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## Chapter One – NCAA Division 1 (FBS) rivalries

Rivalries. There's nothing like rivalries in college football. In this book I will write about one hundred of the most popular rivalries that most college football fans are familiar with. Most great rivalries are marked by frequent close games, unexpected upsets, and memorable moments. After each rivalry, I will have accounts of some of the most notable games in the history of the rivalry. All the rivalries in this book do not have trophies played for in the game. Many other great rivalries in college football you can read about in my book, College Football History "Trophy Games" (ISBN: 9781386239659). If you don't see your favorite team(s) rivalry in this book, it will be in my "Trophy Games" book. No reason to write about something twice. I hope you enjoy this walk down memory lane.

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## Michigan–Notre Dame Rivalry

The Michigan–Notre Dame football rivalry is between the Michigan Wolverines and Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Michigan football and Notre Dame Football are considered to be among the most elite college programs. Notre Dame and Michigan respectively rank #1 (Michigan) and #2 (Notre Dame) in winning percentage and #1 (Michigan) and #3 (Notre Dame) in all-time wins. The rivalry is heightened by the two schools' competition for all-time win percentage, which each has held during their history, as well as national championships, with each school claiming 11.

Michigan is a member of the Big Ten Conference while Notre Dame Football is independent. In 2013, Notre Dame joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in all sports except football and hockey but the football team would play five ACC opponents each season, starting in 2014. Notre Dame and Michigan reached a mutual agreement to suspend the series for the 2018 and 2019 football season. Notre Dame then decided to cancel the 2015 through 2017 games, citing the need to play ACC games. However, after cancelling the Michigan game, Notre Dame announced on September 4, 2014 that it had agreed to play Ohio State of the Big Ten in a home-and-home series in 2022 and 2023. It was announced that after a three-year hiatus, the series will resume in 2018 and 2019.



### **In the Beginning**

The first game took place in November 1887. Michigan had been playing football since 1879. Two players on Michigan's 1887 team, George Winthrop DeHaven, Jr. and William Warren Harless, had previously attended Notre Dame. In October 1887, DeHaven wrote to Brother Paul, who ran Notre Dame's intramural athletics program, telling him about the new game of football. Michigan had planned a game in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day, and the three men, DeHaven, Harless and Brother Paul, persuaded their respective schools to play a football match on the Notre Dame campus on the day before Thanksgiving. On November 22, 1887, the Michigan football team departed from the Michigan Central Railroad Depot in Ann Arbor on the late train. After breakfast in Niles, Michigan, the team changed trains and arrived in South Bend between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. The team was greeted by Father Superior Walsh and spent two hours touring the university buildings and departments of Notre Dame.

The game was the first played by a Notre Dame Football team, and the Michigan team was credited with teaching the Notre Dame team the game before play began. The Notre Dame student newspaper, Scholastic, reported: "It was not considered a match contest, as the home team had been organized only a few weeks, and the Michigan boys, the champions of the West, came more to instruct them in the points of the Rugby game than to win fresh laurels." The proceedings began with a tutorial session in which players from both teams were divided irrespective of college. For the first 30 minutes, the teams scrimmaged in a practice game with Michigan "exchanging six men for the same number from Notre Dame." After the practice session, the Michigan and Notre Dame teams played a game that lasted only half an hour which was described by The Chronicle (a University of Michigan newspaper) as follows: "The grounds were in very poor condition for playing, being covered with snow in a melting condition, and the players could scarcely keep their feet. Sometime had been spent in preliminary practice; the game began and after rolling and tumbling in the mud for half an hour time was finally called, the score standing 8 to 0 in favor of U. of M." Between 400 and 500 students watched the game. After the game, the team ate at the Notre Dame dining hall. The Notre Dame Student newspaper reported on the gratitude of Notre Dame Officials for Michigan's tutorial in the game of football: "After a hearty dinner, Rev. President Walsh thanked the Ann Arbor team for their visit, and assured them of the cordial reception that would always await them at Notre Dame." Brother Paul arranged for carriages to take the team to Niles in time to catch the 3:00 train to Chicago. The Notre Dame paper reported: "At 1 o'clock carriages were taken for Niles, and amidst rousing cheers the University of Michigan football team departed, leaving behind them a most favorable impression."

### **Notable games in the Michigan-Notre Dame rivalry**

#### **1943 Notre Dame at Michigan - Michigan Stadium - Ann Arbor, Michigan {Notre Dame 35 Michigan 12}**

The 1943 game, played at Michigan Stadium, was the most anticipated game of the 1943 college football season. Notre Dame, coached by Frank Leahy and led by 1943 Heisman Trophy winner Angelo Bertelli, came into the game ranked #1 in the

AP Poll with 53 first place votes. Michigan, with All-American Bill Daley and Elroy "Crazy-Legs" Hirsch in the backfield, came into the game ranked #2 receiving 36 first place votes. The game drew a record crowd of 85,688 spectators to Michigan Stadium. Michigan coach Fritz Crisler announced before the game that Elroy Hirsch was suffering from damaged knee ligaments and might not be able to play. Notre Dame won the game 35–12. According to the United Press game account, Bertelli's passing "caught the Wolverine secondary flat footed and out of position repeatedly to make the rout complete." The third quarter was marked by a malfunction of the electric clock at Michigan Stadium, resulting in a quarter that lasted 23 minutes. In the Chicago Daily Tribune, Wilfrid Smith analogized to the 1927 Long Count Fight and wrote that the period "will be remembered as the 'long third quarter' of collegiate sport." After nine plays had been run in the fourth quarter, the timing error was discovered, and an announcement was made over the stadium's public address system that only two-and-a-half minutes remained in the game, as the fourth quarter was shortened to seven minutes. The only points in the short fourth quarter came on the last play of the game as Elroy Hirsch threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Paul White. Notre Dame went on to win the 1943 national title, maintaining its #1 ranking in the AP Poll through the rest of the season.



#### **1988 Michigan at Notre Dame - Notre Dame Stadium - South Bend, Indiana {Notre Dame 19 Michigan 17}**

The 1988 Michigan-Notre Dame game was played on September 10th, 1988 in South Bend, Indiana. The #13 ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish debuted its season against #9 Michigan in Notre Dame Stadium. In a 19-17 thriller, walk-on kicker Reggie Ho kicked a 26-yard field goal winner with 1:13 remaining. Notre Dame's most dangerous weapon came in the form of a 5-5, 135-pound walk-on who said he tried out for the football team because he "didn't want to be a geek." Irish placekicker Reggie Ho nailed an Irish record four field goals, including a game-winning 26-yarder with a minute and 13 seconds remaining, to lift Notre Dame to a 19-17 victory in an opening-night thriller at Notre Dame Stadium. Mike Gillette, Michigan's all-time leading field goal kicker who booted a 49-yarder to give the Wolverines a 17-16 lead with 5:39 left, missed a 48-yard attempt on the last play of the game. The ball fell wide to the right, giving Notre Dame its second opening-game victory over Michigan in as many years. But Ho, who split the uprights from 31, 38 and 26 yards before the winning kick, was unfazed by the pressure of the game's final moments. "Sure I was a little nervous," the Hawaii native said. "But I have the best holder in the world in Pete Graham, the best snapper in the world in Tim Grunhard and 280-pound guys on the line. Nobody was going to hit me, so I wasn't too nervous." Lou Holtz's concerns about his youthful offense and green receivers were realized as the Irish offense did not score a single offensive touchdown. In addition to Reggie Ho's game winner, the Irish kicker scored 3 other field goal. The lone touchdown from Notre Dame came from a Ricky Watters punt return, an 81-yard run back. Michigan's Mike Gillette, who had given the Wolverines the lead with 5:34 left by kicking a 49-yard field goal, had one final chance to give Michigan the win, narrowly missing from 48 yards as the final gun sounded.

#### **1989 Notre Dame at Michigan - Michigan Stadium - Ann Arbor, Michigan {Notre Dame 24 Michigan 19}**

{New York Times} The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame faced the Michigan Wolverines on September 16, 1989 at "The Big House", Michigan Stadium. This was not the first time these teams had met in a #1 vs #2 matchup. They previously had met in 1943, the first time #1 and #2 in the Polls met. Notre Dame won that contest, 35-12, also played at Michigan Stadium. They speak in the complex football language of the late 1980's at places like Notre Dame. They prepare for months for days such as this one, the first of several decisive meetings to determine the New Year's Day matchups and define the final outcome of the national college polls. The Irish worried about the sudden absence of three significant starters, and four other first-team or second-team players, as a result of university probation, injury or a decision to leave. But after all that advance effort and worry, the direction of the new season turned on one word. "Middle," said Lou Holtz, the coach of the Fighting Irish. Raghib Ismail, the slender Notre Dame sophomore called Rocket, followed the plan and his blockers to take some fleeting steps into his school's long football history this afternoon. His second-half kickoff returns of 88 and 92 yards, through the middle of the Wolverines, became the difference in a 24-19 victory over Michigan that strengthened Notre Dame's top ranking in the news agency polls. The Irish (2-0) extended the nation's longest major-college winning streak to 14 and ended Michigan's unbeaten streak at 10 games in its first game of the season. "This won't ruin our season," said Michigan's coach, Bo Schembechler. But the Wolverines were not helped by two moments that stunned the crowd of 105,912 at Michigan Stadium and decided the 25th meeting of the

two top-ranked teams in the 53-year history of the Associated Press poll of reporters and broadcasters. Ismail's first score, a return at the start of the third quarter and the first touchdown against Michigan on a kickoff in 32 years, provided the Irish with a sudden 14-6 lead after the Wolverines had come within a point 25 seconds before halftime. His second touchdown, with 12:46 to play in the fourth quarter, blunted an emotional Michigan comeback after the quarterback Elvis Grbac, who entered his first college game as a replacement for the injured starter, Michael Taylor, had brought the Wolverines within 5 points on a 5-yard touchdown pass to the tight end Derrick Walker. Ismail, a 5-foot-10-inch flanker who has run 40 yards in 4.28 seconds, led the country last season with an average of 36.1 yards per return. He returned two kickoffs for scores last year, both in a 43-point victory over lowly Rice. Both times, Ismail took advantage of blocks by Rodney Culver, a 6-foot, 219-pound sophomore. He was not forced to break a tackle on the first return, and only briefly felt a Wolverine grab his legs on the second. Ismail's 88-yard return was the first for a touchdown against Michigan since Ron Engel of Minnesota ran 95 yards on Oct. 26, 1957. His 92-yard return was believed to be the first time Michigan has allowed two kickoff returns for touchdowns in a game.



Only once, at the end of the first half, did Michigan attempt to keep the ball from Ismail, the lone deep returner, with a low, shorter kickoff. "We thought they were going to do that the whole game," Ismail said. Michigan's failure to avoid Ismail, a decision Schembechler said was made to prevent the Irish from easily gaining good field position, will provide the latest debate among the followers of a program that has not been voted national champion since 1948. The returns provided the Irish with a luxury they needed after a heavy early-afternoon rain left puddles on the artificial surface. Tony Rice, the senior quarterback whose passing skills improved dramatically last season, completed just 1 of 2 throws, a 6-yard touchdown pass to the senior fullback Anthony Johnson, for a 7-0 lead. While Rice was the second-leading Irish rusher with 79 yards, including a 24-yard run, a Michigan defense that concentrated on taking away the outside prevented Rice from becoming a decisive factor. Ismail made that unnecessary. With the kickoff return unit twice providing a margin for error, Notre Dame was never placed in the position of having to take the offensive chances made necessary by playing from behind. "We didn't do anything special," Holtz said. "With the weather, we did not open it up. We didn't want to give Michigan anything they didn't earn." The gambles were forced upon the Wolverines. When Taylor, the only experienced Michigan quarterback, left the game with a bruised back early in the second half, the Wolverines were forced to call upon Grbac, a sophomore who had never played in a college game. He nearly became a hero. Grbac completed 17 of 21 passes for 134 yards and 2 touchdowns. He compensated for a rushing game that produced just 94 yards despite an average weight advantage of more than 40 pounds in the Michigan offensive line. Grbac's 4-yard pass to the split end Greg McMurtry brought Michigan within 5 points with 4:08 to play. But with Johnson gaining the last of his 80 yards to maintain possession on a fourth-and-1 play with 1:58 to go, the Wolverines never had the ball with a chance to win. Notre Dame became the first team in Schembechler's 21-season era to defeat the Wolverines in three consecutive years.

#### **2009 Notre Dame at Michigan - Michigan Stadium - Ann Arbor, Michigan {Michigan 38 Notre Dame 34}**

**{Associated Press}** Tate Forcier lifted Michigan to its biggest win under Coach Rich Rodriguez. Charlie Weis provided an assist. Forcier's 5-yard touchdown pass to Greg Mathews with 11 seconds left capped a game-winning drive and lifted the Wolverines to a 38-34 win over No. 18 Notre Dame on Saturday. "It will go down in history as one of the greatest games in the Michigan-Notre Dame rivalry," Mathews said. "I'm glad I got a chance to play in it." Weis called for two passes, both of which fell incomplete, late in the game with a three-point lead and Michigan got the ball back at its 43 after a punt with 2:13 and two timeouts left. "I think it was mistake that they were throwing the ball because they let us save our timeouts," Forcier said. "Those timeouts definitely came in handy." Weis defended his choice to put the ball in the air after Armando Allen, who ran for 139 yards, opened the pivotal drive with a 13-yard run and twisted an ankle. Robert Hughes then got the ball for the first time all day

and was stuffed at the line. "They loaded up the box and made it clear that they weren't going to let us do that, so we had to throw the ball," Weis said. "On third down, we could have run and made them use a timeout, but we were trying to win the game." The Fighting Irish (1-1) were in a position to do just that after Allen ran for a TD and got the 2-point conversion on a nifty Statue of Liberty play with 5:13 left. But Weis' questionable decision to throw and his defense's inability to deny Forcier set up yet another loss for a once-proud program. Weis will likely face a lot of second-guessing as he tries to address what went wrong at the Big House and why he hasn't been able to win many big games in his five seasons. Two years ago, Notre Dame lost a school-record nine under Weis and dropped six more last season. The former Super Bowl-winning offensive coordinator with the New England Patriots fell to 30-22 with the Irish. "This is a very disappointing, disheartening loss," Weis said. Rodriguez, though, didn't have much sympathy. "You think they would've felt bad for us?" Rodriguez asked. "Charlie is a good football coach and he's got a good football team. They're going to win a lot of games. The quarterback is an NFL guy. They've got two of the best wide receivers I've seen in years and their running back is a big-time player. "And did you see the size of the linemen? They could eat peanuts off our guys' helmets." A season after losing a school-record nine games, Rodriguez has college football's winningest program at 2-0 for the first time since 2006 with a rout of Western Michigan and an emotional win over the rival Irish, whose winning percentage ranks second in the nation. Rodriguez made a couple of savvy moves Saturday -- such as calling a timeout early in the game that led to a TD getting overturned by review and relegating the Irish to a field goal. Michigan, which didn't get any votes in The Associated Press preseason poll, just may have done enough to earn a ranking Sunday. "If they stay humble and hungry and keep getting better," Rodriguez said, "then some of that national respect that all of us want -- our fans and players -- they'll get it." Forcier has earned some himself, after the way he played. He was 23 of 33 for 240 yards, two TDs and an interception. He ran for 70 yards and a score -- squirting up the middle on fourth-and-3 to put Michigan up 31-20. In the opener, Forcier threw three TDs before halftime against Western Michigan. "For a freshman, I thought he managed the game very well," Weis said. Forcier's 31-yard TD run on a fourth down gave the Wolverines an 11-point lead early in the fourth quarter. He threw an interception on his next drive to aid Notre Dame's comeback, but he bounced back by converting a third down with a pass before his clutch connection with Mathews in the front corner of the end zone. "I don't get nervous," Forcier insisted. Jimmy Clausen completed 25 of 42 passes for 336 yards and three TDs, but missed some throws throughout the game that proved to be costly. Tate and Michael Floyd combined for 16 catches, 246 yards and three TDs, and Michigan cornerbacks Donovan Warren and Boubacar Cissoko struggled to contain the duo all day.



**2010 Michigan at Notre Dame - Notre Dame Stadium - South Bend, Indiana {Michigan 28 Notre Dame 24}**

{Associated Press} If Denard Robinson's performance last week was a jaw dropper, what he did against Notre Dame on Saturday topped it. He broke off the longest run in the history of the Irish's fabled stadium -- an 87-yarder for a TD. That's just for starters. How about a school-record 502 yards total offense for a QB, including 258 yards rushing on 28 carries and 244 more passing? And oh, yeah, he directed the game-winning TD drive, scoring himself from 2 yards out with 27 seconds left to send Michigan (2-0) to a pulsating 28-24 victory. No wonder Wolverines coach Rich Rodriguez said the spectacular new star of his spread offense might sleep on the trip back to Ann Arbor. He deserves some rest. "Man, I didn't even know that," Robinson said of his record-breaking day -- the second week in a row he snapped single-game Michigan quarterback marks for total offense and rushing. "Our offense came together," he said. "The offensive line blocked, the receivers catching, everything was clicking. ... I'm a team player and I don't look at stats." He doesn't lace his spikes, either. And he's durable. "He's a tough kid. That's the one thing that stands out," Notre Dame Coach Brian Kelly said. "You run a quarterback 25 times, you got to have toughness." Kelly's guy was tough, too. But he just couldn't pull out the victory. Dayne Crist missed most of the first half after getting blurry vision from hitting his head on the ground during a run in an opening TD drive. But he brought the Irish back in the second half and connected with tight end Kyle Rudolph on a 95-yard TD pass to put Notre Dame (1-1) ahead with 3:41 left. Then Robinson showed that not only is he fast and strong, he's a clutch player, too. He led Michigan on a 12-play, 72-yard drive, capped his game-

winning TD -- a fitting end. Notre Dame (1-1) had one last chance from the Wolverines' 27 with six seconds left, but Crist threw the ball out of the end zone on the final play. On the game-winning drive, Robinson carried to pick up a crucial first on a fourth-and-1 at the Notre Dame 35. Then on a third-and-5 from the 17, Robinson drilled a 15-yard pass to Roy Roundtree to the 2 to set up his TD. "He [Roundtree] gave me a wink before the play. He winked at me and I knew I could go to him and I could count on him," Robinson said. "And he was there." Robinson's most spectacular moment came late in the second quarter, when he took the snap from his own 13, went to the right side, made a little cut and sprinted right past the Irish defense for second-longest run ever by an opponent against Notre Dame (Dick Panin broke off an 88-yarder for Michigan State in 1951) and the longest run ever at Notre Dame Stadium. It put the Wolverines up 21-7. "Once I get on the field, I don't like to be caught from behind. It was like I can't get caught, can't get caught," Robinson said. Earlier, the strong-armed Robinson found a wide-open Martavious Odoms for 31 yards to the Irish 1, setting up Stephen Hopkins 1-yard run for a touchdown late in the opening quarter that made it 14-7. Crist led the Irish on a 71-yard, 13-play drive to start the game, doing most of the work by completing 5 of 7 passes and carrying three times for 30 yards before sneaking in for the TD.

But he spent the rest of the half on the sidelines before finally beginning to warm up with about six minutes to go after first Tommy Rees and then Nate Montana -- neither of whom had ever played in a college game -- struggled to get the offense going. Each threw an interception -- the one by Rees leading to Michigan's tying touchdown. On the very next play after the pick, Robinson hit a wide open Roundtree for a 31-yard TD. "He was not clear to go back out for the next series," Kelly said of Crist, adding that it was not a concussion. "I thought it was best until he got his bearings back, which took until the third quarter." Montana, the son of NFL Hall of Famer Joe Montana, who also was a standout at Notre Dame, heaved a 37-yard pass to Theo Riddick to the Michigan 3 with 3 seconds to go in the half, a completion upheld by video replay. But on the final play of the half, Montana's pass sailed way out of the end zone as the Wolverines held on for the two-TD lead. Crist came back in the third quarter and on his second play threw a 53-yard TD pass to TJ Jones to get Notre Dame within 21-14. On the next series, he hit passes of 17 and 11 yards to Michael Floyd to get Notre Dame to the 6 before the Irish settled for David Ruffer's 24-yard field goal.



