

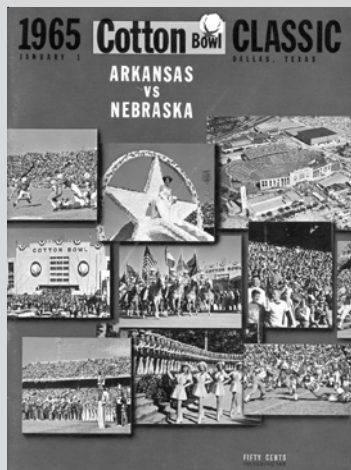


January 1, 1965

Arkansas 10, Nebraska 7

Attendance - 75,000

GAME SUMMARY



Nebraska	0	7	0	0	-	7
Arkansas	3	0	0	7	-	10

First Quarter:

Arkansas-Tom McKnelly 31 FG, 9:47, 44 yards in 8 plays following punt

Second Quarter:

Nebraska-Harry Wilson 1 run (Duncan Drum kick), 7:45, 69 yards in 10 plays following punt

Fourth Quarter:

Arkansas-Bobby Burnett 3 run (McKnelly kick), 4:41, 80 yards in 9 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Ronnie Caveness, Arkansas
Fred Marshall, Arkansas

COACHES

Bob Devaney, Nebraska
Frank Broyles, Arkansas

WEATHER

Ideal

This was to be Arkansas' finest hour. The Razorbacks, undefeated (10-0-0) and ranked second nationally behind Alabama in the final Associated Press and United Press International polls, had something to prove. When the day was done, Arkansas had more than proven itself as a legitimate heir to the national crown. Alabama was the wire service champ and nothing could be done to reverse that decision. But, the Grantland Rice award, voted by the Football Writers of America and presented after the completion of post-season play to what it considered the nation's best football team, still lay in the balance.

But, to reach the pinnacle, the Hogs first had to dispose of No. 6 Nebraska which would be no easy chore. After a little more than three quarters of play, Arkansas' chances of doing just that looked slim. The Razorbacks had jumped to an early 3-0 lead on their first possession when Tom McKnelly's 31-yard field goal split the uprights. However, the three point advantage was short-lived. Nebraska's beefy Cornhuskers utilized the big play in the second quarter to move in front, and sophomore halfback Harry Wilson led the way. Slipping down the sideline, Wilson took a Bob Churchich pass 36 yards to the Arkansas 18. Moments later, Churchich ripped through the Razorback defense for 10, and on the next play Wilson went over right guard for the touchdown. The score and subsequent extra point gave coach Bob Devaney's well drilled Huskers a 7-3 lead which held up almost to the end.

The game clock showed 9:21 when Arkansas quarterback Fred Marshall launched the comeback. The Hogs found themselves 80 yards away from destiny and with precious little time to achieve it. Marshall started the drive throwing for 12 yards to Jerry Lamb. He then came right back with an 11-yard strike to Bobby Burnett out of the backfield. Three plays later, the Hogs were at the Nebraska 43. Flushed from the pocket as he was looking to pass, Marshall wiggled free and dashed up the middle for 10 yards. Now came the clincher. Marshall came out firing and found halfback Jim Lindsey open at the 25. Lindsey took the pass and rambled to the Husker five. The play covered 28 yards. From there, Burnett leaped tacklers to reach the three, then took a pitchout from Marshall, turned the corner and carried a defender with him as he crossed the goal line. With 4:41 left to play, McKnelly boomed the final point through the post, 10-7.

The Razorbacks were Cotton Bowl champions for the first time. Things fell into place after that. Later in the evening, arch-rival Texas came through for the Hogs in the Orange Bowl, knocking off Ala-

bama 21-17 to open the door for Arkansas' first ever national title. For the second consecutive year, the Cotton Bowl held the key to the national championship.

FUN FACT #29

Ken Hatfield became the first Cotton Bowl player to return to the Classic as a head coach. Hatfield was a standout defender for Arkansas in the 1965 game, then returned to the Cotton Bowl 24 years later to coach the Razorbacks against UCLA in the 1989 Classic.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Neb	Ark	RUSHING
First Downs	11	11	Nebraska - Wilson 12-84, Solich 11-34, McCloughan 8-24, Hohn 5-9, White 1-0, Churchich 7-(-51).
Rushing	8	3	Arkansas - Burnett 11-23, Lindsey 3-14, Brausell 5-9, Marshall 15-(-1).
Passing	2	8	PASSING
Penalty	1	0	Nebraska - Churchich 8-15-2, 68 yards; McCloughan 0-1-0.
Rushes-Net Yards	44-100	34-45	Arkansas - Marshall 11-19-1, 131 yards.
Net Yards Passing	68	131	RECEIVING
Passes	8-16-2	11-19-1	Nebraska - Wilson 1-36, White 2-18, Jeter 1-8, McCloughan 3-3, Solich 1-3.
Total Plays	60	53	Arkansas - Lindsey 3-54, Burnett 5-44, Lamb 3-33.
Total Net Yards	168	176	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2	
Penalties-Yards	5-25	6-50	
Punts-Average	6-33.3	6-40.2	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
PUNTING			
Nebraska - Kirkland 6-33.3.			
Arkansas - Nix 6-40.2.			