



January 1, 1972

# Penn State 30, Texas 6

Attendance - 70,000

Chalk one up for Penn State. The Nittany Lions stormed through, over and around Texas in every phase of the game to score a resounding 30-6 victory. Rarely had a Darrell Royal team been subjected to a licking such as the one Penn State doled out in the 36th annual Cotton Bowl. The Lions were aching for redemption after closing the season at Tennessee with a 31-11 loss to the Vols, depriving them of an undefeated season and a lofty national ranking. With the defeat, Penn State skidded from fifth to tenth before reaching Dallas. Unfortunately for Texas, the two teams crossed paths at a most inopportune time.

So thorough was the Penn State domination, the Longhorns failed to score a touchdown for the first time in 80 games, dating back to October, 1964, when a pair of field goals gave them a 6-3 decision over Rice. Neither Eddie Phillips nor Donnie Wigginton could fire up what had been a consistent Texas Wishbone attack. Coach Joe Paterno's team had all the ingredients of a great ball club: a clever quarterback with John Hufnagel, an All-America halfback in Lydell Mitchell, a sturdy offensive line headed by tackle Dave Joyner, and an alert defense stocked with heroes, namely Bruce Bannon.

The first half turned into a kicking exhibition between the Longhorns' Steve Valek

and the Lions' Alberto Vitiello. Texas won that battle as Valek booted a 29-yarder at the close of the first quarter. Vitiello hammered one through from 21 yards out early in the second, and Valek came back to add a 40-yarder just as the first half expired. No one realized it at the time, but that's also when the Texas scoring punch expired. For the game, the Longhorns fumbled five times and lost three. Each time, Penn State converted the Texas turnover into points.

Phillips began the Nittany Lions second half charge, fumbling on the Horns' third play and Penn State made the recovery at the Texas 41. It was only a matter of time. Penn State drove the

rest of the way for what turned out to be the clinching touchdown. Mitchell crashed over from the one and the Lions were in front, 10-6. Within three minutes, the lead grew to 17-6 when Hufnagel hit Scott Skarzynski streaking down the sideline for a 65-yard surprise. The nearest Texas defender was 20 yards away. Penn State never let up after that. The Lions next three possessions turned into 13 points and the final result was decisive, 30-6.

## GAME SUMMARY



<b>Penn State</b>	0	3	17	10	-	30
<b>Texas</b>	3	3	0	0	-	6

### First Quarter:

Texas-Steve Valek 29 FG, 1:14, 23 yards in 7 plays following punt

### Second Quarter:

Penn State-Alberto Vitiello 21 FG, 10:38, 17 yards in 7 plays following fumble recovery by Charlie Mesko  
Texas-Valek 40 FG, 0:03, 38 yards in 3 plays following pass interception by Glen Gaspard

### Third Quarter:

Penn State-Lydell Mitchell 1 run (Vitiello kick), 11:41, 41 yards in 5 plays following fumble recovery by Charlie Zapiec  
Penn State-Scott Skarzynski 65 pass from John Hufnagel (Vitiello kick), 8:44, 67 yards in 2 plays following punt  
Penn State-Vitiello 37 FG, 2:17, 23 yards in 6 plays following fumble recovery by Gregg Ducatte

### Fourth Quarter:

Penn State-Vitiello 22 FG, 8:16, 78 yards in 14 plays following punt  
Penn State-Hufnagel 4 run (Vitiello kick), 3:18, 64 yards in 9 plays following punt

### OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Bruce Bannon, Penn State  
Lydell Mitchell, Penn State

### COACHES

Joe Paterno, Penn State  
Darrell Royal, Texas

### WEATHER

Cool, cloudy

### FUN FACT #36

The Scovell family has played an integral role in the history of the Classic. Field and John are the only father and son combination to serve as President of the CBAA. Field's two-year term spanned from 1972-74. John directed the CBAA from 1980-82. Both men also have been closely tied with team selection. For more than four decades, Field held the title of Chairman of Team Selection. John later served as the committee's Vice-Chairman. The Scovell legacy added another chapter in 1995 when grandson Field, a sophomore receiver for Texas Tech, caught a 25-yard pass against USC in the SWC's final Classic appearance.

## GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Penn State	Texas
First Downs	18	15
Rushing	13	12
Passing	5	3
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	56-239	52-159
Net Yards Passing	137	83
Passes	7-13-1	5-14-0
Total Plays	69	66
Total Net Yards	376	242
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-3
Penalties-Yards	2-30	1-5
Punts-Average	5-36.0	5-33.0

### RUSHING

**Penn State** - Mitchell 27-146, Harris 11-47, Donchez 8-29, Hufnagel 8-14, Herd 1-2, Stillely 1-1.  
**Texas** - Bertelsen 14-58, Ladd 8-45, Burrisk 7-43, Fleming 6-11, Steakley 2-9, Lowry 1-4, Wigginton 2-(-1), Phillips 12-(-10).

### PASSING

**Penn State** - Hufnagel 7-12-1, 137 yards; Joachim 0-1-0. **Texas** - Phillips 3-8-0, 59 yards; Wigginton 2-6-0, 24 yards.

### RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Skarzynski 2-81, Parson 3-48, Debes 1-7, Donchez 1-1. **Texas** - Burrisk 3-45, Kelly 2-38.

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### PUNTING

**Penn State** - Parson 5-36.0.  
**Texas** - Lowry 5-33.0.