

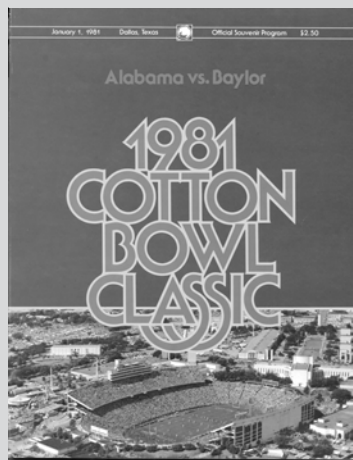


January 1, 1981

Alabama 30, Baylor 2

Attendance - 74,281

GAME SUMMARY



Alabama	6	7	3	14	-	30
Baylor	2	0	0	0	-	2

First Quarter:

Alabama-Peter Kim 29 FG, 8:56, 49 yards in 11 plays following punt
Alabama-Kim 28 FG, 3:51, 2 yards in 4 plays following punt
Baylor-Walter Lewis tackled in end zone for safety by Tommy Tabor, 1:40

Second Quarter:

Alabama-Major Ogilvie 1 run (Kim kick), 13:26, 76 yards in 7 plays following pass interception by Jeremiah Castille

Third Quarter:

Alabama-Kim 42 FG, 4:57, 0 yards in 4 plays following fumble recovery by Danny Holcombe

Fourth Quarter:

Alabama-Don Jacobs 1 run (Kim kick), 6:54, 57 yards in 9 plays following pass interception by Jim Bob Harris
Alabama-Mark Nix 3 run (Georges Mardini kick), 1:16, 66 yards in 7 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Warren Lyles, Alabama
Major Ogilvie, Alabama

COACHES

Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama
Grant Teaff, Baylor

WEATHER

Good, sunshine

The legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant rolled his Alabama Crimson Tide into the Cotton Bowl, and then rolled right back to Tuscaloosa with the third most decisive victory in Classic history. Baylor was ranked sixth by the Associated Press after completing the year at 10-1-0, its best record in 79 seasons of football. Only twice before had the Bears claimed a higher national ranking: third in 1953 and fourth in 1937, both times in early November. But, this was their best ever regular-season finish, and the Bears were anxious to line up against the team that handed them a 45-0 spanking the year before.

However, when the game was over, it was apparent Alabama had failed to read the Bears' impressive newsclips. Instead, the Tide seemed more interested in capitalizing on seven Baylor turnovers. Offensively, Alabama brought its own football to Dallas, keeping it away from the Bears all afternoon. Defensively, the Tide left the best offense in the Southwest Conference in shambles, limiting Baylor to just 158 total yards and only 54 on the ground, while piling up 339 yards of its own on 79 offensive plays.

Four of Alabama's six scores came on the heels of Baylor turnovers. The Tide took an early 6-0 lead on two Peter Kim field goals, and Baylor gained its only points for the day when tackle Tommy Tabor nailed Alabama's freshman quarterback Walter Lewis in the end zone for a safety. At the end of the first quarter, the Tide held a slim 6-2 advantage. Soon the lead was expanded to 13-2 as Major Ogilvie leaped over from the one for the touchdown. In the process, Ogilvie became the first player in NCAA history to post rushing touchdowns in four consecutive bowl games.

The lead grew to 16-2 late in the third quarter when Kim tied a Cotton Bowl record with his third field goal of the game, this one from 42 yards out. Alabama then blew the game wide open in the fourth period with touchdown drives of 57 and 66 yards. The final tally was set up on Joe Carter's 56-yard romp to the Baylor five with just over 3:35 to play. Mark Nix got the score as Alabama attacked the Bears' right side for the final three yards on fourth down. In total, the Crimson Tide utilized 13 ball carriers to keep Baylor guessing the entire afternoon. Defensively, Bama all but shut down the SWC's leading rusher, Walter Abercrombie, limiting him to nine yards in eight attempts. It was a thorough whipping as Alabama chalked up its sixth consecutive bowl victory.

FUN FACT #45

Only three coaches have guided more than one university to the AT&T Cotton Bowl. Jess Neely was the first with Clemson and Rice, and then came Paul "Bear" Bryant with Kentucky and Alabama. The most recent member of this exclusive coaching fraternity is Jackie Sherrill who brought Texas A&M and Mississippi State to the Classic.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Alabama	BU	RUSHING
First Downs	17	13	Alabama - Ogilvie 15-74, Carter 4-71, Patrick 12-45, J. Jones 5-28, Jackson 7-13, Lewis 5-9, Nix 3-7, Orcutt 3-7, Collins 2-6, Ferguson 1-1, Gray 3(-2), Fagan 1(-4), Jacobs 6(-14).
Rushing	12	5	Baylor - Jeffrey 8-18, Gentry 11-17, Hall 1-10, Abercrombie 8-9, Anderson 1-3, Mangrum 6(-3).
Passing	4	6	
Penalty	1	2	
Rushes-Net Yards	67-241	35-54	
Net Yards Passing	98	104	
Passes	5-12-0	12-27-3	
Total Plays	79	62	
Total Net Yards	339	158	
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	5-4	
Penalties-Yards	5-89	6-59	
Punts-Average	6-37.2	7-35.9	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			PASSING
PUNTING			Alabama - Jacobs 5-12-0, 98 yards.
Alabama - Umphrey 6-37.2.			Baylor - Jeffrey 8-19-2, 55 yards, Mangrum 4-8-1, 49 yards.
Baylor - Stowe 7-35.9.			RECEIVING
			Alabama - Bendross 1-49, Jackson 1-20, Brown 1-20, Clark 1-7, Jones 1-2.
			Baylor - Gentry 5-26, Hold 3-41, Abercrombie 2-4, Lively 1-17, Ward 1-16.