#### **2011 Notre Dame at Michigan - Michigan Stadium - Ann Arbor, Michigan {Michigan 35 Notre Dame 31}**

**{Associated Press}** Denard Robinson stunned Notre Dame in the final minute again, capping a heart-pounding, pom-pom pumping night under the lights at the Big House. Michigan's star quarterback threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Roy Roundtree with 2 seconds left to lift the Wolverines to a thrilling 35-31 win over Notre Dame on Saturday night. "It's never over until you see zeros on the clock," Robinson said. In the first prime-time game at Michigan Stadium, matching up storied programs trying to restore their luster, new Michigan coach Brady Hoke could have chosen to kick a field goal to force overtime. But Hoke gave Robinson a shot, and it proved to be good idea. "Coach took a stab," Roundtree said. On a night when Michigan Stadium was vibrant, with an NCAA-record crowd of 114,804 fired up an hour before kickoff, the Wolverines took their first lead on Robinson's 21-yard pass to Vincent Smith with 1:12 left. Then they lost it. Briefly. Tommy Rees threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Theo Riddick with 30 seconds left, but the Fighting Irish left Jeremy Gallon wide open on a pass that let Michigan go from its 20 to the Notre Dame 16. "That was an exciting football game," Hoke said. "Both teams fought for 60 minutes. It wasn't pretty at times on both ends, but as I told my players, it's great to win." The Wolverines (2-0) have won three straight against the rival Irish (0-2) on late-game plays by their quarterbacks. Last year at Notre Dame, Robinson ran for a touchdown with 27 seconds left, and Tate Forcier threw a TD pass against the Irish two years ago with 11 seconds left. "It's devastating," Irish receiver Michael Floyd said. "It's hard to take this one in. It's distressing." It's the first time Michigan has beaten Notre Dame three straight times since 1908. Robinson didn't match his game last year against Notre Dame, when he had a school-record 502 total yards, but Notre Dame couldn't stop him when it mattered. He was 11 of 24 for 338 yards with four TDs and three interceptions and ran 11 times for 108 yards and a score. That one came on a fortunate bounce, when he scooped up Stephen Hopkins' fumble inside the Notre Dame 1 and trotted in. "It was kind of crazy," Robinson said. "I've never scored

like that before." With a new patch on his jersey bearing Desmond Howard's name, Junior Hemingway, caught three passes for 165 yards and a TD. Michigan honored the former Heisman Trophy winner -- who made a diving catch on fourth down against the Irish in 1991 -- by announcing that the No. 21 jersey would always have his name on it. Notre Dame was doomed by turnovers for the second straight week. Rees threw two interceptions, one near the end zone, and fumbled deep in Michigan territory. Cierre Wood, who gave Notre Dame a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, also fumbled. "You can't have turnovers. Period," Rees said. "You have to eliminate them." In his first loss in five starts, Rees was 27 of 39 for 315 yards with three TDs and two interceptions. Wood ran for 134 yards and a score on 25 carries. Floyd caught 13 passes for 159 yards, becoming Notre Dame's career leader in yards receiving, and matched a school record with his 15th 100-yard receiving game. The Fighting Irish did whatever they wanted on the ground, through the air and on defense early on. In the end, though, they couldn't make enough plays on both sides of the ball to get a needed win for second-year coach Brian Kelly. "We're not good enough," Kelly said. "There's not one individual in that locker room, including all the coaches that are good enough right now."

## Deep South's Oldest Rivalry {Auburn-Georgia}

The Deep South's Oldest Rivalry is played between the Auburn Tigers and Georgia Bulldogs. The two teams first played each other in 1892 and have met nearly every year since. Because it is the oldest rivalry still contested between teams in the Deep South, the series is referred to by both schools as the "Deep South's Oldest Rivalry"

The first game between Auburn University and the University of Georgia was played on February 20, 1892 in Piedmont Park in Atlanta, Georgia. The game was the brainchild of Charles Herty of Georgia - the University's first football coach and George Petrie, Auburn's Trainer. The two had met as graduate school classmates at The Johns Hopkins University. The game was also, according to legend, when Auburn's team cheer, "War Eagle", originated. Auburn won the game 10-0. The Tigers and Bulldogs have played each other nearly every year since. There have only been three exceptions since 1898, when World War I and World War II interrupted the series. Through the 2016 season, the rivalry is tied for the fifth most played college football series at 120 games, and is led by Georgia 57-55-8. When the Southeastern Conference split into its Eastern Division and Western Division in 1992, with Auburn placed in the west and Georgia in the east, the game was designated as the teams' annual cross-divisional rivalry game.



### Notable games in Deep South's Oldest Rivalry

#### **1899 Auburn vs Georgia - Piedmont Park - Atlanta, Georgia {Auburn 0 Georgia 0}**

By all accounts Auburn was leading Georgia by a score of 11-6 when the game was called due to darkness, lighting not being available at that time, resulting in an official 0-0 tie. As noted by sideline reporters for The Atlanta Constitution "The conditions that appeared to make the ruling of Referee Rowbotham a necessity were such as should never have occurred on any gridiron that has the advantage of police protection. As darkness came on it was impossible in the bleachers and grandstand to distinguish the play and with no obstacle in the way the crowd surged into the field mingled with the players and made further progress a matter of impossibility." Fifteen minutes prior to the decision, Auburn coach, John Heisman, made an official request to call the game for the same reason. The decision was backed by Umpire Taylor. "In the decision that made the game a tie the referee was backed up by Umpire Taylor of Birmingham who, although a Just official has always been regarded by many as a friend of Auburn.

#### **1942 Auburn vs Georgia - A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium - Columbus, Ohio {Auburn 27 Georgia 13}**

{Tiptop25.com} Georgia had been playing Auburn in Columbus since 1916, and the two teams had been playing each other since the first ever season of football for each, 1891. Auburn came into this game just 4-4-1, with a loss at 3-7 Florida and a tie at 5-3-1 Georgetown, but they had upset 7-3 Louisiana State (#11) 25-7 the week before, and this week they ambushed Georgia on both sides of the ball to engineer a shocking 27-13 upset of the nation's #1 team. On offense, Auburn had been running the single wing all season (and for decades), but for this game they unveiled a T-formation offense with a highly varied package of intricate misdirection plays that they had been practicing all year just for this game. They ran the ball almost

exclusively, but Georgia had a lot of trouble figuring out who had the ball, and just couldn't quite stop it. On defense, Auburn surprised Georgia by frequently dropping their tackles into pass coverage and blitzing their ends, a precursor to the "zone blitz" that became popular in the 1990s. They put heavy emphasis on switching up coverages and rushing the passer, correctly diagnosing Georgia's offense as dependent on the passing game to score. Georgia's scouting of Auburn and preparation for the game were rendered completely useless. Still, Georgia scored early in the opening quarter to take a 6-0 lead, and all seemed normal at that point. Frank Sinkwich and Charlie Trippi did most of the work on that drive, and Sinkwich scored the touchdown. But Auburn responded with a 13 play, 80 yard touchdown drive to take the lead 7-6, and they drove 71 yards for another touchdown in the 2nd quarter for a 14-6 halftime lead. In the 4th quarter, Auburn returned a punt 35 yards to the Georgia 18 and drove to a touchdown from there, making it a daunting 20-6 lead. Georgia was soon set up by a bad Auburn punt, taking over at the Auburn 27. Sinkwich was sacked for a 9 yard loss, but he rebounded with a 36 yard touchdown pass to close the gap to 20-13. Auburn responded with a drive to the Georgia 16, but they were stopped there, and Georgia had one more shot to salvage a tie. However, Sinkwich was sacked, then sacked again, fumbling the ball in the end zone, and Auburn recovered for the clinching touchdown and 27-13 win. Auburn racked up a huge 355 yards of offense, all of it on the ground, while Georgia totaled but 227, 190 through the air. Auburn finished the season 6-4-1.

#### **1996 Georgia at Auburn - Jordan-Hare Stadium - Auburn, Alabama {Georgia 56 Auburn 49}**

{auburntigers.com} the 100th meeting between Auburn and Georgia produced the first overtime game in SEC history, as the Bulldogs rallied from a 21-point, first-half deficit to claim a 56-49, four-overtime victory. After Georgia scored on a one-yard Torin Kirtsey run to open the fourth overtime period, Auburn's Dameyune Craig was tackled one yard short of a first down on fourth-and-three from the 18. Craig and Auburn began the game hot, building a 28-7 lead with six minutes remaining in the first half. Craig tossed three touchdown passes, including a pair to Robert Baker, in directing Auburn's first-half assault. Auburn still led, 28-14, entering the fourth quarter, but Georgia's Mike Bobo hit Hines Ward on a 67-yard touchdown pass early in the final quarter to make it a seven-point game. That score held until the Bulldogs marched 82 yards on nine plays in the game's final 67 seconds to tie the game. Georgia's tying score came on a 30-yard pass from Bobo to Corey Allen on the final play of regulation. Craig opened the overtime with a 13-yard run, but Georgia's Robert Edwards, who ran for just 12 yards on six carries during regulation, scored the first of his three overtime TDs on a nine-yard jaunt. In the second OT, Auburn answered a five-yard Edwards run with a three-yard score by Fred Beasley. Craig snuck in from the one in the third overtime, while Edwards scored from the nine. Edwards ran 10 times for 62 yards in overtime.



#### **2002 Georgia at Auburn - Jordan-Hare Stadium - Auburn, Alabama {Georgia 24 Auburn 21}**

•{Associated Press} Michael Johnson went up for the ball and Georgia hasn't come down yet. David Greene threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to a leaping Johnson on fourth and long with 1:25 left to help the seventh-ranked Bulldogs defeat No. 24 Auburn 24-21 Saturday, giving them their first SEC Eastern title. "I know it's only the East, but we're champions tonight," Coach Mark Richt said. Three straight incompletions by Greene and a false-start penalty set up fourth-and-15, but Greene pump-faked, then lofted his pass into the left corner of the end zone. Johnson, subbing for an injured Terrence Edwards, outjumped former Georgia signee Horace Willis for the score. "We lost our best receiver, then he comes out and makes one of the best catches in Georgia history," Greene said. The play was called 70-X-Takeoff, and it launched the Bulldogs to the championship game for the first time. The Bulldogs (10-1, 7-1 SEC) earned a shot at their first league title since 1982 and ended a three-game losing streak to the Tigers (7-4, 4-3). "We're going to Atlanta," linebacker Tony Gilbert said. "We should have been there a long, long time ago." Auburn took over at its own 28 with 1:18 to play, and Jason Campbell quickly hit Robert Johnson over the middle for a 25-yard gain. The Georgia defense resumed its second-half dominance after that, with a sack by Boss Bailey and two Auburn penalties leaving Auburn with a fourth-and-20. Campbell's pass to Tre Smith fell well short of the first-down marker with 19 seconds left. Georgia players raced over to celebrate with their fans, and Edwards helped Kareem Marshall unfurl a banner proclaiming the Bulldogs champions. Edwards also couldn't resist a dig at their biggest East rival. "Tell those Florida Gators they

don't have to play anymore," he crowed after Johnson's catch. The Tigers, who still have title hopes in the West, slumped off the field. The only period they trailed in the game was over the final 85 seconds. Georgia's last four victories in the series have come at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Greene finished 18-of-35 for 232 yards with an interception. Playing without Edwards (separated right shoulder) and Damien Gary (left leg injury), he passed for just 29 yards in the first half. Johnson had caught 11 passes coming in but finished with 13 for 141 yards and the final touchdown. Auburn led 14-3 at halftime behind Ronnie Brown's 103 yards rushing, including a 53-yard touchdown. Brown had 10 second-half carries for 21 yards, struggling after injuring his right ankle. Quarterback Jason Campbell was 12-of-23 for 133 yards with two first-quarter interceptions, also rushing for 72 yards despite getting sacked four times. He threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Johnson and ran for a 21-yard score with 5:45 left in the third quarter for a 21-10 lead. The Tigers went three-and-out on six straight possessions after their final score, gaining just 99 second-half yards. "You have to give it to their defense. They won the game for them," Coach Tommy Tuberville said. "We had them cornered several times, but they just came back and had the big play at the end." The Bulldogs got to Auburn's 29-yard line on the drive prior to the game-winner before turning it over on downs. Auburn managed to run just 22 seconds off the clock on three plays, going three-and-out for the sixth straight possession to give the ball back to Georgia at its own 41 with 1:58 left and no timeouts. "All we had to do is control the football and it wouldn't have been close," Tuberville said. Greene hit a leaping Fred Gibson on the left sideline for a 41-yarder before throwing three straight incompletions. Greene, who's now 8-0 as a starter on an opponent's home field, said the mood in the huddle was surprisingly light. "It sounds kind of weird, but the guys were calm and even laughing a little bit," he said. "We were saying, 'This is it. The whole season is in our hands. We wouldn't want it any other way.'" The Tigers outgained the Bulldogs 233-63 in the first half for a 14-3 lead. Stinchcomb gave a fiery halftime speech, and the Bulldogs responded with touchdowns on drives of 77 and 89 yards to open the second half.



**2013 Georgia at Auburn - Jordan-Hare Stadium - Auburn, Alabama {Auburn**

**The Prayer at Jordan-Hare** refers to the played game between Auburn and Georgia and more specifically to the game-winning Hail Mary pass. The play occurred on November 16, 2013 at Jordan-Hare Stadium as the home team No. 7 ranked Auburn hosted No. 25 ranked Georgia in the 117th meeting of what is known as the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry. Down 38-37 with 36 seconds remaining in the game, Auburn faced 4th down and 18 yards to go when junior quarterback Nick Marshall threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Ricardo Louis. The pass was tipped by Georgia's sophomore safety Josh Harvey-Clemons. The pass would have been overthrown had Harvey-Clemons not deflected the football and Louis was unable to find the ball after the deflection until a moment before it landed in his hands. The score allowed Auburn to win the game 43-38 and break the tie in the all-time series

Auburn's biggest rival is Alabama, considered by Yahoo! Sports to be the greatest rivalry in all of college football and ranked among the most intense by numerous sources. However the Auburn-Georgia rivalry is one of the oldest in the NCAA dating back to 1892, one year older than the Alabama-Auburn rivalry and nicknamed the "Deep South's Oldest Rivalry". In fact just weeks before the 2013 Auburn-Georgia game, The Roosevelts website ranked this rivalry as the 13th greatest in college football. In the 121 seasons preceding 2013, many memorable battles were waged in the 116 matchups between these two foes, perhaps the most memorable in 1982 when two future Heisman Trophy winners faced off in Auburn. Featuring two of the greatest athletes in the history of college football, junior running back Herschel Walker led No. 1 ranked Georgia to a narrow 19-14 defeat of unranked Auburn with freshman running back Bo Jackson, the only occasion in which these two famous athletes would ever face each other. On November 16, 2013, the two adversaries faced each other at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, Alabama in their 117th meeting. Auburn, ranked No. 7 in the nation with a 9-1 record (5-1 in the SEC) hosted Georgia, ranked No. 25 with a 6-3 record (4-2) with the series tied at 54-54-8. Auburn was seeking revenge for a 38-0 loss to Georgia the previous season. Entering the 2013 season Auburn fans had endured a particularly tumultuous year having suffered through a lackluster 2012 season, the program's worst since 1950, finishing with a 3-9 record while going winless in the SEC. The team's plummet from 2010 national champion to the bottom of the conference was the worst two-year decline for any college football team since the introduction of the Associated Press poll in 1936 resulting in the November 25, 2012 firing of head coach Gene

Chizik. Adding insult to injury, on April 23, 2013 Auburn's landmark oak trees at Toomer's Corner were cut down, declared unsalvageable after being poisoned by an Alabama fan during the weekend of December 3, 2010. The 130-year old trees held a special place in the hearts of Auburn fans who rolled them with toilet paper after each football victory for at least forty years. The earliest documentation of this tradition dates back to a 35–20 victory over Georgia on November 13, 1971.

The 2013 Auburn-Georgia game was held on November 16, the 11th anniversary of the David Greene comeback game, and featured two programs moving in opposite directions. The Georgia Bulldogs, ranked No. 5 in the preseason AP Poll, had dropped to a disappointing No. 25 after losses to Clemson, Missouri and Vanderbilt. Meanwhile the Auburn Tigers had been unranked until the 8th week of the season when they debuted in the AP Poll at No. 24, riding a six-game win streak in their ascension to the No. 7 spot by the Georgia game. There was no doubt that the return of the Bulldogs' starting running back Todd Gurley from an ankle injury would bolster Georgia's chances of an upset. At 2:40 p.m. CST, with overcast skies and 66 degrees, Georgia's Marshall Morgan kicked off to Auburn whose 16-play, 56-yard opening drive stalled at the Georgia 5-yard line. The Tigers settled for a 22-yard Cody Parkey field goal. Auburn dominated the first half, scoring on five of their first six drives. With 1:07 remaining in the half, the SEC touchdown leader Tre Mason scampered for a 24-yard touchdown giving the Tigers a commanding 27-7 lead. Meanwhile Georgia had gone three-and-out on three of their first four drives. They rounded out their final two drives by throwing an interception and scoring a late field goal to make the halftime score 27-10. Both teams squandered an opportunity for three additional points during the game, points that would have been crucial to the outcome of the game. With 3:10 left in the 2nd quarter, Auburn's Cody Parkey had a 36-yard field goal attempt blocked. In the 3rd quarter, Georgia elected not to allow sophomore kicker Marshall Morgan to attempt what would have been a 56-yard field goal despite the fact that he had hit that distance before. Morgan had booted a 59-yard field goal for American Heritage School two years prior, a kick that would have ranked among the NFL's ten longest field goals at the time. Instead Georgia went for it on fourth down, an incomplete pass thrown by Murray, and the Bulldogs turned the ball over. Through the first 50 minutes of the game, Auburn had scored on seven of nine possessions with 29 first downs building a 37–17 lead. In contrast, when Georgia began their first possession of the fourth quarter they had only reached the end zone once on their previous six drives. Auburn maintained that 20-point lead until 9:35 left in the game when the momentum suddenly shifted. At that moment, Aaron Murray threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to senior Rantavious Wooten to cut the deficit to 13 points. In fact Murray would lead his team to three touchdowns in the span of 7:46, the final touchdown giving Georgia their first lead of the game with 1:49 remaining. On the third and final scoring drive Georgia had taken over at Auburn's 45-yard line after a short punt, driving 38 yards setting up 1st-and-goal at Auburn's 7-yard line. Down by six, the drive seemed to stall when the Bulldogs gained a paltry two yards on three plays. But facing 4th down and goal, Aaron Murray scrambled from the 11-yard line on a quarterback sneak scoring a controversial touchdown that gave Georgia the 38–37 lead. Upon instant replay it appeared as though Murray's left knee made contact with the ground prior to the football crossing the goal line after colliding with Auburn defenders Jake Holland and Ryan Smith. That would have nullified the score and Auburn would have taken over on downs with a 6-point lead. But all replay angles proved inconclusive, the officials unable to find indisputable evidence to overturn the touchdown ruling on the field. The score stood, the final touchdown on an opponent's field in Aaron Murray's illustrious career. While the Bulldogs had scored on three consecutive drives, Auburn failed to earn a single first down in the entire fourth quarter until one minute remained on the clock. After the ensuing kickoff, Georgia leading by 1, Auburn's offense took over at the 22-yard line having notched a mere three points in their previous four drives. Their stagnant offense had not found the end zone in over 23 minutes of play and had only crossed the 50-yard line once since their opening drive of the second half. After attaining a first down at their own 35-yard line, Auburn crumbled losing eight yards on the next three plays culminating with Jordan Jenkins' sack of Nick Marshall. With 36 seconds left and the impending fourth down, Gus Malzahn burned his second of three timeouts to consult with his team. As Auburn retook the field, Georgia coach Mark Richt immediately used his first time out to assess his defensive strategy. Auburn needed 18 yards for a first down that would keep their slim chance for a victory alive. The home crowd remained optimistic throughout Auburn's offensive collapse.

