



January 2, 1950 Attendance - 75,000
Rice 27, North Carolina 13

The running of Billy Burkhalter and the receiving of "Froggy" Williams left little doubt as to which team would emerge as the Cotton Bowl champion in the 14th renewal of the Classic. Rice built a 14-0 lead by halftime, and once the third quarter got underway, the Owls kept right on rolling. Throughout the 1949 season, the Owls had resembled finely tuned machines. Seldom did Rice make mistakes. They ran through the Southwest Conference schedule with ease. Today was no exception.

Rice was ranked fifth nationally with a 9-1-0 record, while North Carolina weighed in at 7-3-0 and was ranked 16th. While not quite as successful as the Owls, the Tar Heels still commanded national attention, primarily because of its highly publicized running back, Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice.

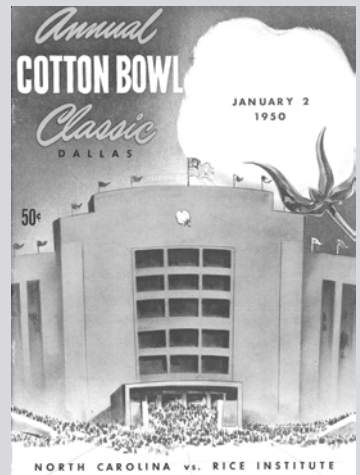
As expected, North Carolina was no match for the Owls who had less trouble disposing of the Southern Conference champions than they did with most of the SWC

teams that tried to block their path to the Cotton Bowl. Undefeated in two previous post-season games, Rice had to whip three 1949 bowl champions within the conference to earn the bid.

The two teams fought to a standstill in the game's opening quarter, but Rice unloaded on the visitors in the second when quarterback Tobin Rote hooked up with Burkhalter for a 44-yard scoring pass. Bobby Lantrip put Rice back on the scoreboard just before halftime on a three-yard run and the Owls were up 14-0. The Owls didn't miss a beat in the third quarter. On its second possession, Rice traveled 77 yards in just six plays

for its third touchdown with Rote hitting Williams for the final 17 yards. Burkhalter followed with a 12-yard fourth quarter run to give the Owls a 27-0 lead before North Carolina could answer in the last eight minutes.

GAME SUMMARY



North Carolina	0	0	0	13	-	13
Rice	0	14	7	6	-	27

Second Quarter:
 Rice-Billy Burkhalter 44 pass from Tobin Rote ("Froggy" Williams kick), 8:27, 57 yards in 9 plays following punt Rice-Bobby Lantrip 3 run (Williams kick), 1:42, 50 yards in 11 plays following punt

Third Quarter:
 Rice-Williams 17 pass from Rote (Williams kick), 8:21, 77 yards in 6 plays following punt

Fourth Quarter:
 Rice-Burkhalter 12 run (Williams kick fail), 12:36, 15 yards in 2 plays following pass interception by Rex Proctor North Carolina-Paul Rizzo 2 pass from Charlie Justice (Egbert Williams kick fail), 6:59, 65 yards in 12 plays following kickoff North Carolina-Rizzo 2 run (Williams kick), 0:47, 80 yards in 12 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Billy Burkhalter, Rice
 Joe Watson, Rice
 "Froggy" Williams, Rice

COACHES

Carl Snavelly, North Carolina
 Jess Neely, Rice

WEATHER

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FUN FACT #14

Thanks to a man named Doak Walker and the tremendous crowds he attracted at SMU, the seating capacity of *The Cotton Bowl* was virtually doubled in 1948-49. Originally, the capacity of the facility was 46,200, but following the 1948 Classic the west side upper deck was added to raise capacity to 67,431. Construction began again after the 1949 Cotton Bowl on the east side upper deck, increasing the stadium's capacity to 75,504. Today, after a series of renovations, *The House That Doak Built* has a permanent capacity of 72,262.

GAME STATISTICS			
TEAM STATS	NC	Rice	
First Downs	16	18	
Rushing	13	7	
Passing	3	11	
Penalty	0	0	
Rushes-Net Yards	38-174	54-226	
Net Yards			
Passing	80	152	
Passes	9-22-1	11-19-1	
Total Plays	60	73	
Total Net Yards	254	378	
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1	
Penalties-Yards	4-30	3-26	
Punts-Average	6-38.0	4-42.8	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
PUNTING			
North Carolina	Justice 6-38.0.		
Rice:	Wyatt 4-42.8.		
RUSHING			
North Carolina - Hayes 19-107, Justice 16-59, Rizzo 0-8, Weiner 1-3, Clements 1-(-1), Gantt 1-(-2).			
Rice - Burkhalter 16-74, Lantrip 14-63, Wyatt 14-51, Rote 6-24, Campbell 1-6, Procter 1-3, Glauser 1-3, Silver 1-2.			
PASSING			
North Carolina - Justice 7-14-0, 63 yards; Hayes 2-8-1, 17 yards.			
Rice - Rote 9-17-1, 140 yards; Glass 2-2-0, 12 yards.			
RECEIVING			
North Carolina - Weiner 5-41, Powell 2-24, Justice 1-8, Rizzo 1-7.			
Rice - Williams 4-55, Burkhalter 1-44, Wyatt 2-22, McCurry 3-18, Taylor 1-13.			