



January 1, 1947 Attendance - 38,000  
**Arkansas 0, LSU 0**

**GAME SUMMARY**



LSU	0	0	0	0	-	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	-	0

**OUTSTANDING PLAYERS**

Y. A. Tittle, LSU  
 Alton Baldwin, Arkansas

**COACHES**

Bernie Moore, LSU  
 John Barnhill, Arkansas

**WEATHER**

Snow, ice

Not even the most dedicated of mail carriers could have been expected to brave the elements on this New Year's Day. In ice, sleet, snow, and rain, Arkansas battled LSU to a scoreless tie. Gametime temperatures were in the 20's, and uninviting snow banks surrounded the field. LSU coach Bernie Moore called it "the worst football weather I've seen in 35 years of coaching." The game was sold out weeks in advance, and despite the weather conditions, a surprising number of the 45,507 tickets sold turned out to see the highly regarded Tigers tackle the underdog Razorbacks.

While the Classic posted its first 0-0 tie, it was a game that will be remembered most for the play of the gritty Arkansas defense. Johnny Lyons who reported the game for the *Houston Post* wrote, "Statistically, LSU wore 'em out. As far as hitting goes, Arkansas wore the Tigers out." Five times, two in the first half and three times in the second, LSU moved the ball inside the Razorback 20. And five times the Porkers threw them back. Time and again, the Tigers seemed to be on the march. Arkansas rose to the occasion each time. While the defense was marvelous, the Hogs' offense was plagued with problems. The Razorbacks made one first down, gained only 54 yards, and failed to complete any of their four passes. In the fourth quarter alone, Arkansas managed only four offensive snaps.

Meanwhile, with Y. A. Tittle at the helm, LSU moved the ball at will between the 20s. Late in the fourth quarter, the Tigers penetrated the Porkers' 10-yard line twice, driving once to the one and the second time to the four. The Hogs' Floyd Thomas turned back the first LSU threat, stopping Ray Coates in his tracks shy of the goal line. Moments later, the Arkansas defenders swarmed Willard Landry for no gain at the four and the Tigers were forced to go for a field goal. But, the rabbit's foot belonged to the Razorbacks as a bad snap from center prevented the Tigers from ever getting off the attempt.

**FUN FACT #11**

The first press lunch was served at the Cotton Bowl. J. Curtis Sanford, the game founder, treated sportswriters to a box lunch consisting of chicken, fruit, a hard-boiled egg and cake prior to Texas' 40-27 defeat of Missouri in the 1946 classic.

**GAME STATISTICS**

TEAM STATS	LSU	Ark
First Downs	15	1
Net Yards Rushing	255	54
Net Yards Passing	16	0
Passes	5-17-0	0-4-1
Total Net Yards	271	54
Fumbles-Lost	2	3
Penalties-Yards	8-50	1-5
Punts-Average	9-30.4	11-36.0