



January 1, 1959

TCU 0, Air Force 0

Attendance - 74,500

GAME SUMMARY



Air Force	0	0	0	0	-	0
TCU	0	0	0	0	-	0

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Dave Phillips, Air Force
Jack Spikes, TCU

COACHES

Ben Martin, Air Force
Abe Martin, TCU

WEATHER

Ideal

It was so even that Air Force's total offense was just four yards better than TCU's, 231 to 227. But, there also were 13 fumbles and five missed field goals. Weather was not a major factor, as had been the case in the first scoreless stalemate back in 1947 when Arkansas and LSU found Mother Nature to be a bigger obstacle to overcome than the opposition's defense.

Both teams carried top ten rankings into this 23rd Classic. No. 6 Air Force finished the year 9-0-1 for its first undefeated season, tying Big Ten champ Iowa, 13-13. TCU, 8-2-0 and ranked tenth nationally, rolled through the Southwest Conference unbeaten until a season ending loss to arch-rival SMU, 20-13.

Today, however, was a much different story for the two Cotton Bowl teams. Each time the Falcons or Frogs threatened to move, an untimely fumble cropped up to put an abrupt ending to what appeared to be a promising drive. After recovering one of TCU's three lost fumbles of the day, Air Force mounted its most serious threat from its 42. In 10 plays, the Falcons had moved to the Frogs' eight-yard line. That's when TCU dug in. Air Force could get no closer than the six and it was field goal time. George Pupich stepped back for the attempt, the ball was placed down at the 12, and Pupich had little trouble in getting the kick away, but it sailed wide and to the left.

The final 30 minutes were more of the same. Air Force received the second half kickoff, and again began to drive, reaching the TCU 12. From there, quarterback Rich Mayo fired a nine-yard completion to Tom Jozwiak, but a five-yard illegal procedure penalty wiped out the play and the ball was moved back to the 17. The Falcons couldn't move and Pupich was called on again for field goal duty. This time the attempt came from 34 yards out, and just like his first, this one sailed wide of the uprights.

Pupich later missed another three-point attempt, a 52-yarder, and the Frogs took that as a signal to move, driving all the way to the Falcon eight. But that's where the Frogs' coughed up the football. Time soon ran out and the Cotton Bowl recorded its second 0-0 battle.

FUN FACT #23

It's a little known fact that legendary baseball announcer Harry Caray is a Cotton Bowl alum. Caray teamed up with Dallas' own Bill Mercer to deliver the radio broadcast of the 1959 Classic. A colorful character known for his flamboyant observations, Caray found plenty to talk about as TCU and Air Force combined for 13 fumbles and five missed field goals while en route to a scoreless 0-0 tie. Holy Cow!

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Air Force	TCU
First Downs	13	9
Rushing	5	8
Passing	6	1
Penalty	2	0
Rushes-Net Yards	45-140	48-190
Net Yards Passing	91	37
Passes	12-23-2	3-11-0
Total Plays	68	59
Total Net Yards	231	227
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	8-3
Penalties-Yards	3-15	8-61
Punts-Average	7-38.1	9-38.4

RUSHING

Air Force - Galios 13-52, Quinlan 7-33, Lane 5-16, Pupich 7-12, Thompson 3-11, Rawlins 3-8, Kuenzel 3-5, Mayo 4-3.
TCU - Spikes 17-108, Moreland 3-35, Harris 7-24, Terrell 3-15, Lasater 4-15, Priddy 3-6, Dawson 5-4, Vacek 1-3, Gault 1-3, Enis 4-(-23).

PASSING

Air Force - Mayo 9-19-2, 70 yards; Rosane 1-2-0, 14 yards; Kuenzel 2-2-0, 7 yards.
TCU - Lasater 1-1-0, 37 yards; Enis 2-8-0, 0 yards; Dawson 0-2-0.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PUNTING

Air Force - Pupich 3-39.0, Mayo 4-37.5.
TCU - Gilmore 3-41.7, Terrell 5-34.6, George 1-48.0.

RECEIVING

Air Force - Lane 4-27, Bickey 1-19, Rodgers 2-17, Jozwiak 2-11, Quinlan 1-10, Pupich 2-7.
TCU - Meyer 1-37, Gilmore 1-5, Harris 1-(-5).