



January 1, 1957

Attendance - 61,500

TCU 28, Syracuse 27

GAME SUMMARY



Syracuse	0	14	0	13	-	27
TCU	7	7	7	7	-	28

First Quarter:

TCU-John Nikkel 6 pass from Chuck Curtis (Harold Pollard kick), 2:10, 70 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Jim Shofner

Second Quarter:

TCU-Jim Shofner 8 pass from Curtis (Pollard kick), 13:01, 35 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Vernon Hallbeck
Syracuse-Jim Brown 2 run (Brown kick), 7:54, 70 yards in 10 plays following kickoff
Syracuse-Brown 4 run (Brown kick), 1:02, 24 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by Ted Warholak

Third Quarter:

TCU-Curtis 7 run (Pollard kick), 4:45, 60 yards in 12 plays following fumble recovery by Don Cooper

Fourth Quarter:

TCU-Jim Swink 3 run (Pollard kick), 11:44, 69 yards in 9 plays following fumble recovery by Jerry Holland
Syracuse-Brown 1 run (Brown kick blocked by Chico Mendoza), 5:07, 49 yards in 13 plays following kickoff
Syracuse-Jim Ridlon 27 pass from Charles Zimmerman (Brown kick), 1:16, 43 yards in 3 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Jim Brown, Syracuse
Norman Hamilton, TCU

COACHES

Ben Schwartzwalder, Syracuse
Abe Martin, TCU

WEATHER

Ideal

This Classic was all it was advertised to be: a wild offensive show. TCU earned its second straight Cotton Bowl appearance even though the Frogs wound up the conference campaign second to Texas A&M. The Aggies had roared through the SWC undefeated, but NCAA imposed sanctions prevented them from participating in post-season play.

Selected as the Frogs' opponent was once-beaten Syracuse. The Orangemen were ranked eighth nationally, but their main attraction was Jim Brown, the consensus All-America halfback who could do a little bit of everything with the football. The Classic was billed as a rushing duel between Brown and TCU's great halfback Jim Swink, an All-America selection for the second consecutive year.

TCU, making its fifth Cotton Bowl appearance, spent an afternoon capitalizing on Syracuse mistakes, and started each of its touchdown drives following turnovers. On the strength of quarterback Chuck Curtis' arm, the Frogs struck for 14 first half points. Curtis combined with John Nikkel for six yards to begin the scoring barrage, and a fumble recovery at the Syracuse 35 set up the Frogs' second touchdown. Curtis finished it off with an eight-yard toss to Jim Shofner.

Down by 14 points, Brown began a virtual one-man show to bring the Orangemen back. Brown returned the TCU kickoff 30 yards, and then netted 59 of the remaining 70 yards which led to Syracuse's first touchdown. By halftime, Brown had scored on runs of two and four yards, and to boot, added both extra points. The score remained deadlocked for much of the third quarter until a Brown fumble gave the Purples new life at their own 40-yard line. Again, Curtis was instrumental in the Frogs' attack, carrying the last seven yards to move TCU back into the lead, 21-14.

TCU returned to the scoreboard early in the final period after recovering yet another fumble, this one at the TCU 31. Nine plays later, Swink powered his way into the end zone to give TCU a 28-14 advantage.

Time certainly was against them now, but Syracuse wasn't through, neither was Brown. On the ensuing kickoff, Brown rambled 46 yards to the TCU 49, and moments later, plunged one yard over right tackle for the score. It was here that TCU's Chico Mendoza made the play of the day, crashing through to block Brown's extra point attempt. The clock was an even bigger factor now for Syracuse, trailing 28-20. But, in

the game's dying minutes, the Orangemen started their final drive. With 1:16 left, Charles Zimmerman hit Jim Ridlon with a 27-yard scoring pass. Down by two, Syracuse surprisingly kicked off deep rather than the expected outside kick. TCU played it safe and ran out the clock, putting an end to one of the wildest scoring Classics ever.

FUN FACT #21

In 1957, the great Jim Brown of Syracuse rushed for 132 yards, scored three touchdowns and kicked three extra points. He literally ran through, over and around the TCU defense, leaving a trail of frustrated tacklers in his wake. Brown's explosive power and intensity made stopping him next to impossible. TCU may have won the game that day, 28-27, but the spotlight clearly belonged to Brown, perhaps the greatest running back to ever play the game.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Syracuse	TCU	RUSHING
First Downs	16	15	Syracuse - Brown 26-132, Cann 8-28, Ridlon 5-25, Zimmerman 4-21, Kuczala 3-14, Coffin 3-8, Jackson 2-4, Ackley 2-3.
Rushing	13	9	TCU - Dike 11-54, Swink 12-41, Wineburg 7-17, Hallbeck 13-13, Curtis 3-11, Miller 1-6, Shofner 4-5, Vacek 1-4, Finney 4-(-18).
Passing	3	6	PASSING
Penalty	0	0	Syracuse - Zimmerman 1-3-0, 22 yards; Brown 1-2-1, 20 yards; Ridlon 1-2-0, 15 yards.
Rushes-Net	53-235	56-133	TCU - Curtis 12-15-0, 174 yards; Miller 1-1-0, 28 yards.
Net Yards	63	202	RECEIVING
Passing	3-7-1	13-16-0	Syracuse - Ridlon 2-48, Massey 1-15.
Total Plays	60	72	TCU - Swink 4-60, Nikkel 3-57, Williams 2-37, Vacek 1-28, Shofner 2-16, Wineburg 1-6.
Total Net Yards	298	335	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	3-2	PUNTING
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-40	Syracuse - Ridlon 2-46.5.
Punts-Average	2-46.5	4-37.5	TCU - Wineburg 3-34.7, Shofner 1-46.