, a .917 completion percentage. Layne completed his first eight passes, and his favorite target that day was All-America receiver Hub Bechtol, who caught a then-Cotton Bowl record eight passes.

With 67 points scored in one afternoon, there's no question this Classic was an enjoyable and exciting one for the spectator. However, one can rest assured that Missouri coach Chauncey Simpson could have gone without seeing Layne's amazing feats. But after the game, Simpson came to the Texas bus, shook Layne's hand and said, "I never saw a better job by anybody."

Indeed, Layne's performance was awesome, but he wasn't a one-man act by any means. He received tremendous support from his teammates. However, when the subject of the greatest individual Cotton Bowl performance arises, the name of Bobby Layne must be considered.



FUN FACT #10

Bobby Layne of Texas recorded one of the most unforgettable performances in Cotton Bowl history. Layne accounted for all 40 Texas points in the Longhorns' 40-27 victory over Missouri in 1946. He rushed for three touchdowns, passed for two others and was on the receiving end of a 50-yard scoring pass. Layne also kicked four extra points.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Missouri	UT	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
First Downs	22	19	RUSHING
Net Yards Rushing	408	202	Missouri: Hopkins 16-125, Brown 18-121
Net Yards Passing	106	234	
Passes	4-17-1	13-14-0	PASSING
Total Net Yards	514	436	Texas: Layne 11-12-0, 158 yards
Fumbles-Lost	1	1	
Penalties-Yards	4-30	5-35	RECEIVING
Punts-Average	2-37.0	2-41.5	Texas: Bechtol 8-138, Layne 1-50

GAME SUMMARY



Missouri	7	7	0	13	-	27
Texas	14	7	6	13	-	40

First Quarter:

Texas-Joe Baumgardner 48 pass from Bobby Layne (Layne kick), 75 yards in 7 plays following punt
Missouri-Roland Oakes 51 pass from William Dellastatious (Jim Kekeris kick), 80 yards in 4 plays following kickoff
Texas-Layne 1 run (Layne kick), 60 yards in 10 plays following kickoff

Second Quarter:

Missouri-Dellastatious 3 run (Kekeris kick), 62 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Robert Clodfelter
Texas-Layne 10 run (Layne kick), 69 yards in 7 plays following kickoff

Third Quarter:

Texas-Baumgardner 15 pass from Layne (Layne kick blocked), 20 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by David Green

Fourth Quarter:

Missouri-Howard Bennett 21 run (Kekeris kick), 93 yards in 11 plays following punt
Texas-Layne 50 pass from Ralph Ellsworth (Rooster Andrews pass fail), 80 yards in 6 plays following kickoff
Missouri-Robert Hopkins 1 run (Kekeris kick blocked by David Green), 80 yards in 13 plays following kickoff
Texas-Layne 2 run (Layne kick), 60 yards in 8 plays following kickoff

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Jim Kekeris, Missouri
Hub Bechtol, Texas
Bobby Layne, Texas

COACHES

Chauncey Simpson, Missouri
D. X. Bible, Texas

WEATHER

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