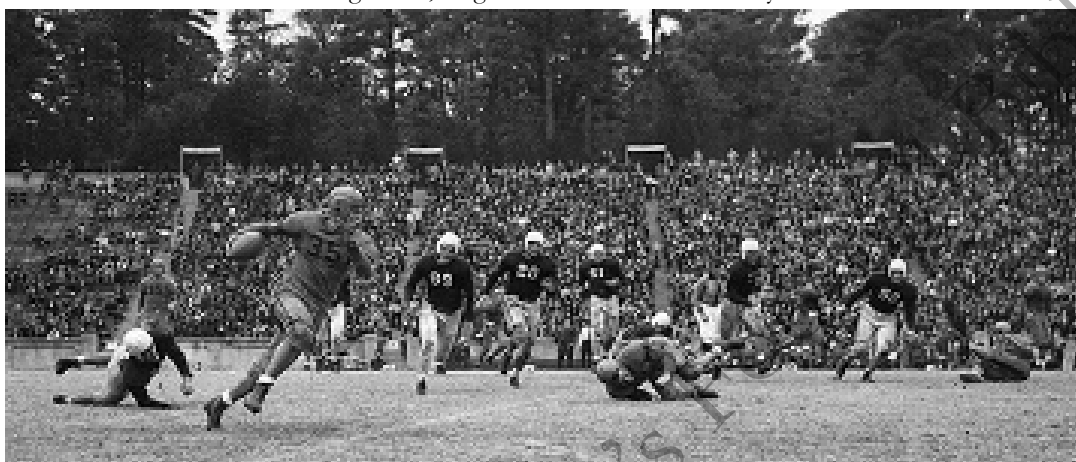


During the timeout Malzahn called a play he dubbed "Little Rock," something he had drawn up late in 1998 while coaching Shiloh Christian School in the Arkansas state playoffs. The play involved one receiver running deep on a post route while another would run a shallow dig route far enough to make the first down. Typically this play did not call for sophomore Ricardo Louis to be on the field but Malzahn said "Let's put Ricardo at five (the deep post route) and Sammie on the boundary (the shallow dig route)." The pass was designed to go to the shallow receiver, sophomore Sammie Coates, for a first down. But the planned deep receiver Louis begged quarterback Nick Marshall to throw him the ball instead. Louis dreamed of making a big play, inspired by the words of his receiver coach Dameyune Craig who frequently challenges his players with the question "What's going to be your legacy?". Both teams took the field after consecutive timeouts, Auburn facing 4th down and 18 from their own 27-yard line with 36 seconds remaining in the game. Marshall took the snap and made a five-step drop to his own 17-yard line. Sammie Coates found himself wide open near midfield, but Nick Marshall stepped up to the 20-yard line and heaved the ball 47 yards downfield to Ricardo Louis in triple coverage. Coates dropped his head, too nervous to watch the outcome. The overthrown pass sailed beyond Marshall's intended receiver as Georgia's freshman safety Tray Matthews leapt for the interception at the 23-yard line. But his teammate, sophomore defender Josh Harvey-Clemons, also jumped for the interception and tipped the ball with his right hand causing it to ricochet over Matthews' helmet. The redirection allowed the overthrown Auburn receiver to catch up to the pass. Auburn's Louis could not initially find the deflection as the football fluttered over his head, but his peripheral vision located the ball over his left shoulder just as it reached his outstretched hands. Louis juggled the ball at the 15-yard line, finally gained control at the 9, looked over his left shoulder finding no one in pursuit and bounded into the south end zone for the touchdown with 25 seconds remaining. Terrified suspension turned into roaring triumphant celebration from the stunned crowd as Louis reeled in the catch. A 7-play, 78-yard drive had just been capped off by a miraculous 73-yard score as the Tigers took the lead 43–38. Penalty flags lay on the field, but the fears of Auburn fans were alleviated when the touchdown stood, as the flags were against Georgia for a few players taking their helmets off while the play was ongoing. It was a moment of déjà vu for Marshall's former teammates at Garden City College who watched the quarterback win the team's final game of 2012 in similar fashion. On December 2, 2012, with his team trailing 29–28, Marshall threw a 62-yard bomb that was deflected by a defender and caught by his receiver lying on his back with 20 seconds remaining in the game setting up the winning field goal. Following the final touchdown, Auburn attempted a two-point conversion to extend the lead to seven points but Jonathan Wallace's pass fell incomplete. Georgia was left with 25 seconds in the game at their own 25-yard line after Auburn's Cody Parkey kicked the ball beyond the end zone for a touchback as he had on all nine of his kickoffs during the game. In the following 22 seconds, Aaron Murray threw two passes for 50 yards as Georgia reached Auburn's 25-yard line. When Auburn senior lineman and leading tackler Dee Ford jumped offside, Georgia advanced to the Auburn 20-yard line with a first down and three seconds on the clock. Auburn called their final timeout. On the last play of the game Ford hit Murray at the 20-yard line as he released an incomplete pass sealing the victory for Auburn. Georgia coach Richt felt the hit could have been penalized for targeting but even Murray himself disagreed, calling it a clean hit. The teams combined for 81 total points in the game, second only to the 1996 quadruple overtime thriller in which Auburn and Georgia combined for 105 points.

### South's Oldest Rivalry {North Carolina-Virginia}

The South's Oldest Rivalry is played annually by the Virginia Cavaliers and the North Carolina Tar Heels. Both universities have been members of the Atlantic Coast Conference since 1953 but the Cavaliers and Tar Heels played their first two football games in 1892 (Virginia won the first and North Carolina the second), over sixty years before the formation of the ACC. Long being the most played game among all Football series in the Southeastern United States, it has become known over the years simply as the South's Oldest Rivalry. It is also the oldest series in this highest division in the east. The 2014 meeting marked the 119th edition of this game (played continuously since 1919), five more than the Army–Navy Game (played

continuously since 1930), and one more than the "Deep South's Oldest Rivalry" (Georgia–Auburn, played continuously since 1944). The game was first twice played in 1892 (Virginia won the first, and North Carolina the second, splitting the southern title). Virginia then claims a southern championship for every year of 1893–1897, with North Carolina gaining a Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association title in 1895 (only loss to Virginia) and 1898. Both overshadowed by Sewanee in 1899, Virginia again went on a tear from the turn of the century until 1905 when North Carolina pulled the upset. Due to the 2010–13 NCAA conference realignment the UVA-UNC rivalry will surpass the Lone Star Showdown between Texas and Texas A&M as the third most played national rivalry. Beginning in 2016, it will be the second most-played national rivalry behind the Paul Bunyan's Axe rivalry between the Wisconsin Badgers and Minnesota Golden Gophers. Virginia and North Carolina have faced each other 120 times. North Carolina leads the all-time series, 63–54–4. In 2010 UNC broke a long losing streak in Charlottesville, UNC's first road win in the series since 1981. It ended what many UNC fans mockingly described as the "Charlottesville Curse." UVA led the series from 1893 to 1944, and UNC has since led from 1945 onward. Virginia closed to within two games in 2009, but UNC has won seven in a row since. Even after the losing streak, Virginia is 20–13–1 in the rivalry since 1983.



The rivalry is often called a "Gentlemen's Rivalry." One reason for this moniker is the prestigious image, both academically and socially, of both universities in their states and throughout the region. The institutions' student bodies also tend to somewhat mirror one another from a social and academic standpoint. As for today and recent decades, the rivalry itself has been lackluster and less heated despite a few recent historical wins by UNC. Neither program has finished at the top of the ACC since the 1990s, nor has UVA yet played in the ACC Championship Game.

### Notable games in the South's Oldest Rivalry

**2001 Virginia at North Carolina - Kenan Memorial Stadium - Chapel Hill, North Carolina {North Carolina 30 Virginia 24} {virginiasports.com}** Andre' Williams ran for 147 yards and a touchdown, and Dexter Reid scored on an improbable 67-yard interception return as North Carolina beat Virginia 30-24 on Saturday. North Carolina (4-3, 3-1 Atlantic Coast) won its fourth straight after opening the season 0-3. It is the Tar Heels' longest winning streak since they won 10 straight from 1996-97. Virginia (3-3, 2-2) scored on a 4-yard touchdown pass from Matt Schaub to Billy McMullen with 1:01 left, but couldn't recover the onside kick. The Cavaliers have lost two straight after opening 3-1. Reid scored early in the fourth quarter after a pass caromed off Kase Luzar's hands, then bounced off his body as he was falling to the ground. Reid scooped up the ball just before it hit the ground and raced down the sideline. Williams scored on a 7-yard run for North Carolina's first score, bulling through Jerton Evans for the final 3 yards. It was his first 100-yard rushing game. North Carolina, which started slowly in its first six games, got going quickly against Virginia. The Tar Heels had 312 yards by halftime - more than any of their first four games - and finished with a season-high 477. Schaub, who had been alternating with Bryson Spinner, started strong and never came out. He completed 33 of 54 passes for 334 yards three touchdowns. McMullen, the ACC's receptions and yardage leader, caught 11 passes for 122 yards. Virginia tied it on a 7-yard pass from Schaub to Tyree Forman midway through the third quarter, but North Carolina answered less than two minutes later on a 66-yard touchdown pass from Ronald Curry to Sam Aiken. Curry also had a 39-yard run late in the second to set up a 30-yard field goal by Jeff Reed, but didn't play in the second half because of a sore Achilles' tendon. North Carolina reached the Virginia 25 on two other drives in the first half, but Jacque Lewis fumbled and Darian Durant had a pass intercepted by Chris Williams after the ball bounced off Bosley Allen's hands. Durant was 10-for-16 for 162 yards. Virginia had trouble with special teams for the second week in a row. The Cavaliers, who had a punt and a field goal blocked last week against Maryland, had a 46-yard field goal attempt blocked by Michael Waddell - one play after a penalty negated a successful one from 41 yards.

**2007 Virginia at North Carolina - Kenan Memorial Stadium - Chapel Hill, North Carolina {Virginia 22 North Carolina 20} {virginiasports.com}** Cedric Peerman shredded the North Carolina defense for 186 yards and a touchdown, and Chris Gould tied a school record with five field goals Saturday as Virginia held off North Carolina, 22-20. Gould's kicks included a 48-yarder in the third quarter that was initially ruled no good by officials under the crossbar. Coach Al Groh challenged the call and it was overturned. That gave Virginia (2-1, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) a 19-7 lead. But North Carolina (1-2, 0-1 ACC) shook

off the reversal and drew to 19-14 when T.J. Yates hit Hakeem Nicks on a 53-yard scoring play. Nicks slipped one tackler and dragged another Virginia defender about 7 yards into the end zone. The Tar Heels forced a Virginia punt and moved from their 20 to the Cavaliers 41. But defensive end Chris Long snatched Yates' pass out of the air and ran 25 yards to the North Carolina 30. Two holding penalties and a delay of game stalled Virginia's drive and Gould kicked a 32-yard field goal with 8:56 left. North Carolina rallied from a second turnover and marched 85 yards to score on Yates' 2-yard pass to Richard Quinn with 1:57 left. But Yates 2-point conversion pass was batted down by Nate Collins at the line of scrimmage. The victory snapped Virginia's four-game road losing streak in the ACC. Peerman ran 1 yard for a first-quarter score. Gould had a career-best 51-yard field goal in the period, and added kicks of 28 and 37 yards in the second quarter before Yates hit Nicks on a 4-yard scoring pass with 22 seconds left in the half. Yates has nine touchdown passes in three games, the best performance by a North Carolina quarterback to start a season.



#### 2008 North Carolina at Virginia - Scott Stadium - Charlottesville, Virginia {Virginia 16 North Carolina 13}

{virginiaspports.com} Al Groh insisted he didn't lose faith in his Virginia Cavaliers. As the fourth quarter of Virginia's game against No. 18 North Carolina began, he turned to quarterback Marc Verica. "This is your quarter to shine," he told Verica. Trailing 10-3 with 2:18 to play, Verica led the Cavaliers on a dramatic 82-yard scoring drive that sent the game into overtime, and Cedric Peerman, who had scored in the final minute of regulation, ran in from two yards to give Virginia a 16-13 win over the Tar Heels on Saturday, continuing North Carolina's struggles in Charlottesville. Virginia (4-3, 2-1, Atlantic Coast Conference) watched Peerman score on a two-yard run with 47 seconds left in regulation and Robert Randolph's conversion was barely good to send the game into overtime. "We had our best at the end," Groh said. Casey Barth kicked a 28-yard field goal to begin OT, and North Carolina (5-2, 1-2) led 13-10. Tight end John Phillips caught a 19-yard pass from Verica to put the ball on the Tar Heels' four. Peerman ran for two yards and then two more for the winning score. The win extended the Cavaliers 14-game winning streak at Scott Stadium, and was their third straight win. Thousands of fans stormed the field, but warnings from the public address announcer quickly cleared the turf. "I'm glad to see the students enjoy themselves," Groh said. North Carolina, which won its previous three games and was off to its best start since winning eight straight games to start 1997, was without key playmaker Brandon Tate, who suffered torn ligaments in his right knee in last week's win over Notre Dame. He was lost for the season. Tate had five touchdowns and was leading the ACC in all-purpose yards when he was hurt. "We made some mistakes in substitutions and formations that really hurt us, trying to shuttle as many different people in trying to replace Brandon Tate, and that's no excuse," North Carolina coach Butch Davis said. "Brandon not being here has nothing to do with us not winning." The Tar Heels, who haven't won in Charlottesville since Nov. 14, 1981, didn't seem to miss him at first as they crisply moved the ball downfield on their opening drive. Houston scored on a one-yard run, and North Carolina led 7-0. It seemed as if it would be a long afternoon for Virginia, but the Cavaliers didn't allow another touchdown. The Tar Heels entered the game averaging 31.8 points. Virginia, held to just 18 yards in the first quarter and 59 in the first half, had lots of frustrations. "The first half couldn't have gone worse for us. I was making bad decisions, we were being penalized and we just couldn't move the ball," Verica said. Peerman, who had 186 yards a year ago in a 22-20 win against the Tar Heels and 173 in last week's win over East Carolina, was held to 44 yards, but had the two critical scores. "Last year was dramatic," Peerman said. "This was twice as dramatic." The highlight of the 10-play, 83-yard drive was Cameron Sexton's 25-yard pass to Hakeem Nicks. It was intended for Richard Quinn, but it bounced out of his hands, and then just past the reach of two Cavalier defenders and into Nicks' hands. Sophomore Shaun Draughn, who switched from safety to tailback this season, had 13 carries for 80 yards in the first quarter. He had 140 yards - the third straight game he's rushed for more than 100, got a fortunate break early in the third quarter. Sexton's short pass rolled right into the arms of nose tackle Nick Jenkins for an interception. "I just turned those balls over - and that

can't happen," Sexton said. "I've got to make better decisions." The Cavaliers took over on the Tar Heel 34, but had to settle for a 37-yard field goal by Randolph. On North Carolina's next possession, Nicks caught a pass near midfield and fumbled. After Chase Minnifield recovered the ball on Virginia's 45, the Cavaliers were able to drive to the North Carolina 23. Randolph attempted a 39-yard field goal, but it was blocked. Virginia drove to the North Carolina 39, but its drive stalled, and was forced to punt. The Tar Heels took over on their own five-yard line with 9:51 to play and made three third-down plays - two receptions by Nicks and a 10-yard run by Draughn to keep the ball away from the Cavaliers. Hicks, who leads the ACC in receiving added a 23-yarder after North Carolina called its final timeout with the ball on the Virginia 42. Barth's 40-yard field goal with 2:22 remaining gave the Tar Heels their 10-3 lead. The Tar Heels' 15-play drive lasted 7:29. Getting the ball back with 2:18 to play, the Cavaliers drove 82 yards in 1:35, Peerman scored on a two-yard run, and Randolph lined up for the extra point. His attempt was tipped and barely made it over the crossbar for a 10-10 tie with 47 seconds to play.

#### **2010 North Carolina at Virginia - Scott Stadium - Charlottesville, Virginia {North Carolina 44 Virginia 10}**

**{virginiasports.com}** The Tar Heels get their first win at Scott Stadium since 1983, snapping a 14 game losing streak at Charlottesville. All week, North Carolina's players downplayed their streak of futility at Virginia, the one that had seen them lose 14 straight at Scott Stadium. And all week, defensive end Tim Jackson said, it was "pounded into our heads pretty thoroughly," and "we just knew we were going to get it snapped this weekend." T.J. Yates threw for three touchdowns and North Carolina did just that Saturday night, beating Virginia 44-10, its first road win in the South's oldest rivalries since 1981. "It feels good to finally get that off our backs," wide receiver Dwight Jones said after a day that included seven catches for 198 yards and two touchdowns. The first set the tone as he took a short slant on the first play, broke a tackle and went 81 yards for a touchdown. Jones also made a sliding catch of a 20-yard touchdown pass from Yates, and had another apparent touchdown, but was ruled to have stepped out at the half-yard line after a 54-yard catch and run down the North Carolina sideline. He came into the game with 12 catches for 104 yards on the season, and Yates was thrilled to see the junior finally emerge. "Everybody knew he has this kind of talent," the quarterback said after a fourth straight victory. "We were just waiting for him to have that breakthrough game. He's had it." The Tar Heels (4-2, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 27-10 at halftime and coasted, easing coach Butch Davis' mind after he feared they might relax with such a sizeable lead. They didn't, holding Virginia on the opening second-half series and then driving to the third of Casey Barth's three field goals. Kevin Reddick's interception and 22-yard touchdown return later in the quarter sealed it, allowing both coaches to empty their benches. When it was over, first-year Virginia coach Mike London gathered his team on the field. "I wanted them to feel what it feels like to get beat like we did on your homecoming," he said, "and never, ever forget that feeling ... when someone comes into your house and hands it to you like they did. We're going to win around here and I told them we're going to win." The victory came as North Carolina continued to get players back from a roster-depleting NCAA investigation into agent-related benefits and possible academic misconduct. It had defensive end Linwan Euwell and tailback Ryan Houston available for the first time, but only Euwell played. The investigation has left five other Tar Heels ruled out for this season. "One thing that's really helping us out is all that stuff is kind of over," Yates said. "We've been dealing with it for so long we've kind of moved past it and moved on." Yates finished 17 for 22 for 325 yards. Marc Verica struggled mightily for Virginia (2-4, 0-3), going 15 for 25 for 139 yards with three interceptions. He was pulled after Reddick's touchdown return, and backups Ross Metheny and Michael Rocco finished, although each also threw an interception. Metheny's came on his only pass attempt after a career-best 49-yard run by Keith Payne set the Cavaliers up at the Tar Heels' 1-yard line. Payne rushed for 107 yards and a TD. "We're going to bounce back. There's not much else you can say," Payne said. Virginia also failed to score in four tries after getting a first down at the 5 on its next series, but already trailed 37-10 when Payne was tackled on the fourth-down play.

#### **2014 North Carolina at Virginia - Scott Stadium - Charlottesville, Virginia {North Carolina 28 Virginia 27}**

**{virginiasports.com}** Mitch Trubisky threw a 16-yard touchdown pass on his only play of the game, giving North Carolina its first lead with 4:05 remaining, and the Tar Heels stunned Virginia 28-27 on Saturday. Trubisky, who had been sharing the job with Marquise Williams until the last two games, was called into action when Williams was sacked and his helmet came off, setting up a third-and-15 from the 16. Trubisky hit a wide open T.J. Thorpe to give North Carolina (4-4, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) the lead. Virginia (4-4, 2-2), which had kept the explosive Williams and North Carolina scoreless to that point in the second half, then was surprised when the Tar Heels tried, and recovered, an onside kick. North Carolina drove to the Virginia 20, where it faced a fourth-and-1, and a whistle for too many men on the field against the defense gave UNC a first down, and Williams and Co. then ran out the clock. It is the fifth consecutive victory in the series for North Carolina. Until the closing minutes, Virginia had mostly kept the red-hot Williams and Tar Heels at bay, save for three quick drives in the first half, all ending in big plays. Williams came in averaging 449 yards of offense in his last two games, but finished with 308 as the Cavaliers outgained North Carolina 443-374. But for all the yardage, Virginia managed just one field goal in the second half. When Greyson Lambert threw a pass into the arms of defensive tackle Nazair Jones, he returned it 20 yards to the Cavaliers' 38, proving to be one request too many of the Cavaliers' defense. The decisive touchdown came after Eli Harold sacked Williams for minus 10 yards on second-and-5 from the 6, and Williams' helmet came off, meaning he had to sit out the next play per NCAA rules. Lambert, who returned to the lineup after missing three games with an ankle injury, had been sharp until that play, but the Cavaliers' last two scoring drives stalled and resulted in field goals. He had two big completions - 24 yards to Canaan Severin to convert a third-and-10 from the Virginia 28, and a 42-yarder to Darius Jennings - as Virginia went ahead 21-14. Jennings' catch

brought the ball to the 5, and Lambert hit Kevin Parks for a 2-yard reception two plays later to give Virginia the lead. Williams hit Jack Tabb for 22-yards on a third-and-8 play from his 15, then found Hollins behind safety Anthony Harris for a 63-yard scoring play. Williams released the ball as linebacker Henry Coley leveled him and had to be helped up, but Hollins made a gorgeous fingertip catch on the play. The Cavaliers led 24-21 at halftime after Ian Frye's 31-yard field goal with 28 seconds left. Williams did little on the Tar Heels first two series, then did plenty, and fast. Trailing 14-0, he kept the ball on a read option and went 48 yards untouched for the touchdown, capping a four-play, 75-yard drive that took 45 seconds. After Virginia's first three-and-out, the Tar Heels needed just two plays, the second Williams' 52-yard scoring pass to Mack Hollins, to make it 14-all. On the play, Hollins beat cornerback Maurice Canady and dodged a tackle by safety Anthony Harris. The Tar Heels started their next two drives in Virginia territory, but Nick Weiler missed a 39-yard field goal try on the first, and David Dean sacked Williams on fourth down to end the second one. The Cavaliers made North Carolina's defense look like the 124th-worst on their first two possessions, driving 66 yards in nine plays to Lambert's 31-yard scoring pass to Canaan Severin, and then 90 yards in nine plays to Kevin Parks' 2-yard touchdown run. Lambert had completions of 22 yards to Miles Gooch on a third-and-8 and then caught a 23-yard pass from Gooch two plays later on the second drive. The Cavaliers, at that point, had a 141-5 yardage advantage, but that changed quickly.

