



January 1, 1955

Georgia Tech 14, Arkansas 6

Attendance - 75,500

GAME SUMMARY



Georgia Tech	0	0	7	7	- 14
Arkansas	0	6	0	0	- 6

Second Quarter:

Arkansas-George Walker 3 run (Walker kick fail), 14:58, 80 yards in 12 plays following missed field goal

Third Quarter:

Georgia Tech-Paul Rotenberry 3 run (Wade Mitchell kick), 5:06, 58 yards in 12 plays following punt

Fourth Quarter:

Georgia Tech-Mitchell 1 run (Mitchell kick), 6:53, 57 yards in 10 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

George Humphreys, Georgia Tech
Bud Brooks, Arkansas

COACHES

Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech
Bowden Wyatt, Arkansas

WEATHER

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Those Arkansas fans came calling, some 20,000 of them, to watch their tenth-ranked Razorbacks battle the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech in the 19th Cotton Bowl Classic. Picked to finish sixth in the seven team Southwest Conference, the Hogs stormed through the regular season losing only twice: to LSU by a point, and by a touchdown to SMU. Tech, on the other hand, was a team rich in bowl tradition, and was the only school of its time to win three major bowl games in succession. This was Georgia Tech's second appearance in the Classic, having fallen victim to Texas 12 years earlier, and no doubt was anxious to redeem itself.

Arkansas won the toss, elected to kickoff, and then saw its strategy almost backfire as the Yellow Jackets launched a 60-yard march to the Hogs' five-yard line. After a little more than nine minutes in the making, the drive stalled and Wade Mitchell's 21-yard field goal attempt sailed wide. Now, it was the Razorbacks turn to move the football. Taking over at the 20, Arkansas made its first effort its best, driving 80 yards behind quarterback George Walker. Walker carried over from the three to put the Hogs on top, but missed the extra point. Yet, after turning back a strong scoring threat by Tech, and then driving the length of the field themselves, the Razorbacks were brimming with confidence.

Tech abandoned its passing attack in the third quarter in favor of a potent ground game. With just over five minutes to play in the period, Paul Rotenberry drew the Jackets even with the Hogs on a three-yard scoring run. Mitchell's extra point moved Tech in front, 7-6. Later, as the fourth quarter was getting underway, a short Arkansas punt of just 19 yards set up the Rambling Wreck in excellent field position on the Hogs' 43. From there, it took 10 plays for Tech to punch it across the Arkansas goal as Mitchell plowed over from the one. Mitchell's extra point attempt was perfect and Tech increased its lead to 14-6. Arkansas crossed midfield only twice after its impressive second quarter drive, and

in the final two quarters, the Hogs managed only eight yards rushing. This was the Razorbacks' first bowl defeat, and Tech's ninth post-season victory in 11 bowls. But, even more notable was this fact: the Yellow Jackets now could boast of victory in each of the four major bowls.

FUN FACT #19

Six members of the NFL's 75th Anniversary Team are Cotton Bowl alumni. In 1994, an NFL selection committee chose the 48 greatest professional players of all-time. When the team was announced, the Cotton Bowl was represented by Alabama's John Hannah, Arkansas' Lance Alworth, Notre Dame's Joe Montana, Syracuse's Jim Brown, and TCU's Sammy Baugh and Bob Lilly.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Ga Tech	Ark	RUSHING
First Downs	19	10	Georgia Tech - Humphreys 19-99, Thompson 12-63, Volkert 4-34, Rotenberry 5-28, Hunsinger 4-23, Mattison 4-16, Mitchell 6-14, Menger 6-12, Brigman 2-(-2), Shamberger 1-(-2).
Rushing	17	7	Arkansas - Moore 16-86, Walker 11-34, Benson 9-23, Berry 1-(-1), Thomason 1-(-1).
Passing	2	3	PASSING
Penalty	0	0	Georgia Tech - Mitchell 4-10-0, 31 yards; Brigman 0-4-0; Shamberger 0-1-0.
Rushes-Net	63-285	38-141	Arkansas - Walker 3-5-1, 51 yards; Benson 4-5-0, 35 yards.
Yards	31	86	RECEIVING
Net Yards	31	86	Georgia Tech - Durham 2-20, Hair 2-11, Arkansas - Lyons 2-34, Thomason 1-22, Souter 1-12, Kolb 1-9, Underwood 1-7, Proctor 1-2.
Passes	4-15-0	7-10-1	
Total Plays	78	48	
Total Net Yards	316	227	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0	
Penalties-Yards	4-30	4-30	
Punts-Average	4-30.0	4-28.0	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
PUNTING			
Georgia Tech - Menger 3-33.0, Carlen 1-21.0.			
Arkansas - Walker 3-30.3, Benson 1-21.0.			