



**January 1, 1958** **Attendance - 75,500**

# Navy 20, Rice 7

Navy became the first Eastern team ever to win the Cotton Bowl, and for Rice, the 1958 Classic not only was the Owls' first post-season loss, but was the first for their coach, Jess Neely. It also marked the last Cotton Bowl appearance for Rice.

The Cotton Bowl had been courting Navy for three years only to have Army nix the Middies post-season plans each time. This year, however, Navy roasted Army with a 14-0 defeat, and immediately after the game the players voted to accept the New Year's Day invitation to Dallas. The Cotton Bowl was the only post-season game that season to have both teams ranked among the nation's Top 10: Navy was fifth and Rice was eighth. It also boasted of more All-America's than any other bowl: three - King Hill of Rice, and Navy's Tom Forrestal and Bob Reifsnnyder. The two teams appeared to be a perfect match.

The game was billed as a passing duel between Hill and Forrestal. But, the duel never came about. Hill suffered through one of the worst days of his career. Instead, it turned into a Forrestal-Frank Ryan battle. Ryan, also was regarded as an excellent passer, and the fight was on, or so it seemed.

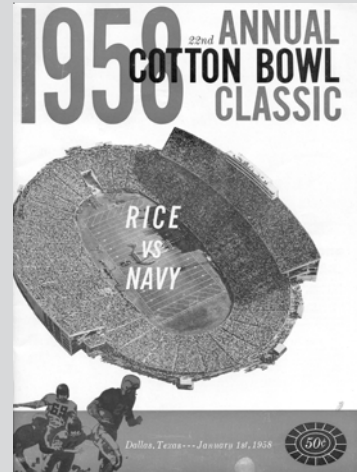
After replacing Hill on the Owls' third possession of the day, Ryan bobbled his first snap from center, and Navy recovered at the Rice 33. It took the Middies eight plays to punch it across, and with 48 seconds remaining in the quarter, Navy led 6-0. The Middies came right back for their second score of the afternoon. Forrestal was the key to a 66-yard drive, firing four completions for 45 yards, rushing for six himself, and ended the march with a 13-yard pitchout to Harry Hurst for the touchdown.

Leading 13-0 at the half, Navy had all but shut down the Owls, limiting Rice to just one first down. Bad luck continued to follow the Owls into the second half. Raymond Chilton fumbled on the Owls' fourth play of the third quarter, and Navy again was on its way. Gaining possession at the Rice 20, the Middies took two plays to reach the end zone. Ned Oldham took the pitchout from Forrestal and went 19 yards for the score. Oldham then added the extra point, and with less than four minutes gone in the second half, Navy was

in total command, 20-0.

By the time Rice found its way onto the scoreboard late in the third quarter, the game was all but over. Forrestal enjoyed one of the most successful days of his career, completing 13 passes for the day, as did Ryan, to break the old completion mark of 12 established the previous year by TCU's Chuck Curtis. Forrestal was a near unanimous choice for outstanding player, receiving 51 of the 54 votes cast.

## GAME SUMMARY



<b>Navy</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 20</b>
<b>Rice</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 7</b>

### First Quarter:

Navy-Joe Tranchini 1 run (Roland Brandquist kick fail), 0:48, 33 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery

### Second Quarter:

Navy-Harry Hurst 13 run (Ned Oldham kick), 8:40, 66 yards in 9 plays following punt

### Third Quarter:

Navy-Oldham 19 run (Oldham kick), 12:31, 20 yards in 2 plays following fumble recovery by John Ruth

Rice-Ken Williams 8 pass from Frank Ryan (King Hill kick), 4:18, 31 yards in 4 plays following pass interception by Bobby Williams

### OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Tom Forrestal, Navy  
Tony Stremic, Navy

### COACHES

Eddie Erdelatz, Navy  
Jess Neely, Rice

### WEATHER

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### FUN FACT #22

In January, 1936, Fair Park Stadium was officially renamed The Cotton Bowl in recognition of the fact that more cotton was raised within 200 miles of Dallas than any other town in America. In the era, Dallas was regarded as the largest interior spot cotton market in the world.

GAME STATISTICS			
TEAM STATS	Navy	Rice	
First Downs	21	14	
Rushing	10	5	
Passing	11	9	
Penalty	0	0	
Rushes-Net	50-222	39-137	
Net Yards	153	164	
Passing Passes	13-27-1	14-27-1	
Total Plays	77	66	
Total Net Yards	375	301	
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	5-5	
Penalties-Yards	9-65	7-53	
Punts-Average	3-36.6	5-42.0	
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>			
<b>PUNTING</b>			
<b>Navy</b> - Swanson 2-32.5, Wellborn 1-45.0.			
<b>Rice</b> - Hill 4-44.0, Bailey 1-34.0.			
<b>RUSHING</b>			
<b>Navy</b> - Oldham 8-50, Hurst 10-50, Wellborn 14-38, Brandquist 5-36, Forrestal 7-34, Swanson 2-9, Tranchini 2-5, Brence 2-0.			
<b>Rice</b> - Ryan 17-69, Speer 4-16, Hill 5-14, Dveitt 4-13, Kelley 4-12, B. Williams 1-8, Chilton 2-7, K. Williams 2-(-2).			
<b>PASSING</b>			
<b>Navy</b> - Forrestal 13-24-1, 153 yards; Tranchini 0-3-0.			
<b>Rice</b> - Ryan 13-22-1, 151 yards; Hill 1-5-0, 13 yards.			
<b>RECEIVING</b>			
<b>Navy</b> - Ruth 5-62, Wellborn 2-20, Jokanovich 4-47, Oldham 2-24.			
<b>Rice</b> - Dial 7-80, Jones 3-30, Miller 1-16, Hill 1-15, K. Williams 2-13.			