## Tennessee-Vanderbilt Rivalry

The Tennessee–Vanderbilt football rivalry is played between the Vanderbilt Commodores and Tennessee Volunteers. Vanderbilt and Tennessee have played 111 times since 1892. Tennessee leads the series 75–31–5. They are both founding members of the Southeastern Conference (SEC). From 1892–1927, Vanderbilt went 19–2–3 against Tennessee. Tennessee's hiring of Robert Neyland in 1926 reversed completely the on field rivalry. Nathan Dougherty hired him with the explicit goal to "even the score with Vanderbilt." Vanderbilt's Dan McGugin (1904–17, 1919–34) was 13–8–3 all-time against the Vols. Since 1928, Tennessee has gone 73–12–2 against Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt's longest win streak is 9 from 1901 to 1913. Tennessee's longest win streak is 22 from 1983 to 2004.



### Notable games in the Tennessee-Vanderbilt rivalry

#### **1914 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Waite Field - Knoxville, Tennessee {Tennessee 16 Vanderbilt 14}**

In 1914, Tennessee was undefeated Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) champions. It was the first championship of any kind for the Tennessee program. Alonzo "Goat" Carroll scored all of Tennessee's points in the 16 to 14 victory, Tennessee's first over Vandy. An account of the first touchdown reads, "Four minutes of play had barely drifted by when Tennessee's weird, mystic, elusive forward pass, May to Carroll, deadly in accuracy, went sailing home for the first touchdown of the game. The chesty Tennessee quarterback sent the oval whizzing for a distance of thirty-five yards and Carroll gathered in the ball near his goal line, when he hurried beneath the posts with all the speed at his command."

#### **1922 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Shields-Watkins Field - Knoxville, Tennessee {Vanderbilt 14 Tennessee 6}**

The Vanderbilt Commodores were undefeated conference champions in the first year of the Southern Conference. The Commodores beat Tennessee at Knoxville by a score of 14 to 6. The eighteenth meeting between Vanderbilt and Tennessee saw a packed stadium, the largest crowd of the season for Shields-Watkins Field. It was Vanderbilt's first game at the new stadium, which opened September 24, 1921. Tennessee was out for revenge, as they had only beaten the Commodores twice, and Vanderbilt was ahead in points scored in the series by a vast margin, 347 to 53. Tennessee also hoped to better its Southern Conference record after having lost to Georgia. Both teams had last week rested their starters, Vanderbilt winning over Mercer, and Tennessee beating Mississippi by a score of 49 to 0. It was therefore thought the game should be a closer one than in years

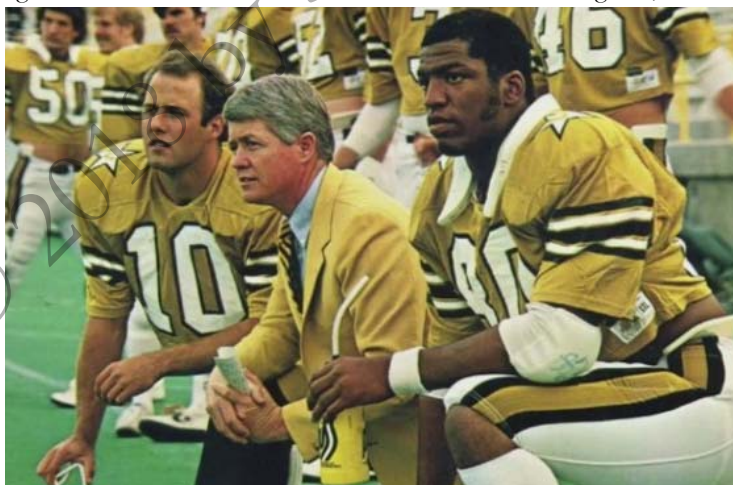
past, with Vanderbilt only slight favorites. The game turned out to be hotly contested, so much so that many felt Vanderbilt was outplayed but not outfought. Perhaps the week off for many Commodore starters had hindered Vanderbilt's ability to play its best. Tennessee drove down to the 7-yard line in the first quarter, but was held on downs. The first score came from Vanderbilt in the second quarter on a 31-yard touchdown pass from Jess Neely to Doc Kuhn. Wakefield kicked goal. In the fourth quarter, Tennessee got to the 1-yard line after a series of long passes. Tennessee fullback Roe Campbell charged over the line for the touchdown. The Volunteers' Clayton failed to kick goal. Later in the fourth, Vanderbilt intercepted a Tennessee pass in Volunteer territory, leading to a chance to score. After runs at the line failed, a 5-yard pass from Neely to Lynn Bomar got the touchdown. Hek Wakefield's try was successful. Lynn Bomar, Scotty Neill, Gil Reese, and Fatty Lawrence were mentioned as the players of the game for the Commodores, and Campbell was cited as the star for the Volunteers. It was said Neill out-punted the Volunteers on nearly every occasion. The Nashville Banner said Lawrence had been "in there doing a man's job blocking a kick and tackling with the deadliness of a tiger unleashed in a cave of lions."

#### **1927 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Shield-Watkins Field - Knoxville, Tennessee {Tennessee 7 Vanderbilt 7}**

In 1927, two hall of fame coaches without a conference loss battle to a tie. Robert Neyland was hired to coach Tennessee in 1926 by Nathan Dougherty with the explicit goal to "even the score with Vanderbilt." 1927 is his first great team, tying with others as victors of the Southern Conference. Dan McGugin's Commodores led 7-0 until a late Dick Dodson run tied the score. After the game McGugin questioned each of his players as to his whereabouts during the run. Without exception the players claimed that two men had blocked them. McGugin shrugged. "Well, we'll just protest the play. It's perfectly obvious that Tennessee had twenty-two men on the field."

#### **1982 Tennessee at Vanderbilt - Vanderbilt Stadium - Nashville, Tennessee {Vanderbilt 28 Tennessee 21}**

Over 41,000 fans braved a driving rainstorm to witness the season finale between 7-3 Vanderbilt and 6-3-1 Tennessee. Vanderbilt had not beaten the Volunteers since 1975 so there was much hoopla surrounding this game. This was clearly the best Vanderbilt team since the 1955 Gator Bowl Championship team and chances were good for a Commodore victory. The Vols struck first with a 3-yard running score to take a 7-0 lead. Vandy senior Whit Taylor of Shelbyville, TN completed a 42-yard scoring pass to freshman Arnaz Perry of Gallatin, TN to knot the score at 7-7 at the end of the first quarter. Tennessee struck back though with a 1-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter. Later in that quarter VU's Taylor struck again, this time to Chuck Scott for a 6-yard scoring toss. The score was tied at 14 at the half. Vanderbilt opened up scoring in the second half when Taylor completed still another 42-yard scoring toss to Chuck Scott. Vanderbilt led 21-14 at the end of the third quarter. Tennessee would not give up though. They scored again on a 42-yard scamper in the fourth quarter to deadlock the game at 21-21. The senior, Whit Taylor, who had passed for over 350 yards that day, saved the day when he decided to run and scored from 1 yard out to make it final: Vanderbilt 28 Tennessee 21. Vanderbilt would finish the 1982 season 8-3 and face the up and coming Air Force Falcons in the Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Alabama.



#### **1987 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Neyland Stadium - Knoxville, Tennessee {Tennessee 38 Vanderbilt 36}**

{Los Angeles Times} Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors said his 16th-ranked Volunteers' 38-36 victory over Vanderbilt Saturday was one of the most harrowing games between the intrastate rivals that he has ever witnessed. "There were as many big plays in this game and as big a comeback as I can remember," Majors said after his Vols rallied from a 25-point deficit. Tennessee, 9-2-1 overall and 4-1-1 in the Southeastern Conference, next plays Indiana Jan. 2 in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta. The Commodores finished 4-7 and 1-5. Vanderbilt Coach Watson Brown said: "They scored 17 points early in the third quarter, and we had the ball only two plays. That was the turning point of the game. They were able to keep the ball in the second half." The Vols fell behind, 28-3, midway through the second quarter and trailed until fullback William Howard's six-yard scoring run gave them a 32-28 lead with 9:45 left in the third quarter. The go-ahead touchdown was set up when Vanderbilt's Jeff Mayes fumbled a kickoff return and Tennessee's Chris Treece recovered. After Howard's touchdown, Vanderbilt fumbled again, on a pitch from quarterback Eric Jones to fullback Andy Iacenda. It was recovered by Charles Kimbrough and set up Phil Reich's 33-yard field goal with 6:59 left in the third period. Another Reich field goal, a 47-yarder with 8:13 left in the game, gave Tennessee a

38-28 lead. On Tennessee's next possession, Vanderbilt linebacker Chris Gaines blitzed Vol quarterback Jeff Francis and caused a fumble, which was recovered by the Commodores at the Vol 34. Five plays later, Jones connected with Carl Parker on a 33-yard touchdown play, then passed to Boo Mitchell for two points to draw the Commodores within 38-36. An onside kick was recovered by the Vols, who took over with two minutes remaining and ran out the clock.

#### **2005 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Neyland Stadium - Knoxville, Tennessee {Vanderbilt 28 Tennessee 24}**

**{Associated Press}** Vanderbilt ended 22 years of misery and Rocky Top hit "rock bottom." Earl Bennett caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Jay Cutler with 1:11 to go and the Commodores beat Tennessee 28-24 on Saturday. Vanderbilt (5-6, 3-5 SEC) won in Neyland Stadium for the first time since 1975, and their overall streak dating to 1982 was the second-longest between major teams in Division I-A. Notre Dame's 42-game winning streak over Navy is the longest. "You see grown men crying and you realize how long it's been since we've won," Cutler said. "It tells us how much it means to this program." The Volunteers (4-6, 2-5) will finish without a winning record and not be eligible for a bowl for the first time since 1988, another crushing blow in the worst season in Coach Phillip Fulmer's 14-year tenure. Tennessee finishes the season next week at Kentucky. "Before you start building back anything, you have to hit rock bottom. This is rock bottom," Fulmer said. "We had plenty of opportunities to win the game. We didn't make the plays to do that." Tennessee's season turned into shambles after starting at No. 3 in the preseason. The Vols had a four-game losing streak, during which offensive coordinator Randy Sanders resigned. Vanderbilt was ahead 21-7 in the second quarter, but the Vols rallied and were up 24-21 after a field goal with 8:25 remaining. The teams traded punts several times in the final minutes, and Vanderbilt got it back with 1:40 to go and scored only a few seconds later on Bennett's catch. Tennessee had time for another comeback and moved the ball inside the Vanderbilt 20, but Rick Clausen threw two incomplete passes and had his final one intercepted by Jared Fagan with no time left. "It's tough. We should have stepped up and stopped them," Tennessee linebacker Jason Mitchell said. "It doesn't feel good to come in as the No. 3-ranked team in the nation and not be bowl eligible." The Vanderbilt players swarmed onto the field and ran to celebrate in front of their band and small legion of fans. The rest of the fans clad in orange filed out of the stadium quietly. "This is the greatest feeling I've felt on my career," said senior linebacker Moses Osemwegie, who led Vanderbilt with 16 tackles. "People asked earlier in the week how it would feel, and this is it." Cutler ended his career at Vanderbilt making history, becoming the first Commodores QB to beat Tennessee since Whit Taylor in 1982. But even that year the Vols went to a bowl. The Vols' defense, which has kept the team afloat all season, failed in the end. Cutler finished 27-of-39 for 315 yards and three touchdowns. Bennett had 14 catches for 167 yards. "To turn the corner, you've got to believe, and I'm not saying we've turned the corner, but our guys are starting to believe," Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson said. The loss negated a huge game by Tennessee's Arian Foster, who ran 40 times for 223 yards and two touchdowns.



With Tennessee struggling on offense all season and Cutler leading Vanderbilt, many considered this to be the best shot for the Commodores to end the streak. Vanderbilt started the season 4-0 but had lost six straight coming into Saturday's game. After Vanderbilt pushed Florida to two overtimes before losing, there was even more belief in the Commodores. But then they lost to Kentucky last week, 48-43, ending their hopes of becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 1982. Their streak against Tennessee moved up to second earlier this month after Kansas beat Nebraska for the first time after 36 Defeats. The Vols tied it at 21 at the beginning of the fourth quarter on Foster's jump over the pile for a 1-yard touchdown. Vanderbilt couldn't move the ball on the ensuing possession, and Tennessee settled for James Wilhoit's 29-yard field goal on the next series. Clausen went 11-of-25 for 125 yards in his final game in Knoxville.

#### **2007 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Neyland Stadium - Knoxville, Tennessee {Tennessee 25 Vanderbilt 24}**

**{Associated Press}** Tennessee linebacker Jerod Mayo could only watch as a kick that could've knocked the Volunteers out of contention for a Southeastern Conference title sailed over his head. "I saw it drifting, said 'Thank God' and just walked off the field," Mayo said. Vanderbilt's Bryant Hahnfeldt barely missed a 49-yard field goal with 33 seconds left -- the ball grazed the

upright -- and the Vols (No. 20 BCS, No. 19 AP) escaped with a 25-24 come-from-behind win over the Commodores on Saturday. A 33-yard field goal by Daniel Lincoln with 2:46 left capped Tennessee's second-largest fourth-quarter comeback in history. The Vols came from 17 points down in a 30-27 overtime win over LSU in 2005. Georgia beat Kentucky earlier in the day and would have won the SEC East and a spot in the conference title game if the Vols lost. Tennessee must beat Kentucky on Saturday to earn a trip to Atlanta to face LSU for a league championship on Dec. 1.



The Vols (8-3, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) entered the final quarter down 15 points after Vandy went up 24-9 on a 2-yard pass from Mackenzi Adams to George Smith with 9:00 left in the third. Tennessee's defense forced the Commodores (5-6, 2-6) to go three-and-out on two drives to set up touchdown passes by Erik Ainge. Ainge threw a 7-yard TD pass to Josh Briscoe, followed by a 5-yard TD pass to Austin Rogers to bring the Vols within two points with 7:14 left in the game. A 2-point conversion attempt after Rogers' touchdown failed as Ainge threw incomplete to Quintin Hancock. Vanderbilt again went three-and-out, and a 45-yard punt return by Dennis Rogan set up Lincoln's field goal. "A lesser team would have bagged it, possibly," Coach Phillip Fulmer said. Ainge finished 29-for-43 with 245 yards. Arian Foster rushed 19 times for 106 yards. The Commodores' comeback attempt was set up by a 55-yard kickoff return by D.J. Moore. Hahnfeldt's 49-yard attempt, it would've been the longest field goal of his career, skimmed the left upright. "Bottom line is we smacked them in the mouth every single play, and they know it," Vanderbilt defensive tackle Gabe Hall said. "We were more physical, but they won out." The Commodores need a win in their final game against Wake Forest to become bowl eligible, though that might not be enough to get Vanderbilt in into the postseason. The SEC already has more bowl-eligible teams than bowl tie-ins. A 19-yard pass from Adams to Jeff Jennings put the Commodores up 14-9 with 47 seconds before halftime. Tennessee had a chance to drive the field before the half, but Chris Brown missed a lateral pass from Ainge at the Vanderbilt 26, and the ball was scooped up by linebacker Patrick Benoist. After three incomplete passes by Adams, Hahnfeldt kicked a 33-yard field goal to give the Commodores a 17-9 halftime lead. Adams also had a 5-yard touchdown pass to Brad Allen. Adams, whose three touchdown passes were a career high, finished 14-for-26 for 139 yards, and Cassen Jackson-Garrison ran 17 times for 86 yards. "We played a good football team and we took it to them most of the day," Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson said. "When you come up that short and that close to winning, it's tough on everybody. Earl Bennett, the SEC's all-time reception leader, was shaken up late in second quarter when Tennessee safety Eric Berry tackled him as he leapt to catch a 20-yard pass from Adams. Bennett finished with 26 yards on two receptions. Ainge also had a 6-yard touchdown pass on the first drive of the game to Lucas Taylor, who finished with 90 yards receiving. Lincoln's extra-point attempt was blocked by Theo Horrocks. Lincoln also had a 33-yard field goal with 4:00 left in the second quarter. His final field goal redeemed him after an extra point attempt was blocked by Theo Horrocks, and he missed a 41-yard field goal attempt in the first half. Ainge said he had full faith in Lincoln to put the winning points on the scoreboard. "Daniel's a great kicker," he said. "I was trying to not take a sack. If Lucas breaks a tackle, we score a touchdown. And if not, Daniel is going to make the field goal."

• **2011 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Neyland Stadium - Knoxville, Tennessee {Tennessee 27 Vanderbilt 21}**

{Associated Press} Eric Gordon intercepted a pass by Jordan Rodgers and returned it 90 yards for a touchdown in overtime as Tennessee escaped Vanderbilt with a 27-21 win on Saturday night. The Vols (5-6, 1-6), who had not won a Southeastern Conference game all season, ran across the field and mobbed Gordon -- a Nashville native -- in the end zone. The coaches called them back to the sideline after the officials ruled Gordon's knee touched the ground at Vols 10. A replay showed Gordon's knee did not hit the grass, and the officials overturned it on review, ending the game. Twice last season, Tennessee thought it had pulled out a win in the closing seconds of the game only to see its fate changed because of penalties. Tennessee offensive coordinator Jim Chaney was seen skipping through the press box after the game, shouting "We finally got a break!" A 20-yard touchdown pass from Rodgers to Chris Boyd gave Vanderbilt (5-6, 2-6) a 21-14 lead early in the fourth quarter. Tennessee made it to fourth-and-goal at the 5 on the next drive, and coach Derek Dooley called for a 23-yard field goal attempt. Sean Richardson appeared to block the attempt but was penalized for running into kicker Michael Palardy. Vanderbilt coach James Franklin asked for a review of the play, but the officials maintained that Richardson had not touched the ball before hitting Palardy's leg. Tennessee got another chance at the 2-yard line, and this time Dooley opted to go for it. The decision paid off. Tyler Bray threw to Da'Rick Rogers, who stretched his right hand out to reel the ball into his chest as Casey Hayward covered

him. The touchdown tied the game at 21 with 6:27 to play. After the teams traded punts, Vanderbilt drove the ball with confidence it hadn't shown all half, picking up three first downs. But the drive stalled when Prentiss Waggner intercepted a pass from Rodgers at the Vols 35. Tennessee was unable to move the ball before the fourth-quarter clock expired. Bray was 16 of 33 for 189 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions in his first game back after breaking his right thumb Oct. 8 against Georgia. The cast on Bray's throwing hand was removed Nov. 7, and the quarterback returned to practice a week later. Rogers caught 10 passes for 116 yards and the two touchdown throws from Bray, and became Tennessee's seventh receiver to have at least 1,000 yards in a season.



Tauren Poole had 107 yards on 19 runs and a touchdown. Rodgers was 17 of 32 for 193 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. Jordan Matthews had 74 yards receiving, and Boyd had 66 yards receiving and a touchdown. Zac Stacy ran for another score. Vanderbilt was favored by 1 1/2 points in the game, but Tennessee has now won 28 of the last 29 in the series. The Commodores had a chance to become bowl eligible against Tennessee and now must beat Wake Forest next week for a chance to go bowling for just the fifth time in history.

#### **2013 Vanderbilt at Tennessee - Neyland Stadium - Knoxville, Tennessee {Vanderbilt 14 Tennessee 10}**

**{Associated Press}** Patton Robinette ran for a 5-yard touchdown with 16 seconds remaining Saturday as Vanderbilt rallied for a 14-10 victory over Tennessee. Vanderbilt's winning drive was kept alive when after Tennessee's fourth-and-inches stop of quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels in the final minute was overturned on replay, giving Vanderbilt a first down at the Tennessee 33. After a 25-yard completion from Carta-Samuels to Jordan Matthews gave Vanderbilt first-and-goal, Carta-Samuels was replaced by the more mobile Robinette on second-and-goal from the 5. Robinette faked a jump pass and ran around the right end for the touchdown. Vanderbilt (7-4, 4-4 SEC) overcame four turnovers to beat Tennessee for the second straight year, giving the Commodores consecutive victories over their in-state rivals for the first time since winning six straight over the Volunteers from 1920-26. The Vols (4-7, 1-6) fell out of bowl contention and clinched their fourth straight losing season, something that hasn't happened at Tennessee since 1902-06. The Commodores celebrated wildly after Tennessee quarterback Joshua Dobbs' desperation pass from the Vanderbilt 48 fell incomplete on the game's final play. As the Vols headed into the locker room, the Commodores raced to a corner of Neyland Stadium that featured the majority of Vanderbilt's fans. Matthews caught 13 passes for 133 yards while setting an SEC record for career receptions. His 13-catch performance Saturday gave him 246 career receptions to break the mark previously held by Earl Bennett, who caught 236 passes for Vanderbilt from 2005-07. Matthews also owns the SEC record for career yards receiving (3,491). Tennessee had capitalized on Vanderbilt's mistakes to take a 10-7 lead on Michael Palardy's 32-yard field goal early in the third quarter and appeared on the verge of putting the game away early in the fourth quarter, but a block in the back by receiver Alton "Pig" Howard nullified Dobbs' 13-yard touchdown run. The Vols ended up wasting the trip to the red zone when they faked a 39-yard field-goal attempt and Palardy's pass was picked off by Paris Head. The Vols found themselves trying to hang on to their narrow lead the rest of the night. Vanderbilt started a fourth-quarter drive on the Tennessee 29 after a 27-yard punt by Palardy, but the Commodores blew the chance when Carey Spear was short on a 42-yard field-goal attempt with 7:15 remaining. But the next time the Commodores got the ball, they drove 92 yards in 12 plays for the winning touchdown.



