



January 1, 1960

Syracuse 23, Texas 14

Attendance - 75,500

This was the first in a series of five Classics over an eleven year stretch that had the national championship riding on the outcome. No. 1 Syracuse, complete with a perfect 10-0-0 record, rolled into Dallas to face once-beaten and fourth-ranked Texas. It was the first meeting between the schools on the gridiron, but the heated battle that quickly took place left the impression the two were bitter rivals. At one point in the second quarter, tempers flared to such extent that it appeared a full-scale brawl might erupt. At game's end, charges were flying from both camps of "dirty play." Outside of the name calling and various accusations of unethical conduct, this Classic produced spectacular football in every phase of the game. There were long plays, heart-rendering goal line stands, and bristling defense.

The Orangemen making their second trip to Dallas in three years, were the recognized national champions, having completed the school's first undefeated and untied season in its 71-year grid history. Syracuse absolutely dominated NCAA statistics that season. They came to Dallas looking for their first major bowl victory. Texas had finished in a three-way tie for the SWC title, but entered the game a heavy underdog.

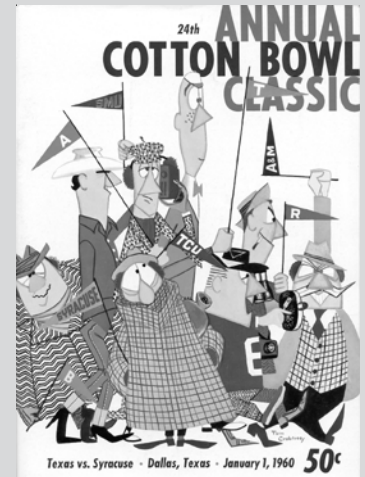
FUN FACT #24

Darrell Royal of Texas made his first of 10 Cotton Bowl coaching appearances in the 1960 Classic. Even though Royal's first visit ended with a 23-14 loss to Syracuse, it was the beginning of a long and storied Cotton Bowl tradition. The legendary Texas coach won two national championships in the Classic, and guided the Longhorns to six consecutive Cotton Bowl appearances from 1969-74. He was 5-5-0 in the Cotton Bowl.

The Classic was just seconds old when the first of the fireworks exploded. Penalized back to his 13-yard line on a holding call, Syracuse quarterback Dave Sarette pitched out to halfback Ger Schwedes, who in turn looked downfield for a streaking Ernie Davis. Schwedes fired the halfback pass and Davis made the reception on the run at his 43. Texas defender Jack Collins leaped high, and just barely touched the ball, but not quite enough to keep Davis from making the grab. Davis was all alone in the open field and raced to the end zone for an 87-yard scoring play, the Classic's longest pass ever. Davis, who would win the coveted Heisman Trophy as a senior in 1961, scored again in the second quarter, and for the day, was on the receiving end of two, two-point conversions.

Not to be outdone, Texas also took advantage of the big play that afternoon. After spotting Syracuse a 15-0 lead, quarterback Bobby Lackey struck with the bomb, a 69-yarder to Collins. However, the Longhorns' bid for two came up short as Rene Ramirez was stopped short of the goal line. In the fourth quarter, Lackey put the Longhorns on the scoreboard for the final time, diving in from the one. Lackey then passed to Richard Shulte for the conversion.

GAME SUMMARY



Syracuse	7	8	8	0	-	23
Texas	0	0	6	8	-	14

First Quarter:

Syracuse-Ernie Davis 87 pass from Ger Schwedes (Bob Yates kick), 13:37, 87 yards in 2 plays following opening kickoff

Second Quarter:

Syracuse-Davis 1 run (Davis pass from Dave Sarette), 6:20, 80 yards in 12 plays following punt

Third Quarter:

Texas-Jack Collins 69 pass from Bobby Lackey (Rene Ramirez run fail), 13:14, 73 yards in 2 plays following second half kickoff

Syracuse-Schwedes 3 run (Davis pass from Sarette), 7:24, 24 yards in 3 plays following pass interception by Ernie Davis

Fourth Quarter:

Texas-Lackey 1 run (Richard Shulte pass from Lackey), 7:39, 54 yards in 6 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Ernie Davis, Syracuse
Maurice Doke, Texas

COACHES

Ben Schwartzwalder, Syracuse
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER

Cloudy and cool

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Syracuse	UT
First Downs	12	10
Rushing	7	5
Passing	4	4
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Net Yards	42-133	56-145
Net Yards	181	99
Passing	9-12-1	4-15-1
Total Plays	54	71
Total Net Yards	314	244
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-67	7-61.5
Punts-Average	6-33.3	5-42.4

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PUNTING
Syracuse - Gilburg 5-29.6,
Brokaw 1-52.0.
Texas - Collins 5-42.4.

RUSHING

Syracuse - Davis 8-57, A. Baker 6-26, Schwedes 8-25, Sarette 10-19, Easterly 3-3, Weber 3-2, Nichols 3-2, Hart 1-(-1).
Texas - Branch 11-71, Ramirez 9-36, Gurwitz 6-9, Cotten 5-8, Dowdle 4-8, Russell 2-4, Lackey 3-3, Collins 9-3, Blanch 1-3, Saxton 6-0.

PASSING

Syracuse - Schwedes 2-2-0, 97 yards; Easterly 2-2-0, 49 yards; Sarette 5-8-1, 45 yards.
Texas - Lackey 3-9-0, 92 yards; Saxton 1-3-0, 7 yards; Collins 0-3-1.

RECEIVING

Syracuse - E. Davis 1-87, Erickson 2-49, Mautino 2-22, Skonieczki 2-19, Bartlett 1-8, Brokaw 1-6.
Texas - Collins 1-69, Ramirez 2-23, Gurwitz 1-7.