

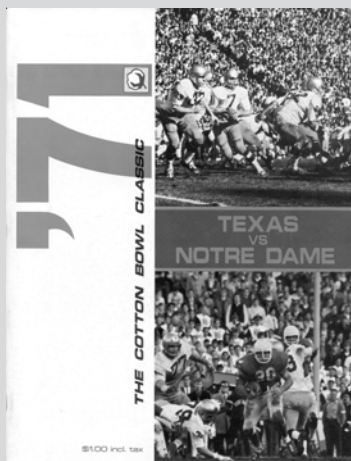


January 1, 1971

Notre Dame 24, Texas 11

Attendance - 72,000

GAME SUMMARY



Notre Dame	14	10	0	0	-	24
Texas	3	8	0	0	-	11

First Quarter:

Texas-Happy Feller 23 FG, 11:28, 67 yards in 5 plays following punt
 Notre Dame-Tom Gatewood 26 pass from Joe Theismann (Scott Hempel kick), 7:58, 80 yards in 10 plays following kickoff

Notre Dame-Theismann 3 run (Hempel kick), 5:11, 13 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Tom Eaton on kickoff

Second Quarter:

Notre Dame-Theismann 15 run (Hempel kick), 13:28, 53 yards in 5 plays following punt

Texas-Bertelsen 2 run (Danny Lester pass from Eddie Phillips), 1:52, 84 yards in 18 plays following quick kick
 Notre Dame-Hempel 36 FG, 0:24, 57 yards in 8 plays following kickoff

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Clarence Ellis, Notre Dame
 Eddie Phillips, Texas

COACHES

Ara Parseghian, Notre Dame
 Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER

Cool, clear

Only coach Ara Parseghian and his players could say for sure, but if revenge was a motive, then the Fighting Irish more than settled their score with No. 1 Texas. Notre Dame caused nine Texas fumbles, and All-America quarterback Joe Theismann accounted for the first 18 of the Irish's 24 points to end the Longhorns' winning streak at 30. Ironically, the longest winning streak in college football history also died by the same sword more than 14 years earlier, when an equally inspired Notre Dame team snapped Oklahoma's 47-game unbeaten string with a 7-0 upset.

This time, the Irish did it in the most touted bowl rematch ever after Texas escaped with a 21-17 victory in the dying minutes of the 1970 Classic. Notre Dame blitzed across all three of its touchdowns in a span of ten minutes during the first and second quarters, and then dug in to make sure Texas never regained control. Both teams displayed their offensive fireworks in the first half as the Irish built up a 24-11 advantage that held up until the final buzzer. Texas quarterback Eddie Phillips, who would set a Classic total offense record with 363 yards before the afternoon was over, put the Longhorns in motion early, scampering 63 yards off the triple option before Ralph Stepaniak drug him down at the Notre Dame 10. But, the Horns couldn't take advantage of Phillips' long-gainer and called on Happy Feller to boot a 23-yard field goal for an early 3-0 advantage.

The Texas lead was short-lived, however. Moving from their own 20, the Irish quickly drove to their go-ahead touchdown. Theismann finished it off with a 26-yard completion to his All-America receiver Tom Gatewood. Notre Dame then came right back to score again following a Texas fumble at the Horn 13. Theismann carried over from the three and the Irish led 14-3 at the end of the first quarter. Notre Dame soon expanded its advantage to 21-3 in the opening minutes of the second, and Theismann again was the one responsible for the score, keeping for the final 15 yards. Texas put together one last sustained drive, as Phillips began operations at the Longhorn 16. It was a typical Texas-style march, totaling 18 plays and seven minutes. Of those 84 yards, Phillips ran or passed for 72 of them. Halfback Jim Bertelsen carried for the final two and Danny Lester added the two-point conversion to make it 21-11. Just before the half ended, Notre Dame returned to the scoreboard for the last time when Scott Hempel booted a 36-yard field goal.

The final 30 minutes went scoreless, but Notre Dame had this game on ice long before the half. Coach Ara Parseghian had found a cure for the powerful Texas triple option.

FUN FACT #35

Bermuda grass returned as the playing surface of *The Cotton Bowl* on April 12, 1993, during renovation work for World Cup Soccer. For 23 years, beginning with the 1971 Classic and continuing through the 1993 game, artificial turf served as the stadium's surface.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	ND	Texas
First Downs	16	20
Rushing	9	10
Passing	7	9
Penalty	0	1
Rushes-Net Yards	53-146	55-216
Net Yards Passing	213	210
Passes	10-19-1	10-27-1
Total Plays	72	82
Total Net Yards	359	426
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	9-5
Penalties-Yards	5-52	3-33
Punts-Average	8-45.8	5-32.6

RUSHING
Notre Dame - Cieszkowski 13-52, Parker 13-48, Gulyas 9-24, Theismann 18-22.
Texas - Phillips 23-164, Worster 16-42, Wiggington 6-10, Bertelsen 8-5, Dale 1-2, Lester 1-(-7).

PASSING
Notre Dame - Theismann 9-16-1, 176 yards; Bulger 1-2-0, 37 yards; Steenberger 0-1-0.
Texas - Phillips 9-17-0, 199 yards; Wiggington 1-10-1, 11 yards.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PUNTING
Notre Dame - Yoder 8-45.8.
Texas - Keithley 5-32.6.

RECEIVING
Notre Dame - Yoder 2-96, Gatewood 2-43, Ellis 1-37, Parker 2-7, Creaney 1-19, Cieszkowski 2-11.
Texas - Comer 4-67, Bertelsen 3-85, Lester 2-17, Dale 1-41.