The Commodores won despite making uncharacteristic errors and losing their entire starting secondary. Vanderbilt entered the night having forced 16 turnovers in its last four games, but the Commodores were the ones giving the ball away Saturday. After losing just two fumbles in their first 10 games of the season, the Commodores fumbled it away three times against Tennessee, with two of them coming in the red zone. Vanderbilt safety Kenny Ladler was ejected for a targeting penalty in the third quarter, while defensive backs Andre Hal, Javon Marshall and Steven Clarke all went down with injuries. The Commodores still held Tennessee to 53 yards passing while forcing three interceptions. Dobbs went 11 of 19 for 53 yards and was picked off twice. Rajion Neal led Tennessee's offense by rushing for 95 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries.

### Battle of the Brothers {Utah-Utah State}

The Battle of the Brothers is a college football rivalry between the Utah Utes and Utah State Aggies. Utah leads the series 79–29–4. For much of its history, whenever the two teams played in Salt Lake City, it was held on Thanksgiving Day. However, this aspect of the rivalry ended in 1958. Since 1959, no meeting has been played on Thanksgiving Day; and more recently, the meeting has been held in September as one of the first games of the season for both teams. Utah and Utah State have not competed in the same conference since 1961, meaning each meeting since then has been a voluntary non-conference game. In the 1970s, Utah and its fans turned their sights towards Brigham Young University as their biggest rival, and the Holy War became the main rivalry in the state of Utah. Following the Utes' 2015 win, no further meetings have been scheduled, and it is unclear when the rivalry will resume.



### Notable games in the Utah-Utah State rivalry

#### **1960 Utah State at Utah - Rice Stadium - Salt Lake City, Utah {Utah 6 Utah State 0}**

Little Bud Scalley, who didn't get the "full-ride" athletic scholarship until last week, rode a savage, surging Utah football team to an amazing 6-0 victory over the previously unbeaten Utah State Aggies Saturday afternoon in the Ute Stadium before 29,261 fans. The defeat knocked the Aggies from the ranks of the unbeaten football teams, may have dimmed the farmers' bowl hopes, and forced the losers to settle for a co-championship of the Skyline Conference with Wyoming. And the man who burst the Aggie bubble of invincibility was Scalley, the 162-pound third-string halfback, who played his football at Bear River High and who wasn't offered a scholarship as a college football prospect. Little Scalley scampered around left end for 12 yards and the game's only touchdown with slightly more than five minutes remaining in a savagely contested defensive battle between two of

the greatest lines in the country. But the sophomore halfback had to share the hero laurels with the Utah line that shackled the Aggies' vaunted offensive and then shredded the defensive line of the nation's toughest forward wall with a 72-yard surge to victory. Utah Won the game deservedly, slashing and crashing through the massive Aggie line for 12 straight running plays that covered the 72 yards and brought the victory. In this one savage assault, the Utes picked up almost as many yards as the Aggies had given up in average (79 yards) in nine previous victories. While Utah was uncovering a half-dozen reserve backs for heroics, the Utah defense was covering up Tommy (Gun) Larscheid, the Nation's second most effective ball carrier. Larscheid felt the full burden of the fired-up Utes, headed by injured Bill Howard and his wrecking crew. Utah had to stop Tommy (Gun) and stop him the Utes did, with net of 19 yards for his 14 carries. The Aggies made only 53 yards on their powerful rushing offense -- best in the nation until Saturday -- in the entire second half. The Aggies crossed the 50-yard line -- to the Utah 42 -- in possession of the ball only once in the entire second half as the Redskin line smothered the Farmer attack.

#### **1963 Utah at Utah State - Romney Stadium - Logan, Utah {Utah 25 Utah State 23}**

Utah had recently left the Skyline Conference to become a founding member of the WAC, but it was the newly-Independent Aggies who were fielding some of the greatest teams ever produced in the State of Utah. The Utes surprised the Aggies with an upset three years earlier, but revenge was had the next season as the Aggies won 17-6 enroute to a 9-1-1 record and a #10 national ranking. The Aggies beat the Utes in 1962 as well. This was the first Utah-Aggie game played in Logan since 1953; and 15,520 fans packed Romney Stadium to see if the Aggies could win their third-straight Battle of the Brothers.



Utah scored first and dominated the first quarter. But by the time they entered the halftime locker room, they trailed 20-7. The second half didn't start any better but Utah slowly inched back into the game. With about 7 minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Aggies had the ball and a 23-20 lead. But Utah dominated again from that point on -- particularly on defense and special teams. Utah got the ball back on a Mike Davis interception, but it was a fake punt/direct snap to Andy Ireland on fourth-and-21 that set up the go-ahead touchdown. Utah State then drove the length of the field in the final minutes to reach the Utah two-yard line. On the last play of the game, the Aggies decided to win with a touchdown instead of a short field goal. The final plunge was held just inches short and the Utes escaped Logan with a narrow come-from-behind victory. It was one of the most exciting comebacks in Utah football history.

#### **1973 Utah State at Utah - Rice Stadium - Salt Lake City, Utah {Utah 31 Utah State 28}**

From 1892 until the mid-1970s, the Utah-USU rivalry was the premier rivalry in the State of Utah. Curiously though, few of the match-ups featured two quality teams- it seems Utah and USU would take turns having good seasons, and then the annual meeting would be lopsided. The fact that this rivalry game was both close and featured two good teams (Utah 6-3, USU 7-2) cannot be overstated. Neither can Steve Odom's performance. The 5-9, 165 pound All-American returned three Aggie punts for 99 yards (33 yards/punt-return is still the second highest average by a Ute in a single game) and the game-clinching touchdown. He also returned two kickoffs for 73 yards (36.5 yards/kickoff-return would be the tenth highest average in a game but for the three return minimum requirement. Steve Odom's dazzling running sparked Utah to a 31-7 lead going into the fourth quarter and then Utah State's Louie Giammona staged his own show to spark a three-touchdown comeback by the Aggies before Utah won the traditional game, 31-28, Saturday in Rice Stadium. The victory gave the Utes a 7-3 record, identical with the Aggie seasonal mark. Giammona, the sophomore running back behind Archie Gibson, carried the ball 30 times for 188 yards, two touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Giammona also caught two passes for 13 yards and returned three kickoffs for 60 yards. With 27,814 fans sitting in the sun-drenched stands, the Utes broke open the ball game early and then battled gamely as the Aggies

came roaring back to turn this game into a thriller. Utah State kept the game closer than it should have been, thanks to three fourth-quarter touchdowns. But Utah recovered a USU onside kick in the end to preserve the win. As a postscript, this win had the Utes and their lame-duck coach (Bill Meek) poised for a Beehive Boot victory if they could only beat BYU (3-6) the following week. Suffice it to say, they couldn't pull it off. The Utah-USU rivalry became second fiddle to what is now known as the Holy War, and the "dark ages" officially began.

#### **1983 Utah at Utah State - Maverik Stadium - Logan, Utah {Utah State 21 Utah 17}**

Utah coach Chuck Stobart called this game "the worst rape ever committed in college football history" in a postgame rant about the officiating. The Utes were whistled for a school-record 21 penalties (still a Ute record) for 171 yards and Stobart felt several penalties killed the Utes' momentum and changed the outcome of the game. In one stretch, Utah had five penalties called in a seven-play stretch and when no penalty was called, the P.A. announcer joked, "There was no penalty on that play." Later Stobart said, "I knew it was bad when the announcer started making fun of the officials." Late in the game, the Utah defense had apparently held the Aggies deep in their own territory, but the Utes were called for a dead-ball personal foul for piling on. Instead of being faced with a 4th-and-10 and punting, the Aggies had new life and, three plays later, Marc White got loose for a 62-yard run that won the game. Stobart, who hardly came up for air in his postgame tirade, shouted, "That wasn't even a football game, it was a joke."

#### **1996 Utah at Utah State - Maverik Stadium - Logan, Utah {Utah State 20 Utah 17}**

Utah had won eight straight games against the Ags going back to 1987, tying the longest streak in the rivalry. There was little reason to think the Utes wouldn't win again coming into the season opener off a 7-4 season and a 40-20 thumping of the Aggies in Salt Lake City and as Western Athletic Conference favorites. The Aggies meanwhile, had gone 4-7 in John L. Smith's first year in Logan. However, the Aggies were plain tired of losing to the Utes and, behind Abu Wilson's 144 yards rushing, they knocked off the highly-favored Utes, who wouldn't lose again until November. Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala, who had rushed for 180 yards against the Aggies the year before, gained only 49 yards in the defeat. He later revealed that he was grabbed in the groin by Aggie defenders while on the ground at least five times in the game. "I couldn't even stand up straight by halftime, it hurt so badly," said Ma'afala. Smith's reaction to the whole thing? "This isn't figure skating," he said.

#### **2013 Utah State at Utah - Rice-Eccles Stadium - Salt Lake City, Utah {Utah 30 Utah State 26}**

Utah was forced into a toe-to-toe affair by the Utah State offense led by quarterback Chuckie Keeton, but it was the Utes who emerged victorious with a 30-26 win over their in-state rivals Thursday night. Utah State posted a 17-14 halftime lead, but was never able to stretch that thin margin. Even in a loss, Keeton was the highlight of the night. The junior quarterback finished 29-of-37 for 299 yards and two touchdowns, with 84 rushing yards on 15 attempts to boot. Yet, his counterpart, Utah quarterback Travis Wilson, was an equally efficient 17-of-28 for 302 yards and two touchdowns. The difference, then, might've been the fumble Keeton lost with 4:32 remaining in the second quarter. At that point, Utah State had reached Utah's 31-yard line with a fresh set of downs. The scoring started early and continued relatively often, as Utah scored first on a 3-yard pass from Wilson to Dres Anderson less than five minutes into the game. Utah State followed with a 26-yard field goal by Nick Diaz, and Utah ended the first quarter 30-yard touchdown toss from Wilson to Jake Murphy. The second quarter was all Keeton, as the Aggies' quarterback completed two touchdown passes to Brandon Swindall to give Utah State its slim halftime lead. Out of the break, Keeton capped a nine-play, 75-yard drive with a 15-yard rush for a touchdown. That put Utah State ahead, 23-14, but it was the last semblance of a comfortable lead the Aggies held all night. 10 unanswered points by Utah put the Utes ahead, 24-23, entering the fourth, and then stout defense held Utah State to just one more field goal at the 10:39 mark. Utah scored for the last time with 19 seconds left, on a 38-yard field goal by Andy Phillips. Keeton was able to complete on pass on the subsequent drive, but his last-second Hail Mary fell incomplete to hand Utah the victory.

## **Penn State-Pittsburgh Rivalry**

•The Penn State–Pittsburgh football rivalry is a long-standing college football rivalry. As of the end of the 2016 season, the teams have played 97 times. The game scheduled for 2019 in State College will mark their 100th matchup.

Once considered one of the most important college football rivalries north of the Mason–Dixon line, this intrastate rivalry was deemed the biggest annual game for both schools for a large part of their histories. The game often had regional and national implications with the winner often claiming Eastern college football supremacy and its respective Lambert-Meadowlands Trophy. The rivalry began a slow death in the 1990s when both schools left the ranks of college football independents and chose to join different conferences. Penn State accepted an invitation to join the Big Ten Conference while Pitt's football program joined the Big East Conference where the majority of the school's athletic programs already participated. The conference affiliations of the two previously independent football programs resulted in fewer scheduling opportunities. The last game prior to the series hiatus was played at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh, PA, on September 16, 2000 when Pitt shut out Penn State 12–0. The desire of the Penn State Athletic Department to host an unbalanced number of home games (proposing 2–1 and 3–2 series) at Beaver Stadium was a significant factor in not agreeing to renew the series. The basis for the Penn State Athletic Department request for the unbalanced home games was the fact that of the 96 games played by the two teams at the time, only 23 occurred in Happy Valley. The rivalry was renewed in the 2016 season. This game was the first of a four-game series from

2016–19, with the teams playing at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh in 2016 and 2018, while battling at Beaver Stadium in State College in 2017 and 2019. Penn State won 12 of the first 15, but Pitt dominated afterwards, going 21–2–2 (1913–40). Pitt at one point won 14 straight times (1922–38). Pitt coach Jock Sutherland never lost to Penn State (1924–38). From 1941 to 1951, the rivalry was much more even, as Pitt went 6–5 against Penn State in that span. From 1952 on, Penn State has dominated, going 31–13–2. Former Penn State coach Joe Paterno went 23–7–1 against Pitt (1966–92, 1997–2000).



### Notable games in the Penn State-Pittsburgh rivalry

#### **1963 Penn State at Pittsburgh - Pitt Stadium - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania {Pittsburgh 22 Penn State 21}**

This game, played at Pitt Stadium was originally scheduled for Nov. 23. But that was the day after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Though the NFL unthinkably maintained its Sunday schedule, all college games that weekend were postponed including this one – for two weeks to Dec. 7. To analyze the contest, for which there is no online video, is to delve back into a wholly different era. As Smizik pointed out: “It was played in the era of one-platoon football; most players performed on offense and defense.” Also hard to grasp is this: Though Pitt entered No. 3-ranked nationally, boasted consensus All-America do-it-all back Paul Martha and then won the game when PSU missed a 27-yard field goal with 1:10 left, the Panthers did not get invited to a bowl at 9-1. Why? The few bowls in existence then who had a spot for an independent chose enmasse not to wait for the result of the delayed game and apparently didn’t want to risk inviting a team with two losses. As Smizik wrote recently: “The student body didn’t protest, it simply went on with its academic and social life. It was another era. Football was important, just not *that* important.”

#### **1981 Penn State at Pittsburgh - Pitt Stadium - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania {Penn State 48 Pittsburgh 14}**

This is one of the most memorable game because of both the impact and the jaw-dropping nature of it all – a No. 1-ranked Pittsburgh team taking a quick 14-0 lead and looking like a cinch for a blowout win, only to have the tables turned and suffer an unthinkable blowout loss. Smizik encapsulated the ramifications: “The rivalry reached its apex at this game with both teams’ nationally elite, possibly top five programs. But from here, Pitt began a downward spiral for which it has yet to recover while Penn State won two national championships in the next five years.” At the quarter break, Pitt led in first downs 9 to 0 and in total yards 143 to -1. But Roger Jackson’s lay-out interception of Marino in the end zone for a touchback seemed to trigger an avalanche.



#### **1982 Pittsburgh at Penn State - Beaver Stadium - State College, Pennsylvania {Penn State 19 Pittsburgh 10}**

Incredibly, both teams still had a shot at the national title when this game between the No. 5-ranked Panthers and No. 2-ranked Nittany Lions kicked off at Beaver Stadium before a then-PSU-record crowd of 85,572. This turned out to be the

Panthers' first road loss in nearly two years since a trip to Florida State in 1980. Nick Gancitano kicked four field goals for the Lions and Curt Warner rushed for 118 yards in a tense game that went deep into the fourth quarter in doubt. The Lions, of course, went on to the Sugar Bowl where they beat Georgia for their first national title after more than a decade of frustration with polls and narrow losses in big games. Meanwhile, the Marino era at Pitt would end with a dreary 7-3 loss to Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl, capping Foge Fazio's first season. The undefeated Mustangs (10-0-1) would claim they, not once-beaten PSU deserved the national championship, but it was a refrain on which Penn Staters had been on the wrong end too many times to have much empathy.



**1983 Penn State at Pittsburgh - Pitt Stadium - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania {Penn State 24 Pittsburgh 24}**

This game at Pitt Stadium personified the Foge Fazio era in Pittsburgh, one not recalled all that fondly. But for his second crack at Joe Paterno, Fazio at least managed a draw though he could not have been happy about it. Pitt led 24-21 with 13 seconds left when PSU lined up on third-and-21 at the Panthers' 45. Doug Strang's pass was almost intercepted by Melvin Dean but caught by D.J. Dozier at the sideline off the carom at the 19 with 6 seconds showing. Then, after a mystifying D.J. Dozier counter play to the 15, the chaos began. As Prato recalled it: "It was the most bizarre ending in the series with Pitt believing the game was over with fans starting to swarm the field, only to learn there were four seconds left that had not been shown on the scoreboard clock. Paterno went for a tie for the first time in his career, and the 24-24 finish galled the Pitt fans."

**1989 Penn State at Pittsburgh - Pitt Stadium - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania {Penn State 16 Pittsburgh 13}**

{UPI} Penn State's 16-13 win over No. 20 Pittsburgh was hard-fought, especially after the game was over. A bench-clearing brawl ensued Saturday after Penn State's Sherrod Rainge intercepted Alex Van Pelt's desperation pass on the game's final play and returned it to just over midfield near the Pitt bench. 'I had heard about the Pitt-Penn State rivalry, but until you play in one of these games, you don't realize just how much animosity there is between the two schools,' said Pitt defensive end Keith Hamilton, a freshman from Lynchburg, Va., who was in the thick of the fight. The brawl continued for close to a minute before coaches, players and police separated the two teams and some fans who had run on the field and got involved. 'I hate to see that,' said Penn State coach Joe Paterno. 'We've got to put that nonsense out of college football. It's no good for the game.' Rainge, whose right eye was puffed after the game, claimed he was kicked and punched by some Pitt players after being tackled by Pitt offensive lineman Mike LiVorio near the Pitt bench. 'Pitt should go into boxing,' said Rainge, who ended up at the bottom of the pile during the brawl. 'I was on the ground on my back and couldn't move. I felt like a helpless turtle.' The brawl shifted the spotlight from Penn State kicker Ray Tarasi, who booted three field goals, including a 20-yarder with 17 seconds remaining to give Penn State the win. Tarasi, who had two kicks blocked at Pitt Stadium in a 10-0 loss two years ago, also kicked first-half field goals of 19 of 37 yards, with the latter coming on the final play of the first half. 'I stood outside this stadium two years ago after having two field goals blocked,' recalled Tarasi, a Pittsburgh native. 'I knew I would be back here in two years and that has kept me going. I was looking forward to this game.' The brawl also overshadowed impressive performances by a pair of tailbacks, Blair Thomas of Penn State and Curvin Richards of Pitt. Thomas ran 30 times for 131 yards, while Richards had a game-high 152 yards on 25 carries. Penn State led 10-0 in the first quarter after Tony Sacca's 19-yard touchdown pass to David Daniels and Tarasi's first field goal. Pitt rallied to tie 10-10 in the second quarter after Ed Frazier kicked a 27-yard field goal and Van Pelt ran two yards for a touchdown. Frazier added another field goal, from 40 yards with 2:23 left in the game, that tied the score 13-13.

**1999 Pittsburgh at Penn State - Beaver Stadium - State College, Pennsylvania {Penn State 20 Pittsburgh 17}**

{Associated Press} Maybe Pitt-Penn State is a rivalry after all. Pittsburgh, 34-point underdogs, gave No. 2 Penn State a scare on Saturday for the second straight year. Travis Forney kicked a tiebreaking 24-yard field goal with 1:20 left and LaVar Arrington blocked a 52-yard field goal with 4 seconds remaining to preserve a 20-17 victory for the Nittany Lions. Penn State

coach Joe Paterno was glad to see his team tested after two blowouts. "We knew a game like this would come for us because things have come so easy for us," he said. "You've got to be able to win a game like this if you've got aspirations." Eric McCoo had a 7-yard TD run and Mike Cerimele caught an 11-yard TD pass for Penn State (3-0), which visits No. 8 Miami next Saturday. Penn State started the winning drive on its own 16-yard line. Kevin Thompson's 51-yard pass to Eddie Drummond put Penn State on Pitt's 11, setting up Forney's go-ahead field goal. Hank Poteat ran the kickoff to the 50 and John Turman hit Latef Grim for a 25-yard gain, but David Fleischhauer sacked Turman and Nick Lotz's field goal attempt was blocked by Arrington. "I should have thrown it away," Turman said of the sack on third down. "It's tough, but the whole team showed a spark. Now we know we can play."



