



January 1, 1982

Texas 14, Alabama 12

Attendance - 73,243

Paul "Bear" Bryant had been to the Cotton Bowl before, four times in fact, but he never came to Dallas as collegiate football's all-time winningest coach. A 28-17 defeat of Auburn in the Crimson Tide's season finale pushed Bryant one victory ahead of the legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg with 315 career wins. On top of Bryant's record setting string of victories, Alabama also was looking to collect its seventh consecutive post-season triumph. But to do it, the Tide had to defeat Texas...no easy task. Alabama had never beaten the Longhorns in seven games. Bryant had accomplished the feat just once in nine tries, a 34-21 triumph in 1956 when he was the coach of Texas A&M. His career mark against the Horns was 1-7-1, the tie coming in the 1960 Bluebonnet Bowl when the two teams battled to a 3-3 stalemate.

The Tide was ranked third nationally, while the Longhorns entered the 46th annual Classic at No. 6. It was bound to be a battle. But, Texas was ready for them, although it took the Horns three full quarters and almost five minutes into the fourth before they finally found their way into the Alabama end zone. Bama had just scored its tenth point off the toe of Peter Kim, and the Longhorns had only 10:28 left to rally. Jitter Fields returned the ensuing kickoff 22 yards to give Texas excellent field position at the 40. Quarterback Robert Brewer came back onto the field for the eighth time which turned out to be the charm the Longhorns had been looking for all afternoon.

In five plays, he had the Horns at the Alabama 30, their deepest penetration of the game. But, two incomplete passes left them staring at third and 10. Brewer was faced with a key play. A sprint out pass was the call, but once at the line of scrimmage, he took one look at the Alabama defensive alignment and called time out. Brief consultation along the sideline produced the perfect play, a quarterback draw. Sure enough, Bama was caught totally by surprise. The Tide came with a full-scale blitz, and then parted wide enough for Brewer to scamper untouched all the way to the end zone.

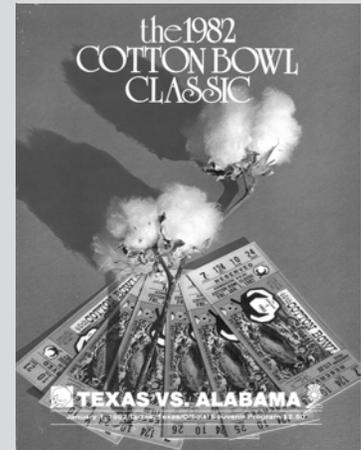
That was the play that broke the Crimson Tide's back. Alabama could manage only two first downs after Brewer's run. Down by three, Texas came alive. Within five minutes, the Longhorns were driving again, and with 2:05 left, sophomore fullback Terry Orr scored his first touchdown of the year. The Horns were in front for the first time, 14-10. But, plenty of time remained for an Alabama reprisal. Joey Jones returned the kickoff 61 yards to the Texas 38. On the first play, quarterback Walter Lewis went to

the well, only to come up dry. Texas free safety William Graham picked off the pass and was immediately tackled at the one. Three Brewer sneaks moved the ball to the four, and a two-yard delay of game penalty moved it back to the two with 56 seconds left.

Then came a bit of Texas strategy, punter John Goodson, standing near the back line of the end zone, took the snap, and did an eight second dance before stepping out of bounds for a safety. Now, Texas had

the room it needed to get off a punt. Alabama was out of time outs, and by the time they got the ball, only 43 seconds were left to play and victory was nowhere in sight.

GAME SUMMARY



Alabama	0	7	0	5	-	12
Texas	0	0	0	14	-	14

Second Quarter:

Alabama-Jesse Bendross 6 pass from Walter Lewis (Peter Kim kick), 8:49, 82 yards in 7 plays following punt

Fourth Quarter:

Alabama-Kim 24 FG, 12:27, 45 yards in 9 plays following punt
 Texas-Robert Brewer 30 run (Raul Allegre kick), 10:22, 60 yards in 8 plays following kickoff
 Texas-Terry Orr 8 run (Allegre kick), 2:05, 80 yards in 11 plays following punt
 Alabama-Texas punter John Goodson steps out of end zone for safety, 0:48

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Robbie Jones, Alabama
 Robert Brewer, Texas

COACHES

Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama
 Fred Akers, Texas

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, 42 degrees

FUN FACT #46

Two of the longest winning streaks in NCAA history were broken in the Cotton Bowl. Arkansas' 22-game victory streak was snapped by LSU in a 14-7 upset in 1966, denying the Hogs the national title. Five years later, Texas saw its 30-game win streak come to an end when Notre Dame handed the Horns a 24-11 loss in the 1971 Classic.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Alabama	UT
First Downs	15	21
Rushing	10	11
Passing	5	10
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Net Yards	44-163	52-158
Net Yards Passing	144	201
Passes	8-13-1	12-22-0
Total Plays	57	74
Total Net Yards	307	359
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-17
Punts-Average	5-45.2	6-36.8

RUSHING

Alabama - Lewis 24-79, Carter 6-44, Fagan 5-15, Simmon 2-8, Moore 4-5, Carruth 1-4, Guinyard 1-2, Gray 1-6.

Texas - Clark 7-58, Jones 16-57, Walker 8-25, Little 1-13, Orr 3-10, Tate 1-0, Goodson 1-(-2), Brewer 15-(-3).

PASSING

Alabama - Lewis 7-12-1, 122 yards; Gray 1-1-0, 22 yards.

Texas - Brewer 12-21-0, 201 yards; Clark 0-1-0.

RECEIVING

Alabama - Bendross 5-78, Krout 3-66.

Texas - Little 7-92, Sampleton 2-56, Walls 2-43, Tate 1-10.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PUNTING

Alabama - Simmons 4-42.8, Lewis 1-55.0.
Texas - Goodson 6-36.8.