



January 2, 1984

Georgia 10, Texas 9

Attendance - 67,891

Again, the Cotton Bowl found itself holding a key to the national title. For the sixth time, Texas came to Dallas unbeaten and with a lofty national ranking at stake. The Longhorns were a perfect 11-0-0 and held down the No. 2 spot in the Top 20 poll. A victory over No. 7 Georgia would put the Horns in a favorable position to move into first place should top-ranked Nebraska stumble later that evening against Miami in the Orange Bowl. However, it was the Longhorns that stumbled first.

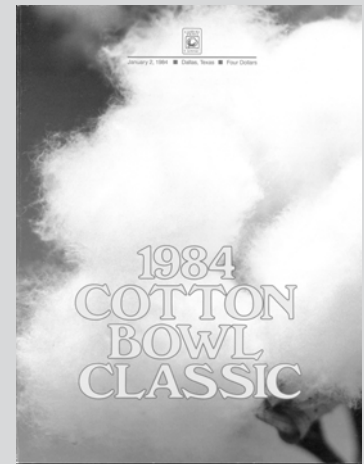
With a little more than four and a half minutes to play, Texas looked to be in good shape, holding a 9-3 margin over the Bulldogs in a game dominated by outstanding defense and field goals. Texas freshman Jeff Ward had kicked the Longhorns to an apparant victory. Ward opened the game with a 22-yard field goal on Texas' first possession and added back-to-back efforts in the third quarter to tie a Classic field goal record. Georgia's only score also came on a field goal with Kevin Butler in the first quarter.

When the clock struck the 4:35 mark in the fourth period, the Texas defense again had forced a frustrated Bulldog offense into a punting situation at the Georgia 34-yard line. Only twice in the second half had the Dawgs managed to move the football into Texas territory. In came Chip Andrews to punt the ball away for the eighth time. With the clock becoming a factory, and Georgia growing more and more desperate as each second passed, Texas became fearful of a possible fake. The Longhorns elected not to bring in their regular punt return unit, and Craig Curry replaced Jitter Fields as the return man. Andrews got the kick away, a 43-yarder and Curry moved into position to make the catch. But, Curry dropped the ball and the Bulldogs' Gary Moss was on the spot to make the recovery at the Texas 23.

In a matter of seconds, the Longhorns' fortunes had taken a severe turn for the worse. Three plays after the fumbled punt, Texas' hopes for the No. 1 spot went down the drain. Georgia quarterback John Lastinger, working the option around the right side, broke free at the line of scrimmage, turned up field and carried 17 yards for the touchdown. Butler added the extra

point with 3:22 left and the underdog Dawgs had a 10-9 victory. The Longhorns had suffered their first defeat when they could least afford it. Seven hours later, top-ranked Nebraska met the same fate. Miami pulled off a 31-30 upset over the Huskers, and used the victory to climb into first place.

GAME SUMMARY



Georgia	3	0	0	7	-	10
Texas	3	0	6	0	-	9

First Quarter:

Texas-Jeff Ward 22 FG, 10:32, 59 yards in 8 plays following punt
Georgia-Kevin Butler 43 FG, 0:17, 22 yards in 5 plays following punt

Third Quarter:

Texas- Ward 40 FG, 7:10, 28 yards in 7 plays following punt
Texas-Ward 27 FG 3:50, 26 yards in 9 plays following fumble recovery by Ty Allert

Fourth Quarter:

Georgia-John Lastinger 17 run (Butler kick), 3:22, 23 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by Gary Moss on punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

John Lastinger, Georgia
Jeff Leiding, Texas

COACHES

Vince Dooley, Georgia
Fred Akers, Texas

WEATHER

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FUN FACT #48

Texas owns the most Cotton Bowl appearances with 22, followed by Texas A&M with 11 and Arkansas with 10. Notre Dame and Alabama have seven appearances each and TCU owns six. Texas also has earned the most Classic victories, winning 11 times. Notre Dame has won five.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Georgia	Texas
First Downs	13	14
Rushing	6	7
Passing	3	6
Penalty	4	1
Rushes-Net Yards	45-149	47-110
Net Yards Passing	66	168
Passes	6-20-1	8-26-2
Total Plays	65	73
Total Net Yards	215	278
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	3-25	6-52
Punts-Average	9-41.2	7-46.7

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PUNTING

Georgia - Andrews 9-41.2
Texas - Teltchik 7-46.7

RUSHING

Georgia - Montgomery 11-40, Lane 1-35, Young 10-30, Lastinger 12-19, S. Williams 3-19, Jackson 7-3, T. Williams 1-3
Texas - Robinson 28-88, Orr 7-19, Walker 2-8, Holloway 1-4, Moerschell 1-3, Mclvor 8-(-12).

PASSING

Georgia - Lastinger 6-19-1, 66 yards; Archie 0-1-0
Texas - Mclvor 8-26-2, 168 yards.

RECEIVING

Georgia - Harris 2-33, Wisham 1-14, S. Williams 1-11, Jackson 1-8, Lane 1-0
Texas - Micho 2-59, Epps 1-44, Bryant 2-41, Robinson 2-17, Duhon 1-7.