Pittsburgh (1-1) lost to Penn State for the seventh straight time, but thanks to great defensive line play, stuck with the Lions for the second year in a row. "It was an old-fashioned bar fight out in the back alley," Cerimele said. Last year, Penn State narrowly beat their long-standing rival 20-13, but that didn't lead the two schools to sign a new contract. The 107-year-old series has turned lopsided over the past decade, prompting debate about whether it should continue. Their last scheduled meeting is next September. Penn State had just 65 yards rushing and Kevin Thompson threw two interceptions, first to defensive end Bryan Knight, then to defensive tackle Nigel Neal. "Doggone it, look at the pound-per-man size comparison," said coach Walt Harris, whose starting linemen gave up 29 pounds a man to Penn State's offensive line. "Our guys played their butts off." Turman was 19-of-35 for 316 yards and threw two touchdowns, including a 42-yarder to Julius Dixon to make it 17-17 with 4:34 left. On that drive, Turman had three passes nearly picked off. Two of them bounced off Arrington's hands, and Latef Grim snared the second pass and took it 45 yards. The TD pass went through cornerback David Macklin's hands. McCoo's touchdown run put Penn State ahead 17-10 with 14:15 left. The big play on the 78-yard drive was Eddie Drummond's 37-yard gain on Thompson's screen pass. On Pittsburgh's next series, Arrington picked off a pass and returned it to the 8-yard line, but Neal intercepted Thompson's pass over the middle and Penn State came away empty-handed. Pittsburgh trailed 10-7 at the half, but tied the game with 5:55 left in the third on Lotz's 35-yard field goal. Knight set it up with his interception at the Penn State's 17. Pittsburgh held the Lions to 22 yards rushing, Penn State, usually content to stay on the ground, passed early and often. Thompson was 17-of-29 for 232 yards and Casey 4-of-5 for 88 yards as Penn State outgained Pittsburgh 385 yards to 373. Casey led the Lions to their only first-half TD, finding Cerimele for the score one play after he scrambled to his left and hit Tony Stewart for a 47-yard gain. Turman led Pittsburgh right back with a 16-yard TD pass to Antonio Bryant. Forney's 43-yard field goal gave the Lions the 10-7 lead. Arrington drew two personal foul penalties on one play in the second quarter, hitting punter Greg DeBolt, then laying on top of him. After the first flag, he jumped up and, with referees in his face, shoved DeBolt a second time. DeBolt, who wrestles at 185, said he gave Arrington what wrestlers call the "low single," a shot to the shins with his shoulder. "They were Big East officials. Maybe that's why," Arrington said of the flags. The display didn't seem to upset Paterno, either, who left Arrington in the game after calmly discussing the incident with him. "We don't have to nitpick all of the time. He should have walked away, but it was a good lesson for him," Paterno snapped. Courtney Brown broke Penn State's record with his 46th and 47th career tackles for losses. Grim caught eight passes for 127 yards for Pitt.

#### **2016 Penn State at Pittsburgh - Heinz Field - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania {Pittsburgh 42 Penn State 39}**

**{Associated Press}** Pitt and Penn State spent the days leading up to the renewal of their once annual series in a semantic argument over whether they're still rivals. The Nittany Lions tried to downplay the stakes, with Coach James Franklin pointing out the current roster on both sides were toddlers the last time the two schools faced each other in 2000. The Panthers went the other way, with Coach Pat Narduzzi bringing in the 1976 national championship team to give a pep talk on what facing Penn State used to -- and still could -- mean. Four quarters, nearly four hours and one well-timed interception by a fifth-year cornerback later, consider the debate over. Pitt-Penn State is still very much a thing. James Conner ran for 117 yards and a

touchdown and caught another and senior Ryan Lewis picked off Penn State quarterback Trace McSorley in the end zone with just over a minute to play as the Panthers held on for a 42-39 victory on Saturday in front of the largest crowd to watch a sporting event in the city's history -- 69,983. "I would say going to next year, they're going to think it's a rivalry now," said Pitt safety Jordan Whitehead. One that shouldn't lack for juice when the two teams meet at Beaver Stadium next fall. Penn State nearly made it all the way back from a 21-point deficit. The Nittany Lions had the ball at the Pitt 31 with less than 90 seconds to play when McSorley dropped back and lofted a rainbow toward the back of the end zone to no one in particular. Lewis, who spent four long years in the program before finally earning significant playing time this fall, cradled it in his arms for the first pick of his career. "I was just reading the quarterback the whole time," Lewis. "I saw it in the air and took it." And dealt Franklin another significant blow in a tenure that is still searching for traction. A year after losing on the road in Philadelphia to Temple -- next week's opponent -- the Nittany Lions currently don't have bragging rights in any corner of the state after looking flat in the first half before getting back in it. "The fact it was this close at the end of the game speaks volumes for us in the second half," Franklin said. "But we're going to have a hard time if we get ourselves into a 28-7 situation." Saquon Barkley almost singlehandedly brought the Nittany Lions (1-1) all the way back. The sophomore running back totaled five touchdowns (four rushing, one receiving), the most by a Penn State player since Ki-Jana Carter did it against Michigan State in 1994. Barkley's fifth score, a 2-yard dive with five minutes to play, drew the Nittany Lions within three.

### Battle for the Beer Barrel {Kentucky-Tennessee}

Kentucky and Tennessee have faced off on the gridiron since 1893, making it one of the oldest rivalries in major college football. It was close in the early years, with Kentucky holding a series lead after the first 22 match-ups. But since the early 1930s, Tennessee has dominated the cross-border rivalry. Both schools were charter members of the Southeastern Conference when it was established in 1932. Since that season, Tennessee has a 53-14-3 record against Kentucky, including a streak of 26 straight victories from 1985 to 2010, which is one of the longest such streaks in NCAA history. The Wildcats did not win any games against the Volunteers during the 1940s, 1990s, or 2000s. The only decade of the SEC era in which UK posted a winning record against Tennessee was the 1950s, when they went 6-3-1. The series was not without disappointment even during that period for Kentucky fans, however, as the Vols dealt Bear Bryant's 1950 Wildcat squad their only defeat during their school-best 11-1 season.

The Kentucky-Tennessee game once involved a trophy: a wooden beer barrel painted half blue and half orange which was awarded to the winner of the game every year from 1925 to 1997. The Barrel was introduced in 1925 by a group of former Kentucky students who wanted to create a material sign of their school's supremacy in the rivalry. It was rolled onto the field that year with the words "Ice Water" painted on it to avoid any outcries over an alcohol drum symbolizing a college rivalry during the Prohibition era. While the trophy was ceremonially awarded to the game's winner each year, it took some unauthorized trips over the years. Tennessee lost to Kentucky in 1953, but several orange-clad students "keg-napped" the barrel and kept it hidden in Knoxville until UK students retaliated by "dog-napping" Smokey. The barrel theft set in motion a series of additional pranks over the next few years between students of the two schools, but the barrel was not involved. Vanderbilt University students stole the keg from Kentucky in 1960 to rally support from cross-state UT students in an upcoming basketball game against Kentucky. The Commodores lost the game and returned the trophy months later.



A fatal alcohol-related car crash involving two UK football players a week before the 1998 contest prompted the end of the barrel exchange. Kentucky athletic director C. M. Newton expressed the idea that the ongoing use of an alcohol container as a

trophy would be inappropriate under the circumstances. The ceremony was cancelled for the 1998 game, and the two schools mutually agreed to permanently discontinue the tradition before the 1999 game. The actual barrel was in UT's possession when the schools ended the exchange, but its current whereabouts have not been made public. It has not been displayed since 1997, and it was not transferred to Kentucky when the Wildcats broke the Volunteers' long series winning streak in 2011.

### Notable games in the Kentucky-Tennessee rivalry

#### **1950 Kentucky at Tennessee - Shields-Watkins Field - Knoxville, Tennessee {Tennessee 7 Kentucky 0}**

Tennessee hosted Kentucky in their biggest game of the year. Kentucky was coming in 10-0, and though they had not played any strong opponents, they had been performing very impressively (average score 38-6). Six inches of snow fell before the game, and the temperature was well below freezing, but 45,000 fans sat in the snow, not about to miss this one. Kentucky fumbled 9 times, Tennessee 8, but more importantly, Kentucky lost 8 fumbles, Tennessee 4. The game's one scoring drive was set up when a punt hit a Kentucky blocker in the leg in the 2nd quarter. Tennessee recovered it at the Kentucky 36, and halfback Hank Lauricella hit halfback Bert Rechichar with a 27 yard touchdown pass on 4th and 14. That was all Tennessee needed to win 7-0. They had another promising drive halted at the Kentucky 1 yard line in the 4th quarter, while Kentucky never got inside the Tennessee 30. Bob Neyland was hefted up on his players' shoulders and paraded about after the game. Tennessee rushed for 131 yards, Kentucky 36. Kentucky's consensus All American quarterback, Babe Parilli, was 14 of 31 passing for 150 yards, Tennessee 4 of 10 for 71.



#### **2007 Tennessee at Kentucky - Commonwealth Stadium - Lexington, Kentucky {Tennessee 52 Kentucky 50}**

**{Associated Press}** After all Tennessee overcame to get to this point, the lopsided losses, the calls for the coach to be fired, blowing a 17-point lead was no reason to get down. Now the resilient Volunteers (No. 18 BCS, No. 19 AP) are heading back to Atlanta, SEC East champions after a heart-stopping 52-50 victory over snake-bit Kentucky on Saturday. QB Erik Ainge had seven touchdowns against Kentucky, breaking the Tennessee record for most touchdowns in a game. The previous record was five, done seven times and most recently by Casey Clausen against Mississippi State in 2003.

Sorry Georgia, but it's not a good idea to rest conference title hopes on having the Wildcats knock off their perennial border rivals. Times change, but Tennessee's dominance of the Wildcats does not. "I think at one time during the season we were 1-2 and everyone had given us up for dead," Vols coach Phillip Fulmer said. "We had one of those Sunday night player meetings, where you pound on the podium and tell that what they need to do to be a better football team, and to their credit, they have listened." Tennessee's Antonio Reynolds stuffed quarterback Andre Woodson's 2-point conversion attempt in the fourth overtime, ending one of the wildest games in the history of this rivalry and capping off the Volunteers' improbable rally from 1-2 in the SEC. The Volunteers (9-3, 6-2) earned a shot at LSU in next week's SEC title game by beating the Wildcats (7-5, 3-5) for the 23rd straight time, the longest active winning streak by one team over another in the major college football. Tennessee and Georgia finished tied atop the East, but the Volunteers earned the title thanks to their 35-14 win over the Bulldogs on Oct. 6. "To win that game under such circumstances, we were very fortunate," said Tennessee's Erik Ainge, who threw for a career-high 397 yards and seven touchdowns. "We somehow got it done. It wasn't perfect on either side but we find a way to get it done." They got it done by outlasting Woodson and the Wildcats, who wasted several chances to end two decades of misery at the hands of the Volunteers. Kentucky trailed 31-14 late in the third quarter, but scrambled to tie it on a 20-yard field goal by Lones Seiber at the end of regulation. The teams traded touchdowns in the first overtime, but the Wildcats seemed to get the break they needed when Sam Maxwell intercepted Ainge at the goal line. Three straight Kentucky runs put Seiber in range to win

it, but his 35-yard attempt was blocked by Dan Williams. "Coach called it desperation block," Williams said. "You've got to believe you can get it. If you don't, you lose." Woodson matched Ainge throw for throw, passing for 430 yards and six touchdowns, but the Wildcats couldn't repeat the magic that propelled them to an overtime victory over No. 1 LSU in October. "It was a great college football game, but the way I look at it, the wrong team ended up winning," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said. "The streak lives." Barely. The teams traded touchdowns in the third overtime, with the Wildcats stuffing Tennessee's Arian Foster's 2-point conversion. A personal foul on the Volunteers following the conversion attempt pushed Tennessee back to the Kentucky 40 instead of the Kentucky 25 at the beginning of the fourth overtime.



No matter. Ainge hit a wide-open Quintin Hancock on the first play to put the Volunteers in front. Ainge then found Austin Rogers for the conversion over the middle. "Quintin kind of ran the wrong route, but he read it as he was running and I just hit him," Ainge said. Kentucky responded with a 2-yard touchdown run by Derrick Locke, but Woodson was stopped at the Tennessee 3, caught in between trying to find a receiver and taking off for the end zone. The Volunteers seemed out of the SEC east race after being crushed 41-17 at Alabama last month. Earlier in the season, the Vols were pounded 59-20 by Florida. Getting creamed by Tennessee's biggest rivals had Vols fans restless and the media speculating if Fulmer could be replaced. But since the loss to Alabama, Tennessee has now won five straight and will return to the SEC title game for the first time since 2004. "No one was giving us a chance to win, it was us against the world," Ainge said. "No one was giving us a shot." Kentucky, which was on the fringe of the national championship hunt after upsetting the Tigers, has lost four of its last five. The Volunteers earned the shot with a gritty but hardly perfect performance against the Wildcats. They dominated the game's first 45 minutes, hemming in Woodson and controlling the tempo behind Ainge and Foster, who had 216 yards from scrimmage. Oddly, Kentucky seemed only too eager to try and grind it out with the Volunteers. It wasn't until they went to the spread formation late in the second half that the rally began. The Wildcats could have won it in regulation, moving to the Tennessee 1 with less than 30 seconds to go. A run and two passes went nowhere, forcing them to settle for a field goal and overtime. "We've won quite a few games this year, coming from behind," Brooks said. "I was pretty confident as our players were that we were going to do it again after we had tied it up in regulation." Rafael Little had 77 yards rushing and caught 11 passes for 108 yards for the Wildcats; Jacob Tamme, Steve Johnson Keenan Burton -- who helped usher the Wildcats into the Top 10 earlier in the season -- combined for 23 catches, 273 yards and five scores. The trio is part of a class of 16 Kentucky seniors who had hoped to make their final home game the exclamation point on a two-year period in which the program challenged some of the conference's elite. Instead, the regular season ended the same way as most of the 22 before it -- with a loss to Tennessee.

#### **2009 Tennessee at Kentucky - Commonwealth Stadium - Lexington, Kentucky {Tennessee 30 Kentucky 24}**

**{Associated Press}** Montario Hardesty ran for three touchdowns, including a 20-yard game winner in overtime, as Tennessee outlasted Kentucky 30-24 on Saturday night, the Volunteers' 25th straight victory against their border rivals. Hardesty, who also ran for a career-high 179 yards, scampered up the middle for the final score after Kentucky's Lones Seiber missed a 49-yard field goal in the Wildcats' overtime chance. Tennessee (7-5, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) made sure its streak of dominance over Kentucky (7-5, 3-5) didn't end in coach Lane Kiffin's first year on the job. The win also likely locked up a New Year's Day bowl for the Volunteers and clinched second place behind Florida in the SEC East. Kentucky forced overtime on a 33-yard field goal by Seiber, set up when Ashton Cobb knocked the ball out of the hands of Luke Stocker following a completion and the Wildcats recovered.

#### **2011 Tennessee at Kentucky - Commonwealth Stadium - Lexington, Kentucky {Kentucky 10 Tennessee 7}**

**{Associated Press}** CoShik Williams ran for a touchdown and senior wide receiver Matt Roark filled in at quarterback with 124 yards on 24 carries as Kentucky snapped a 26-game losing streak to Tennessee with a 10-7 victory on Saturday. The win

capped a disappointing season for the Wildcats (5-7, 2-6 Southeastern Conference) and kept Tennessee (5-7, 1-7) from reaching bowl eligibility with representatives from the Liberty Bowl on hand. Kentucky's game plan was clear from the start to win for the first time in the series since 1984. The Wildcats weren't going to be able to throw much with Roark, but instead tried to run misdirection plays and catch Tennessee off-guard while relying on their improving defense. It worked. Roark led two scoring drives and Kentucky forced three turnovers, including a key one in a goal-line stand in the third quarter. Roark had talked earlier in the week about needing to find a job after he graduated in May, but he left a strong impression in his final appearance at Commonwealth Stadium with injured quarterbacks Maxwell Smith (right shoulder) and Morgan Newton (right ankle, right shoulder) watching from the sideline. Kentucky wore its black jerseys for the second time this season at the request of its 21 seniors and, on the first possession, Roark led Kentucky on a 15-play drive that lasted nearly eight minutes before it stalled at the Tennessee 7 and forced Craig McIntosh's 24-yard field goal. That would stay the only score until the fourth quarter, when Williams scored from the 6 to give Kentucky a 10-0 lead. Tennessee had plenty of chances late, but committed three turnovers in the second half. First, Ronnie Sneed intercepted Tyler Bray's pass at the Tennessee 34. But, with Kentucky seemingly stalled, it appeared to be only a matter of time before Tennessee's offense engaged. It happened when Bray found Rajion Neal behind cornerback Randall Burden for a 44-yard gain that set up first-and-goal on the 8. But Neal failed to handle the snap out of a wildcat formation two plays later, and Collins Ukwu recovered the fumble for Kentucky before Roark restarted the offense. First, he got linebacker A.J. Johnson to turn his back for a 24-yard gain into Tennessee territory. Roark made another key play a few minutes later, splitting the defense and breaking two tackles on a third-and-12 to gain 26 yards down to the Tennessee 7. Williams, who finished with 68 yards, scored two plays later on a 6-yard run that made it 10-0 with 14:12 left. Tennessee struck right back when Bray found Neal on the post again against Burden for a 53-yard score that cut it to 10-7 with 12:52 left. Tennessee had three chances late, but Bray failed to move the offense beyond one first down and on fourth-and-17. Taiedo Smith intercepted Bray's pass to seal it. Roark finished 4 of 6 for 15 yards passing. Volunteer wide receiver Da'Rick Rogers caught two passes for 38 yards to boost his SEC-leading totals to 67 receptions for 1,040 yards, but Bray looked rusty in his second game back after missing five with a broken right thumb. He finished 15 of 38 for 215 yards. The Vols last lost on the road to Kentucky in 1981 and, coupled with their 6-7 finish last year, have ended seasons with consecutive losing records for the first time since 1910-11. They'll have a long offseason to think about this one by failing to topple a Wildcats team that had been in turmoil all week with rumors that coach Joker Phillips might not return for a third season. Kentucky athletics director Mitch Barnhart said on the school's pregame show that nothing changed from when he publicly supported Phillips in October. Phillips is 11-14 and 4-12 in SEC play over his first two seasons while the program won't go to a bowl for the first time in five years. Instead, the coach got a victory bath from a sideline water cooler all the same and fans rushed the field.

## Georgia-Vanderbilt Rivalry

The Georgia-Vanderbilt football rivalry is between the Georgia Bulldogs and Vanderbilt Commodores. Both universities are founding members of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), and currently members of the SEC's Eastern Division with a total of 76 meetings. This rivalry is both Georgia and Vanderbilt's fourth longest football rivalry. Georgia leads the series 55-20-2. When the rivalry first started, Georgia only won two games by less than four points until the 12th matchup between the two teams. Georgia and Vanderbilt have played annually since 1968. Both Georgia and Vanderbilt have shut out the other nine times. Georgia has won 18 of the last 21 games with the three losses in 2006, 2013, and 2016 by four points or less.



### Notable games in the Georgia-Vanderbilt rivalry

**1898 - Vanderbilt at Georgia - Piedmont Park - Atlanta, Georgia {Georgia 35 Vanderbilt 13}**

Prior to the game, the bets were 2 to 1 that Georgia would not score. In front of 2,000 fans at Piedmont Park in Atlanta, the Bulldogs beat the Commodores for the first ever time, 4 to 0. The score came on a run by Georgia back F. K. McCutcheon. At one point Vanderbilt disputed a John Edgerton fumble, and threatened to leave the field until Georgia's captain

Walden said he would withdraw his men from the game if the decision were reversed. Georgia quarterback Kid Huff saved a touchdown when he tackled and forced a fumble from the big Wallace Crutchfield of Vanderbilt. The punting of Georgia fullback A. Clarence Jones featured throughout.

#### **1921 - Georgia at Vanderbilt - Old Dudley Field - Nashville, Tennessee {Vanderbilt 7 Georgia 7}**

The Georgia Bulldogs won the SIAA championship in the prior year of 1920. The toughest Southern opponent left for either school, both with undefeated conference records, the Georgia-Vanderbilt game would decide the SIAA title. Georgia was the favorite to win this first meeting of the two schools since 1912, in part because the Bulldogs may have outplayed Harvard and defeated Auburn earlier in 1921. Georgia had the greatest line in the South. Featuring four All-Southern linemen by the names of Puss Whelchel, Bum Day, Owen Reynolds, and Artie Pew. Not one team all year scored on Georgia through its line. Vanderbilt at this point was 6-1 against Georgia all time, the score all time was 184 to 4 in the Commodores' favor. The first score came after a punt from the Commodores was returned by Georgia some 15 yards to around Vanderbilt's 30-yard line. The Bulldogs would complete an 18-yard pass from Hartley to halfback Jim Tom Reynolds to Vanderbilt's 12-yard line. Three punches at the line were stopped for short gains. Hartley gained five yards and Vanderbilt was penalized for offsides. Three line bucks netted three yards. Jim Reynolds, gaining a yard or so, went over for the touchdown with a counter on the following series. It was such a close call that it brought forth considerable argument. Pew kicked goal. The half ended with Georgia gaining 113 yards on offense to Vanderbilt's 9. Soon after the start of the fourth quarter. Jess Neely intercepted a pass, weaving for a return of 25 yards to Georgia's 40-yard line before being brought down by Jim Reynolds. Two long pass attempts failed, and Thomas Ryan lined up to punt. Rupert Smith snuck in behind Ryan, and rushed to recover the 25-yard onside kick, jumping up to get the ball off the bounce among a hoard of Bulldogs, after they had let it bounce, including the outstretched arms of the Bulldogs' Hartley, and raced for a 15-yard touchdown. Rupert added his own extra point and the game ended as a tie, 7-7. Georgia would go on to beat both Alabama and Clemson handily in the following weeks, while the next week Vanderbilt handled Sewanee in the mud, giving both Vanderbilt and Georgia an equal right to the claim of a 1921 SIAA title. A freshman Lynn Bomar's play at the linebacker position was especially noted, "Georgia would have trampled Vanderbilt to atoms but for Lynn Bomar," observed Nashville Tennessean sportswriter Blinkey Horn. It was said he stopped five Georgia touchdowns that day. One source credits this as the first successful onside kick in the history of football.

