

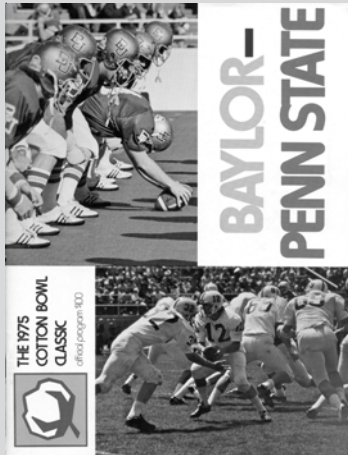


January 1, 1975

Penn State 41, Baylor 20

Attendance - 68,500

GAME SUMMARY



Penn State	0	3	14	24	-	41
Baylor	7	0	7	6	-	20

First Quarter:
Baylor-Steve Beard 4 run (Bubba Hicks kick), 0:41, 84 yards in 11 plays following fumble recovery by Tommy Turnipseed

Second Quarter:
Penn State-Chris Bahr 25 FG, 1:09, 77 yards in 14 plays following punt

Third Quarter:
Penn State-Tom Donchez 1 run (John Reihner kick), 10:46, 80 yards in 9 plays following second half kickoff
Baylor-Ricky Thompson 35 pass from Neal Jeffrey (Hicks kick), 4:23, 55 yards in 4 plays following punt
Penn State-Jimmy Cefalo 49 pass from Tom Shuman (Reihner kick), 3:28, 52 yards in 2 plays following kickoff

Fourth Quarter:
Penn State-Jimmy Cefalo 3 run (Reihner kick), 11:47, 68 yards in 9 plays following punt
Penn State-Bahr 33 FG, 6:17, 54 yards in 9 plays following punt
Penn State-Shuman 2 run (Reihner kick), 3:27, 18 yards in 5 plays following pass interception by Mike Johnson
Baylor-Thompson 11 pass from Mark Jackson (Jackson pass fail), 0:14, 70 yards in 10 plays following kickoff
Penn State-Joe Jackson 50 kickoff return (Reihner kick), 0:02

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Tom Shuman, Penn State
Ken Quesenberry, Baylor

COACHES
Joe Paterno, Penn State
Grant Teaff, Baylor

WEATHER
Cloudy, 44 degrees, 16 mph winds

The 1974 Southwest Conference campaign was dubbed the "Miracle on the Brazos." Baylor had claimed its first SWC championship in 50 seasons and earned its first ever berth into the Classic. In fact, it was Baylor's first New Year's Day bowl appearance since 1957. The Bears even kept alive the Cotton Bowl streak for teams that score first, lose. While Baylor was new to such New Year's Day activities, Penn State was full of bowl-wise veterans, and it was the school's third trip to Dallas.

Five times in their 10-victory season, the Nittany Lions came from behind to win. Today would become their sixth. For two and a half quarters, Baylor's Bears played like old hands before the Eastern powerhouse. The two teams traded first quarter turnovers before Baylor began its march to a 7-0 lead. Penn State had just picked off a Neal Jeffrey pass at the Baylor 23. But, two plays later, the Nittany Lions coughed up the ball themselves at the Bear 16. That set the stage for the impressive Baylor drive. In four minutes, Jeffrey had his team in scoring position. Steve Beard went the last four yards and Baylor was on the scoreboard with only 41 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Moving the football really wasn't a problem for the Lions in the first half, but punching it across the goal line was. It wasn't until the clock ticked down to 1:13 in the half that Penn State finally cracked the scoreboard with a 25-yard Matt Bahr field goal. When play resumed in the third quarter, it was quarterback Tom Shuman's turn to shine, engineering an 80-yard Penn State drive that put them in the lead for the first time at 10-7. Shuman threw strikes of 42 and 20 yards to his tight end Dan Natale to fuel the march, while Tom Donchez ended it with a one-yard plunge up the middle for a 10-7 lead. The Bears came roaring back in the waning minutes of the quarter to regain the lead when Jeffrey hit Ricky Thompson for 35 yards, making it a 14-10 ballgame.

The seesaw battle continued. With its next possession, Penn State took the lead for good. Starting from their 48, Donchez gained three on first down, and Shuman decided it was time to go deep. Freshman Jimmy Cefalo worked his way behind Baylor defensive back Scooter Reed and Shuman's pass was on the money. Cefalo made the grab at the nine and then cruised in for the score, 17-14. It was more of the same in the fourth quarter. Penn State turned each possession into points: Cefalo scored from the three; Bahr hit another field goal; Shuman kept at left guard for two and the touchdown which

made it 34-14; and linebacker Joe Jackson scooped up Baylor's outside kick on the last play of the game and ran 50 yards for the final score. Penn State's 41 points was a Classic record.

FUN FACT #39

Only twice has the Cotton Bowl staged repeat matchups, and both times Notre Dame was involved. In 1970 and 1971, the Irish were invited to play No. 1 Texas with the national title on the line. Then, in 1993 and again in 1994, Notre Dame was extended an invitation to face Texas A&M. The Irish were 3-1 in those four games with their only loss coming in the 1970 Classic.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	PS	Baylor
First Downs	23	20
Rushing	13	6
Passing	9	10
Penalty	1	4
Rushes-Net Yards	56-265	42-138
Net Yards Passing	226	175
Passes	10-20-0	10-23-2
Total Plays	76	65
Total Net Yards	491	313
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	7-45
Punts-Average	2-36.5	6-34.0

RUSHING
Penn State - Donchez 25-116, Hutton 12-79, Cefalo 11-55, Shuman 5-14, Taylor 1-3, Petchel 2-(-2).
Baylor - Beard 21-84, McNeil 8-36, M. Jackson 3-18, Kent 3-8, Kilgore 1-6, Ebow 1-4, Franklin 1-2, Jeffrey 4-(-20).

PASSING
Penn State - Shuman 10-20-0, 226 yards.
Baylor - Jeffrey 7-19-2, 135 yards; M. Jackson 3-4-0, 40 yards.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
PUNTING
Penn State - Masella 2-36.5
Baylor - Moore 6-34.0

RECEIVING
Penn State - Donchez 4-50, Cefalo 3-102, Natale 3-74.
Baylor - Thompson 3-62, Harper 3-45, A. Jackson 2-38, Kent 1-23, Beard 1-7.