

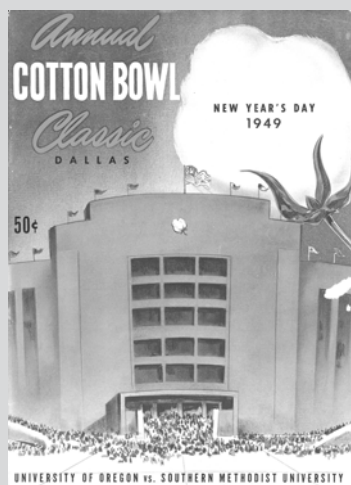


January 1, 1949

SMU 21, Oregon 13

Attendance - 70,000

GAME SUMMARY



Oregon	0	0	0	13	-	13
SMU	7	0	7	7	-	21

First Quarter:

SMU-Doak Walker 1 run (Walker kick), 9:48, 59 yards in 11 plays following opening kickoff

Third Quarter:

SMU-Kyle Rote 36 run (Walker kick), 9:44, 80 yards in 10 plays following second half kickoff

Fourth Quarter:

Oregon-Dick Wilkins 24 pass from Norm Van Brocklin (Chet Daniels kick fail), 12:23, 52 yards in 6 plays following punt
 SMU-Chicken Roberts 8 run (Joe Ethridge kick), 8:45, 56 yards in 8 plays following kickoff
 Oregon-Bob Sanders 1 run (Daniels kick), 6:20, 67 yards in 8 plays following kickoff

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Brad Ecklund, Oregon
 Norm Van Brocklin, Oregon
 Kyle Rote, SMU
 Doak Walker, SMU

COACHES

Jim Aiken, Oregon
 Matty Bell, SMU

WEATHER

Cold

SMU returned to the Classic for the second straight year with what many called a dream backfield — Doak Walker, the two-time All-America and the winner of the 1948 Heisman Trophy; Gilbert Johnson considered to be a great passer; and Dick McKissack and Paul Page, a pair of devastating blockers. With this group, the Mustangs added an outstanding sophomore, Kyle Rote. In two years, the Mustangs had won 17 regular-season games, lost just one, and tied two. For Walker, the 22-year old was having his second consecutive birthday party in the Cotton Bowl.

Oregon also had its share of gridiron heroes, and the Ducks were generally considered the best team on the West Coast. Oregon was noted for its powerful attack, good defense and a great passer named Norm Van Brocklin.

In addition to its superstar lineup, this Classic is noted for the quick kick. Midway through the first period and faced with a second down and eight, Walker caught the Ducks by surprise. Before Oregon realized what was happening, Walker took three of four fleeting backward steps and boomed a 79-yarder that died inside the Ducks' one-yard line. Later, in the second quarter, and with the ball resting on the SMU four, it was Rote's turn to demonstrate the advantages of a good kicking game. Standing in the end zone and only a few yards behind the line of scrimmage, Rote took the snap and with a powerful swing of his right leg, got off an 84-yarder, booming it all the way to the Oregon 12. Needless to say, these two punts still rank as the two longest in Classic history.

When they weren't kicking the daylights out of the football, Walker and Rote took their toll on the Oregon defense, scoring SMU's first two touchdowns. Van Brocklin put Oregon on the scoreboard for the first time in the fourth quarter with a 24-yard pass to Dick Wilkins. SMU all but put the game away when "Chicken" Roberts slashed eight yards for a 21-6 lead. The Mustangs left

little doubt that on this New Year's Day, they had performed at their dazzling best.

FUN FACT #13

Obviously, winning Outstanding Player recognition is an honor. However, earning the award twice is a rare achievement. Martin Ruby may have been the first, but he certainly wasn't the last. SMU halfback Doak Walker won the prize in 1948 and 1949, followed by Houston linebacker David Hodge in the 1979 and 1980 Cotton Bowl games.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Oregon	SMU
First Downs	19	19
Rushing	14	12
Passing	5	7
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	48-242	48-226
Net Yards Passing	145	111
Passes	8-19-0	10-20-2
Total Plays	67	68
Total Net Yards	387	337
Fumbles-Lost	1	0
Penalties-Yards	6-30	1-5
Punts-Average	3-31.0	3-68.7

RUSHING
Oregon - Bell 17-93, Lewis 12-63, Sanders 12-63, McKay 3-10, Van Brocklin 2-10, Aiken 2-3.
SMU - Rote 16-93, Walker 14-66, Page 6-31, McKissack 7-15, Roberts 2-9, Milam 1-6, Payne 2-6.

PASSING
Oregon - Van Brocklin 8-19-0, 145 yards.
SMU - Walker 6-10-1, 79 yards; Johnson 4-10-1, 32 yards.

RECEIVING
Oregon - Wilkins 4-57, D. Robinson 3-56, McKay 1-32.
SMU - Rote 4-55, McKissack 2-21, Payne 2-19, Blakely 1-9, Walker 1-7.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
PUNTING
Oregon - Van Brocklin, 3-31.0
SMU - Rote 2-63.5 (kicks of 84 and 43), Walker 1-79.0.