#### **1923 Georgia at Vanderbilt - Dudley Field - Nashville, Tennessee {Vanderbilt 35 Georgia 7}**

On November 17, the Vanderbilt Commodores beat the Georgia Bulldogs at Dudley Field by a lopsided score of 35 to 7. Fred Russell would say this was when "the Gold and Black hit the season's peak." Morgan Blake, sportswriter in the Atlanta Journal, wrote "No southern team has given the Georgia Bulldogs such a licking in a decade." Georgia was labeled "Dixie's top team;" its only loss coming against traditional powerhouse Yale. Georgia's defense had previously shut out all its Southern Conference opponents, with no southern team crossing the Bulldogs' 20 or 25 yard line. Vanderbilt halfback Gil Reese would star in this game, including two punt returns for touchdowns and two more touchdowns on the ground. Reese ran for over 200 yards for the second week in a row, with 232 yards on his five largest plays and over 300 total yards. Former Vanderbilt coach Wallace Wade, who was at the game scouting Georgia, said the Commodores that day were "the smartest I ever saw."

#### **1924 Georgia at Vanderbilt - Dudley Field - Nashville, Tennessee {Georgia 3 Vanderbilt 0}**

1924 brought the first victory for Georgia over Vanderbilt in twenty-seven "long years," having failed to win the last seven matches. The Commodores did well in the first quarter, but never threatened again after that. Georgia had 12 first downs to Vandy's 7, and the Bulldogs gained 284 yards to the Commodores' 128. The furthest the Commodores penetrated was to Georgia's 31-yard line. Thrice the Bulldogs got to within Vanderbilt's 10-yard line, but all three times the Vanderbilt defense stiffened and prevented a score. Bulldog quarterback "Scrappy" Moore made the 32-yard drop-kick which broke the scoreless tie in the fourth quarter. It was the last field goal kicked by a Bulldog until seventeen years later when Frank Sinkwich did so against Florida with a broken jaw in 1941. 1923 consensus All-American Lynn Bomar suffered an injury this day which would tragically end his career with Vanderbilt football. A kick to the chin from a cleat gave him a severe brain hemorrhage, leaving him with half of his body paralyzed for two days. It was figured he would never play football again. "Not a player on the team could talk of Bomar's injury without tears coming to his eyes." The next year, he would defy the odds and play professional football in the inaugural season for the New York Giants, leaving after 1926 from a different injury.

#### **2006 - Vanderbilt at Georgia - Sanford Stadium - Athens, Georgia {Vanderbilt 24 Georgia 22}**

**{Associated Press}** Vanderbilt celebrated wildly, cheered on by sprinkling of gold-and-black-clad fans amid the sea of red. Georgia and its 92,000 backers trudged out of Sanford Stadium in stunned silence. The scoreboard went blank as soon as it was over, a feeble attempt to erase what everyone had just seen. A stunner between the hedges. Bryant Hahnfeldt kicked a 33-yard field goal with 2 seconds remaining Saturday to give Vanderbilt a 24-22 upset of the 16th-ranked Bulldogs, who lost to an unranked team for the first time since 2002. The Commodores (3-4, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) had not beaten Georgia since 1994, and this was only their fourth win in the series in the last 43 meetings. In all likelihood, it ended any hopes the Bulldogs (5-2, 2-2) had of winning their third SEC title in five years. "We're not mathematically out of it because there's so many games remaining," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "But I'm not going to make it my main point to get back to the SEC championship game. I'm going to talk about to be getting back to playing winning football. That's what I'm going to stress the most." It seemed the Bulldogs would manage a lackluster victory when Tony Taylor returned an interception 24 yards for a touchdown with just

under 9½ minutes remaining for a 22-21 lead. "We were hoping that would be the spark we needed to finish off Vandy," Taylor said. "But they finished it off better than we did." Georgia failed on a 2-point conversion, and Andy Bailey missed a 37-yard field goal with about 5 minutes left that would have forced Vanderbilt to go for a touchdown on its final possession. As it was, the Commodores only needed a field goal. Chris Nickson, who threw a pair of crucial interceptions in the second half, methodically drove them down the field on a 15-play, 65-yard drive. Vanderbilt passed up a 52-yard field goal attempt, converting on fourth-and-5 when Nickson hooked up with Sean Walker for a 6-yard gain. Cassen Jackson-Garrison ran for another first down inside the Georgia 20. The Commodores set up the ball in the middle of the field for Hahnfeldt, who was just 4-of-8 on the season and had missed two the previous week in a 17-10 loss to Mississippi. This time, his kick was right down the middle. Hahnfeldt charged toward the sideline with his right fist in the air and was mobbed by his teammates. "It was unbelievable," Hahnfeldt said. "I just start running around." The Bulldogs tried a couple of laterals on the ensuing kickoff, but the ball was knocked out of bounds short of midfield to end the game. Vanderbilt, which hasn't had a winning season since 1982, lost its first three SEC games by a combined 12 points. "We feel like we are better," Coach Bobby Johnson said. "But when you don't get it done, you begin to question yourself. That is human nature." Georgia is the team questioning itself now. The Bulldogs lost their second in a row, having squandered a 17-point lead the previous week in a 51-33 setback to Tennessee. This one followed a similar theme. Georgia went up 10-0 in the first half on Bailey's 23-yard field goal and Joe Tereshinski's 23-yard scoring pass to Martrez Milner, but couldn't hold the lead. After Milner's TD, Alex Washington sparked the Commodores with a 43-yard kickoff return, and Earl Bennett put them on the board by hauling in a 13-yard touchdown pass from Nickson. Bailey added another field goal, this one from 20 yards out, on the final play of the first half to give Georgia a tenuous 13-7 lead going to locker room. Just as they did against Tennessee, the Bulldogs started the third quarter with a turnover. Kregg Lumpkin fumbled on the second play of the half, D.J. Moore recovered at the Georgia 25 and Jackson-Garrison punched it over from the 3 to put Vanderbilt ahead for the first time. The Commodores missed a chance to extend the lead when Nickson was picked off in the end zone by Tra Battle, but that was merely a reprieve for the Bulldogs. Georgia went three-and-out, Vanderbilt got the ball back and quickly drove for another TD. Nickson scrambled for a 24-yard gain, then went to Walker on a 35-yard touchdown down the right sideline. Nickson was 15-of-29 for 190 yards and led the Commodores in rushing with 59 yards. Georgia had 373 yards but failed to score a touchdown on four trips inside the Vanderbilt 20, settling for three short field goals by Bailey. The Bulldogs used two quarterbacks. Tereshinski started and was 11-of-17 for 151 yards. Freshman Matthew Stafford was in at the end of the game, going 9-of-13 for 86 yards. No matter who was in the game, the Bulldogs failed to capitalize on their scoring chances. "If we could have put some touchdowns on the board instead of trying for field goals, I'm confident we would have won," running back Danny Ware said. "I don't blame anybody. We lost this one as a team." Georgia may have suffered a key injury, as well. Starting tailback Thomas Brown hurt a knee returning the second-half kickoff. "He won't be playing anytime soon," Richt said. "He hurt it pretty bad, I think."



**2007 - Georgia at Vanderbilt - Vanderbilt Stadium - Nashville, Tennessee {Georgia 20 Vanderbilt 17}**

{Associated Press} Georgia and Vanderbilt are making a habit of spoiling each other's homecoming. Brandon Coutu kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired to help No. 24 Georgia overcome a 10-point halftime deficit and beat Vanderbilt 20-17 on Saturday night, avenging last season's loss in Athens, Ga. "It's payback," Coutu said. "Now they know how it feels." With a 20-17 over Vanderbilt, Georgia finally put an end to its SEC East six-game losing streak. Since the league split into divisions in 1992, the longest previous East losing streak by UGA was just three games. The Bulldogs danced on the Vanderbilt star at midfield after Coutu's kick sailed through the uprights. Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson said Georgia Coach Mark Richt apologized after the game because some Georgia players were celebrating on the Vanderbilt star at midfield. "Everybody is real mad," Vanderbilt cornerback D.J. Moore said. "We really could have won this game." Knowshon Moreno rushed for a career-high 157 yards in his first start for Georgia (5-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference), 123 of it coming in the second half. Moreno, a

redshirt freshman, had a 32-yard run to set up a Georgia touchdown on the opening drive of the second half, narrowing Vanderbilt's lead to 17-14. Georgia tailback Kregg Lumpkin left the game in the third quarter with an ankle and knee injury, putting even more burden on Moreno -- who was already replacing injured starter Thomas Brown. Richt said he is not sure what his running back rotation will be when all three are active. "He's an amazing player," Richt said. "I probably should have played him last year, looking at him now." Vandy's Cassen Jackson-Garrison fumbled 7 yards short of the goal line, setting up the Bulldogs' winning drive. Matthew Stafford had 201 yards passing for Georgia, including a 32-yard touchdown pass to Sean Bailey, and an 11-yard completion to Tripp Chandler that shortened Coutu's attempt. "We never wavered," Stafford said. "We never gave up. We came out pumped up and ready in the second half." Sean Walker caught a touchdown pass and ran for another for Vanderbilt (3-3, 1-3), which didn't score a point in the second half. His 16-yard touchdown pass, originally ruled incomplete, gave the Commodores a 17-7 lead in the second quarter. Walker bobbled the ball twice, but appeared to control it before falling out-of-bounds in the back of the end zone. The ending, though, left a different feeling for Vanderbilt. The Commodores pulled off a 24-22 upset against Georgia last season in Athens. This year, Vanderbilt essentially found themselves playing a road game for its homecoming with Georgia fans painting Vanderbilt Stadium red in a rare sellout. "It's still a loss," Moore said. "Stuff happens. Good stuff and bad stuff. Last year, we made a field goal to beat them. So stuff happens both ways." Stafford led the Bulldogs on a 10-play, 73-yard drive to set up the field goal by Coutu, his second of the game. Coutu also kicked a 31-yard field goal earlier in the fourth quarter, and missed off the left crossbar from 49 yards in the first quarter. Vanderbilt had two timeouts but chose not to use either on the final kick. "I was trying to find Coutu before the final play," Richt said. "I was just trying to find him on the sideline. I was just going to say, 'Son, you might have to kick it three times. So just get it in your head.'" Vanderbilt swapped quarterbacks early before sticking with backup Mackenzi Adams. Adams had 125 yards passing and a touchdown, and he also ran for 76 yards on several option plays. Chris Nickson made his 18th consecutive start for Vanderbilt, but saw limited action after the first quarter. Nickson went just 2-for-5 for six yards. The Commodores tricked the Bulldogs most of the night, pulling several reverses and deceiving plays. The quarterback changes kept the Bulldogs off guessing. "We had a package that would suit Chris Nickson well and a package that would suit Mackenzi Adams well," Johnson said of his quarterback rotation. "I just want to win, that's what we're trying to do." Moore had 123 all-purpose yards, and his 39-yard rush in the second quarter led to a Commodores touchdown that put them ahead 10-7. "We settled in and tried to run the ball more in the second half," Richt said. "Of course, Knowshon gave us a lot of reasons to do that."

#### **2011 - Georgia at Vanderbilt - Vanderbilt Stadium - Nashville, Tennessee {Georgia 33 Vanderbilt 28}**

**{Associated Press}** Aaron Murray threw for a career-high 326 yards and three touchdowns, and Blair Walsh kicked four field goals as the Georgia Bulldogs held off Vanderbilt 33-28 for their fifth straight victory Saturday night. Vanderbilt (3-3, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) hadn't beaten Georgia in Nashville since 1991, and Udom Umoh blocked Drew Butler's punt with 7 seconds left to give the Commodores one last chance at the Georgia 20 before a substitution infraction backed the Commodores up to the Georgia 25. Jordan Rodgers overthrew Chris Boyd in the end zone, leaving a second for a final play. Rodgers was hit as he threw short to tight end Brandon Barden, who was tackled well short at the 16. Georgia (5-2, 4-1) also intercepted three passes, the last by Bacarri Rambo with 1:10 left, as the Bulldogs kept pace in the East with South Carolina, a 14-12 winner over Mississippi State earlier. The hectic ending was fitting on a night when a transformer on the east concourse of the stadium blew and knocked out four sets of lights with 2:53 left in the first half. Workers fixed a fuse and got all but one stand working by early in the third quarter. Walsh clanked his first field goal attempt off the left upright and missed another wide right. The Commodores had the ball twice in the final 2:30, first when Casey Heyward picked off a Murray pass at the Vandy 2. Rambo ended that drive with his interception, but the Bulldogs, who had to kick so many field goals, couldn't pick up a first down to run out the clock, which set up the final few plays. Murray threw two TDs to Marlon Brown, the last a 75-yarder with 13:57 left that proved to be the winner and the longest TD play for both quarterback and receiver. Murray also connected with Tavarres King on a 20-yard TD set up by Orson Charles blocking a punt. The Bulldogs took a 3-0 lead on Walsh's first field goal, a 53-yarder, and scored 20 points in the second quarter and never trailed. Georgia had allowed only two offensive touchdowns in the previous four games. The Bulldogs gave up three to Vandy, two in the final 16 minutes as Zac Stacy capped an 84-yard drive by running for a 19-yard TD with 9:15 left. Vanderbilt's best offense early came on a fake punt when the backup punter completed a 35-yard pass, and on a halfback pass when Stacy tossed a 43-yard TD pass to Jordan Matthews. Andre Hal also returned a kickoff 96 yards for a TD in the third quarter just after Georgia took its biggest lead of the game at 23-7. Rodgers, who came in after Larry Smith was intercepted for the second time, drove the Commodores 75 yards to set up Jerron Seymour's 1-yard TD with 26 seconds left in the third.

#### **2013 - Georgia at Vanderbilt - Vanderbilt Stadium - Nashville, Tennessee {Vanderbilt 31 Georgia 27}**

**{Associated Press}** Vanderbilt finally has its first upset of a Top 25 opponent under Coach James Franklin, a win that had the Commodores singing with the band and dancing in the end zone. They also likely ended No. 15 Georgia's faint hopes of a trip back to the Southeastern Conference championship game for good measure, too. Jerron Seymour ran for a 13-yard touchdown with 2:53 left, and Vanderbilt rallied from a 13-point deficit by scoring 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter Saturday for a 31-27 victory. The Commodores (4-3, 1-3) hadn't beaten a Top 25 team since Oct. 4, 2008, when they edged then-No. 13 Auburn in Nashville. They also got their first victory over Georgia in Nashville since 1991, snapping a six-game skid to the Bulldogs. "When you take over a program like we did ... every win has been unbelievably significant to us and every win should

be significant to our fan base and to our community and to our alumni because it's an opportunity," Franklin said when asked about the meaning of the biggest win since he took over in December 2010. Vanderbilt rallied despite losing Austyn Carta-Samuels in the second quarter with an injured left leg that had him on the sidelines with crutches for the second half. Franklin did not have an update. Receiver Jordan Matthews said it was tough to see Carta-Samuels hurt and replaced by Patton Robinette. "At the same time in the game, you got to stay focused on the mission," Matthews said. "I knew Patton was going to come in and do his job." Georgia (4-3, 3-2) failed to hold a 27-14 lead with 6:24 left in the third quarter following Marshall Morgan's second field goal of the game. The Bulldogs had chances to rally, but Brendan Douglas fumbled after a catch with 1:59 left, and Aaron Murray was intercepted on the final play. Coach Mark Richt was being criticized when Georgia lost its season opener to Clemson, and now the Bulldogs have lost two straight in the SEC. Richt said everyone wants to talk about how good things are when winning and everyone has an opinion when a team starts losing. He had a message for his team after this loss. "I just wanted to make sure everyone understood that at Georgia we stick together," Richt said. Torren McGaster started the comeback by recovering a fumbled punt by Damian Swann late in the third quarter. Robinette ran for a 2-yard TD, and Carey Spear kicked a 40-yard field goal. Seymour put Vandy ahead a play after Georgia punter Collin Barber could only fall on a high snap at his own 13. "We got the 'W,' so that's the most important thing," Robinette said. Vanderbilt wound up holding the ball for more than 35 minutes and outgained Georgia 337-221 in total offense. The Commodores held Murray to just 114 yards passing, the third-lowest passing performance of his career. Murray became the SEC's career leader in total offense late in the first quarter with a 7-yard pass to Arthur Lynch. That put him a yard past Tim Tebow. Murray then finished off the drive with a 1-yard keeper, putting Georgia up 10-7 at the end of the first quarter. The senior making his 48th career start also added a 2-yard TD just before halftime for a 24-14 lead. But with so many offensive players out with injuries, Murray couldn't keep the Bulldogs' hopes of an SEC East title alive. "Definitely very stunning, it's hard," Murray said. Vandy's comeback was helped by the second targeting penalty against Georgia in the game. Robinette's TD came on a drive kept alive when officials flagged Georgia linebacker Ramik Wilson for hitting Vandy receiver Jonathan Krause with his shoulder on an incompletion on fourth-and-4. Review kept Wilson in the game, but the penalty stood for a first down. Georgia already lost defensive end Ray Drew with 11:19 left in the second quarter. Officials flagged the defensive end for targeting when Drew hit Carta-Samuels after he threw a pass and pushed the quarterback to the ground. Georgia linebacker Jordan Jenkins tried to be careful after the game but was not happy with the call or the rule in general. "I think it ruins the game," Jenkins said. "I think it's going to ruin the game of football." Georgia played without tailback Todd Gurley for a third straight game because of a sprained ankle, along with the other injured Bulldogs. The list grew longer as Bulldogs safety Josh Harvey-Clemons hurt his right foot in the first half and did not return. Spear also ran for a 3-yard TD on a fake field goal in the second quarter, giving Vandy a 14-10 lead. The Commodores had all the momentum as they forced Georgia three-and-out. Then they got too fancy, overloading the line wide left. Shaq Wiggins jumped the screen from Carta-Samuels from the side and returned the interception 39 yards for the TD and a 17-14 lead. Carta-Samuels was knocked out of the game on the next series when sacked by Jenkins, one of three sacks by Georgia.

#### **2016 - Vanderbilt at Georgia - Sanford Stadium - Athens, Georgia {Vanderbilt 17 Georgia 16}**

**{Associated Press}** Derek Mason finally picked up the sort of victory that should ease some of the heat on the Vanderbilt coach. Just the opposite for Georgia's Kirby Smart, who is facing plenty of scrutiny after a stunning loss to the Commodores. "Sickening," Smart said. Vanderbilt claimed its first Southeastern Conference road win in Mason's three seasons as coach, upsetting Georgia 17-16 on Khari Blasingame's 2-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter and a huge fourth-down stop late in the game Saturday. The victory set off a wild celebration as the Vanderbilt players raced over to Sanford Stadium's famous hedges to celebrate with a small group of black-and-gold-clad fans. "I told our young men this morning that if we wanted to do something epic, we needed to make sure we took the fight to them," Mason said. For Vanderbilt (3-4, 1-3), it was only the third win over Georgia in the last 22 meetings between the SEC East rivals. Mason had dropped his first nine league road games. "You saw a football team committed to doing one thing, and that's going on the road and getting a win," Mason said. "We also talked about a new season, the second half of the season. We can't do anything about what's behind us, but we could do something about what is in front of us." The Bulldogs (4-3, 2/3 SEC) held a commanding lead in total yards, 421-171, but special-teams blunders doomed the home team. Not exactly what Georgia was expecting when it fired longtime coach Mark Richt and brought in Smart, who had been Nick Saban's defensive coordinator at Alabama. "It's embarrassing, and I'm sick to my stomach," Smart said. "I take full responsibility for it." Georgia went ahead for the first time early in the third quarter on Jacob Eason's 17-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Nauta. The Bulldogs added their third field goal, stretching the lead to 16-10 with just under 14 minutes remaining. But Vanderbilt responded with its only extended drive of the game, going 75 yards on eight plays to reclaim the lead when Blasingame powered over with 9:43 to go. The big play was a screen pass on third-and-12 that Ralph Webb took for a 37-yard gain to the Bulldogs 11. "It wasn't pretty," Vandy quarterback Kyle Shurmur, "but that just isn't our style, I guess." Georgia's final drive was extended by Eason's 23-yard pass to Terry Godwin on fourth-and-13, but the Bulldogs couldn't convert when facing fourth-and-1 at the Vandy 41. In a puzzling move, the Bulldogs didn't go with either of their star runners -- Nick Chubb and Sony Michel -- and instead pitched the ball to receiver Isaiah McKenzie after he dropped back into the tailback position. McKenzie was thrown down about a foot shy of the first-down marker by Vandy linebacker Zach Cunningham, who finished with a staggering 19 tackles. "We felt good about the play," McKenzie said. "A guy came from the blind side and tackled me. He made a good play."

## Alabama-Ole Miss Rivalry {Alabama-Mississippi}

The Alabama–Ole Miss football rivalry is played between the Alabama Crimson Tide and Mississippi Rebels. They are charter members of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), and both have competed in the SEC West since 1992. Alabama has dominated the series and leads 49–11–2.



### Notable games in the Alabama-Ole Miss rivalry

#### **1964 Sugar Bowl – Tulane Stadium – New Orleans, Louisiana {Alabama 12 Mississippi 7}**

The 1964 Sugar Bowl, was the 30th annual contest and took place on January 1, 1964, at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, Louisiana. The competing teams were the Ole Miss Rebels and the Alabama Crimson Tide, both representing the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The matchup was the first between the flagship universities of these neighboring states in almost twenty years, and only the second in over thirty years. In a defensive struggle, Alabama defeated the Rebels without scoring a single touchdown 12–7. New Orleans had received a rare substantial snowfall the previous day, and snow lay in large banks around the edges of the field.

**Alabama** - The 1963 squad was Bear Bryant's sixth at Alabama. The Crimson Tide lost to Florida and long-time rival Auburn enroute to an 8–2 regular season. Originally wanting to pit Navy against Ole Miss, the Sugar Bowl extended the invitation to Alabama with two weeks remaining in the regular season. Their appearance was the seventeenth overall bowl appearance and the fourth in the Sugar Bowl for Alabama. Prior to the regular season finale against Miami (FL) quarterback Joe Namath was suspended by Coach Bryant through the bowl game. With Namath out, Steve Sloan started for the Crimson tide in the Sugar Bowl.

**Ole Miss** - The 1963 squad was Johnny Vaught's seventeenth at Ole Miss. The Rebels did not lose a regular season game, but did tie Memphis State and long-time rival Mississippi State enroute to a 7–0–2 regular season. Their appearance was the twelfth overall bowl appearance and the seventh in the Sugar Bowl for Ole Miss.



Tulane Stadium was like an icebox, cold and damp. But in the midst of snow banks, with players bothered by frosted fingertips, Tim Davis was hot. Or, at least, his toe was. There had been Sugar Bowls won by field goals before - the 1936 game being won by a kick, the only points the winning team could manage. To show how much the game has changed, Sammy Baugh's boot in that one was the first of just nine before 1964 in the Sugar Bowl's three-decade history. Tulane Stadium really did resemble a huge sugar bowl on the first day of 1964, with snow banks flanking the field. The moist 45-degree temperature was said later to have played a critical role in the outcome, causing a total of 17 fumbles, 11 by the losing team, and bringing on an incredible for-the-time four field goals - including the longest ever kicked in any bowl - by Davis, three coming after bobbles, which provided the ultimate difference. Playing with a second-string quarterback, 18-year-old Steve Sloan, in place of suspended Joe Namath, and against the nation's best run defense, Bear Bryant figured he was in for an iffy afternoon. On 'Bama's first series, though, Sloan took the Crimson Tide on an impressive quick-hitting, between-the-tackles drive that netted five straight first downs. Ole Miss, which led the nation in rushing defense, finally was able to stop the Tide at the Rebel 15, forcing Davis to come in and kick a 31-yard field goal. Following the kickoff, Ole Miss quarterback Jim Weatherly, in for Perry Lee Dunn, set the tone for a frustrating Rebel day by losing the ball with no one around him as he attempted to pass. Butch Henry recovered at the Ole Miss 31, and Davis eventually came back in to boot a 46-yard field goal, breaking the Sugar Bowl record of 32 yards that he set himself two years before against Arkansas. After yet another lost muff at the Rebel 37, Davis, in for his third play of the game, attempted a 50-yard field goal, but it was wide to the right. "I ought to beat you with a stick, you rascal," admonished the Bear with a smile. "You should have had that other one, too. I saw you take your eyes off the ball." Another lost Rebel fumble at the 16 gave Davis another chance. With 16 seconds left until intermission Davis kicked a 22-yarder that gave Alabama a 9-0 halftime lead. "I'm not taking anything away from Alabama," reflected Rebel end Joe Wilkins. "We played under the same conditions. Our game, though, I feel, was much more affected by the weather than theirs. We had a much more open offense, handled the ball more than Alabama, which ran basically a simple quick-hitting offense. The main thing was the snow put more moisture in the air. The field was slick as glass ... With our roll-out offense; it just seemed a little more difficult for us." Dennis picked up 11 yards on the first play of the second half, registering Ole Miss' initial first down. Two plays later, Frank Kinard dropped the Rebels' eighth fumble, bringing Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett to his feet, saying, "Why is it the boys can't hold onto the football?" Two series after that, Davis kicked a 48-yard field goal, at that time the record for any bowl. Ole Miss crossed midfield for the first time in the fourth quarter, and Dunn eventually hit Larry Smith with a five-yard touchdown pass. The Rebels, outplayed most of the day, were now in position to win. And soon they were knocking on the door again, but on a fourth down at the 4, Dunn was stopped at the 2. Ole Miss, hot now, made a last bid, getting to the 19 where end Joe Pettey caught a pass in the numbers and near the sideline. Fittingly, he couldn't hold the ball as he was tackled. 'Bama recovered at the 9 to seal the victory. It was difficult to believe that a game with 17 fumbles, 11 by Ole Miss, both all-time bowl records - could be so exciting at the finish. Davis, of course, was the postgame story. He credited the snow with his performance. "I think being off the day before the game was the answer," he theorized. "I just had more zip in my kicks. I could see when I was warming up before the game. If the snow hadn't forced us indoors Tuesday, I would not have been so strong and accurate."

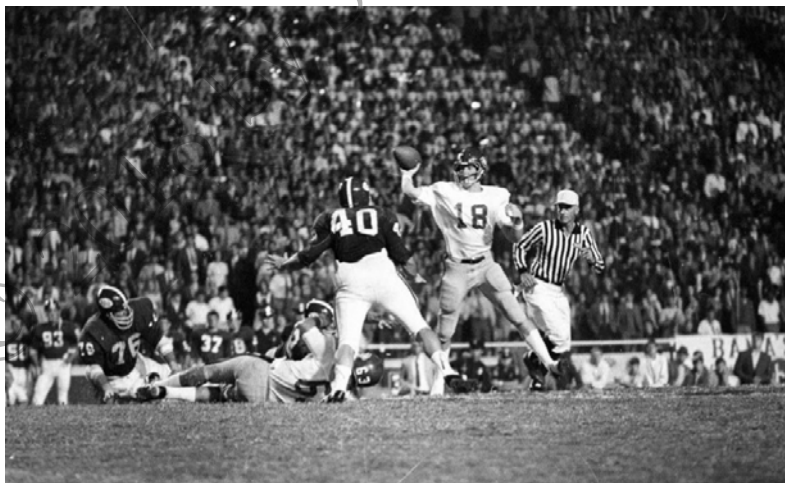
#### **1968 Alabama at Mississippi - Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium - Jackson, Mississippi {Mississippi 10 Alabama 8}**

After their near loss against Southern Miss, Alabama dropped from the No. 7 to No. 11 position in the AP Poll prior to their game at Ole Miss. Against the Rebels, the Crimson Tide was upset 10-8 before the largest crowd to date ever to witness a college football game in the state of Mississippi. After a scoreless first, Ole Miss took a 7-0 halftime lead after Archie Manning threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Henry Shows in the second quarter. They then extended their lead to 10-0 with a 44-yard Perry King field goal in the third quarter. Alabama ended the Ole Miss shutout bid with just 0:08 left in the game after a Julian Fagan punt was blocked by Mike Hall and recovered by Mike Reilly in the end zone for a touchdown. They then converted a two-point conversion that made the final score 10-8. The victory was the first for Ole Miss over Alabama since their 16-0 win in 1910, a period that spanned 58 years.



**1969 Mississippi at Alabama - Legion Field - Birmingham, Alabama {Alabama 33 Mississippi 32}**

In what is often erroneously referred to as the first prime time regular season football game in history, #20 Ole Miss traveled to Legion Field in Birmingham to face #15 Alabama. A dazzling offensive shootout ensues, highlighted by the play of Ole Miss Quarterback Archie Manning. After their blowout victory over Southern Miss, Alabama retained their No. 15 position in the AP Poll prior to their game at Ole Miss. Before a nationally televised, prime time audience, Alabama defeated the Rebels 33–32 in an offensive shootout that saw the offenses combined to set one NCAA and nine SEC records. After the teams traded first-quarter touchdown runs of one-yard by Johnny Musso and two-yards by Archie Manning, Alabama took a 14–7 halftime lead on a 17-yard Bubba Sawyer touchdown run. At the end of the third quarter, Alabama retained a 21–20 lead after the teams again traded touchdowns. The Rebels scored first on an 11-yard Manning pass to Floyd Franks, followed by a one-yard Musso run and a 17-yard Manning run. Both teams then traded fourth-quarter touchdowns with the Crimson Tide coming out on top 33–32. Ole Miss touchdowns were scored on a two-yard Manning pass to Riley Myers and a one-yard Manning run, and Alabama touchdowns were scored on a one-yard Scott Hunter run and 14-yard Hunter pass to George Ranager.

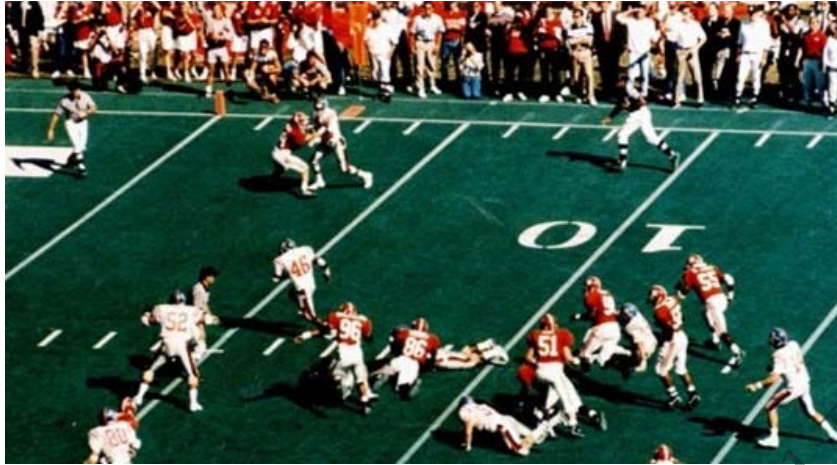


Records set in this game included a new national record for passes completed between both teams with 55. Conference records set in the game by Rebels quarterback Archie Manning included most passing yards, attempts and completions in a single game by going 33 of 52 for 436 yards in addition to most total offense by a single player with 540 yards.

**1988 Mississippi at Alabama - Bryant-Denny Stadium - Tuscaloosa, Alabama {Mississippi 22 Alabama 12}**

What would transpire on this sunny, pleasant October afternoon as Alabama was celebrating two events-it was Homecoming, and also the dedication of the new Paul W. "Bear" Bryant Museum. After all, Alabama came into the game with a 3-0 record. They opened with a 37-0 win over Temple, followed by a 44-10 victory over Vanderbilt and a close 31-27 road win at Lexington against Kentucky. Could the Crimson Tide have been overlooking their upcoming opponent? Ole Miss came in with a 1-3 record. After opening the season with a convincing 24-6 win against Memphis State at Jackson, the Rebels came to Crimson Tide country reeling from three straight losses to Arkansas, Florida and Georgia-the last one a 36-11 whipping at Athens. For a half, it was anyone's game as the Rebels and Crimson Tide went into the locker room in a scoreless tie. When the third quarter

started-courtesy of a few Ole Miss miscues-- Alabama jumped out to a quick 12-0 lead courtesy of a safety, a field goal and a touchdown.



The Rebels would settle down later in the third as Shawn Sykes, a senior running back from West Point, scored on a 52-yard run on a play offensive coordinator Red Parker called "42," a quick hitter up the middle. With Bryan Owens' successful point after touchdown kick, the Rebels trailed 12-7. It was still anyone's ball game, and looked as though the Tide would have a reason to celebrate a win in the waning moments. Not so fast. Ole Miss had a third-and-10 on the Alabama 12. Something good had to happen for the Rebels. Parker once again called 42, and it was Sykes on a 12-yard run to give Ole Miss a 15-12 lead following a successful two-point try. Ole Miss forced an Alabama turnover, and they were back in business on the Crimson Tide 18. Fullback Joe Mickles scored on an 18-yard run with 15 seconds left to give Ole Miss a 22-12 lead following the PAT kick by Owens. Ole Miss scored 15 points within a span of 46 seconds, and it would be enough for them to secure their first ever win over Alabama in the State of Alabama. It also marked the first time Ole Miss beat Alabama since 1976 when they won 10-7 in Jackson. It was a big day for the Ole Miss defense as they didn't allow Alabama quarterbacks to complete a single pass in the game. In fact, Alabama was 0-for-11 in the contest. Sometime at game's end, a disenchanted Alabama fan threw a brick at Bill Curry's office window.

#### **2006 Mississippi at Alabama - Bryant-Denny Stadium - Tuscaloosa, Alabama {Alabama 26 Mississippi 23}**

A week after their victory over Duke, the Crimson Tide needed overtime to defeat their rival, the Ole Miss Rebels 26-23. Alabama opened the scoring on their first offensive possession when John Parker Wilson connected with D. J. Hall for a 39-yard touchdown reception and a 7-0 lead. The Rebels tied the game at 7-7 later in the quarter when BenJarvus Green-Ellis scored on a two-yard touchdown run. In the second quarter, all of the points came by way of field goals with Jamie Christensen hitting one for Alabama from 26-yards and Joshua Shene hitting two for Ole Miss from 36 and 23-yards to make the halftime score 13-10 Rebels. After a 26-yard Christensen field goal tied the game at 13-13 in the third quarter, Alabama took a 20-13 lead early in the fourth quarter on a two-yard Tim Castille touchdown run. Ole Miss tied the game up at 20-20 when Brent Schaeffer threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Mike Wallace that ultimately sent the game into overtime. In the overtime period, Ole Miss scored first with a 37-yard Shene field goal, but Alabama won the game when Wilson connected with Le'Ron McClain for a two-yard, game-winning touchdown reception.

#### **2007 Alabama at Mississippi - Vaught-Hemingway Stadium - Oxford, Mississippi {Alabama 27 Mississippi 24}**

In an unexpected offensive showcase, the Alabama managed to defeat the Ole Miss Rebels 27-24 in Oxford. Leigh Tiffin opened the scoring with a 27-yard field goal to give the Crimson Tide a 3-0 lead. The Rebels responded with an eight-yard Dexter McCluster touchdown reception from Seth Adams to take a 7-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter Alabama scored a pair of touchdowns with the first coming on a two-yard Glen Coffee run and the second on a one-yard John Parker Wilson run. Ole Miss added a 22-yard Joshua Shene field goal and Alabama was up 17-10 at the half. Ole Miss took a 24-17 lead into the fourth quarter following a pair of touchdowns in the third. Adams scored on a three-yard run then connected with Mike Hicks for a 17-yard touchdown reception in the period. The Crimson Tide then mounted a fourth quarter comeback. Terry Grant scored on a three-yard run and Tiffin kicked the game winning field goal from 24 yards with 5:14 remaining in the game. Ole Miss attempted to score on their last drive to either force the game into overtime with a field goal or win with a touchdown. With a fourth-and-22 on Alabama's 45-yard line, Adams completed a pass to Shay Hodge at the 3-yard line. However, the call was reviewed and then reversed after Nick Saban called a timeout to give the officials more time to look at the replay. John Parker Wilson was 26 for 40 and threw an interception and no touchdowns. The defense was able to force three interceptions on the day

## 2014 Alabama at Mississippi - Vaught-Hemingway Stadium - Oxford, Mississippi {Mississippi 23 Alabama 17}

In what was their first true road game of the season, Alabama was upset by the Ole Miss Rebels 23–17 at Oxford. After the Rebels elected to start the game on offense, Mark Dodson returned the opening kickoff 54-yards to the Alabama 39-yard line. After a first down run by Bo Wallace, Miss didn't gain a single yard and settled for a Gary Wunderlich 46-yard field goal and gave Ole Miss an early 3–0 lead. Alabama responded by driving deep into Ole Miss Territory, but Adam Griffith missed a 46-yard field goal. Ole Miss moved the ball easily before the drive stalled at the Alabama- 15, but Andrew Fletcher missed a chip shot 33-yard field goal. From there until 6:59 remaining in the second quarter both teams traded punts. Finally, Alabama managed to march 68 yards and Blake Sims gave Alabama a 7–3 lead with his touchdown run from one-yard out on fourth down. The Crimson Tide then extended their lead to 14–3 at halftime after Cyrus Jones forced a fumble by I'Tavius Mather and returned it 17-yards for a touchdown. Replays showed Jones branded Mather's face mask which should have nullified the touchdown, but it stood. Alabama opened the second half with a 14 play drive only to have Adam Griffith miss on a 51-yard field goal attempt. Ole Miss responded on the possession that ensued with Wallace connecting on a 50-yard pass to tight-end Evan Ingram and on a 14-yard touchdown pass to Laquon Treadwell two plays later, that made the score 14–10. Alabama then drove to the Ole Miss-15, but two penalties moved them to the- 29, but Griffith did connect on a 44-yard field goal attempt and extended the Alabama lead to 17–10 as they entered the fourth quarter. In the fourth, Alabama punted from their own- 5 which was returned 9 yards to the Rebels' 44. After a 6-yard run by Jaylon Walton, Wallace connect with Ingram for a 16-yard gain to the Alabama- 34. Finally, the Rebels tied the game on the next play when Wallace connected with Vince Sanders on a 34-yard touchdown reception. The extra point tied the game at 17-17. On the kickoff that ensued, Channing Ward forced a Christian Jones fumble that was recovered by Kailo Moore at the Alabama 31-yard line. Five plays later the Rebels took a 23–17 lead after Wallace threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jaylen Walton, but Fletcher missed the extra point. Ole Miss then secured the win late in the quarter after Senquez Golson intercepted a Sims pass in the end zone to effectively end the game.

## 2015 Mississippi at Alabama - Bryant-Denny Stadium - Tuscaloosa, Alabama {Mississippi 43 Alabama 37}

**{Associated Press}** With a desperation fling and an array of big plays, Chad Kelly and No. 15 Mississippi ended a quarter-century of futility at Bryant-Denny Stadium. Kelly completed a deflected 66-yard touchdown pass and added two more long ones in the fourth quarter, and the Rebels held on to beat No. 2 Alabama 43-37 on Saturday night. The Rebels (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) left the topsy-turvy game with their first victory in Bryant-Denny Stadium since 1988, and second straight in a one-sided series. The Crimson Tide (2-1, 0-1) had been 25-1 in Tuscaloosa against Ole Miss and had never lost two straight in the series. Both games went down to the wire and were settled with the help of Rebels interceptions. "We certainly think we're at a point now where it's not a shock," Mississippi coach Hugh Freeze said. "I still say it would be an upset in most people's eyes to do it here. "I don't think it surprises the people in our locker room. Our pregame was as short as it's ever been. I said, 'You're good enough to win.'" The Rebels made two final defensive stands, the first when Tony Bridges intercepted a deep ball from Jake Coker, who came off the bench to lead a comeback from a 30-10 deficit. Ole Miss scored 24 points off five Alabama turnovers. Kelly delivered big play after big play following an ineffective first half, none wilder than a fling and a prayer in the third quarter, a 66-yard deflection caught by Quincy Adebayo for a touchdown. Kelly bobbed a high snap and lofted the ball toward a crowd as he was going down before a swarm of Tide defenders. Adebayo grabbed a deflected ball and raced toward the end zone in front of Alabama's student section. "That happened in my prayer time today," Freeze said. "That's the only thing I can say about that." Kelly said he figured the 6-foot-3 Adebayo could "jump the highest out of anybody, and I just gave him a chance." "Right after that you think, 'Hey, we're winning this,'" he said. "And that's exactly how we all thought, that this was our game." Kelly added a 73-yarder to Cody Core and a 24-yarder to Laquon Treadwell. Kelly passed for 341 yards and three touchdowns after producing just 36 yards through the air in the first half. Alabama had won 17 straight at home coming into the game to tie Baylor for the longest active streak in FBS, another milestone snapped by a feisty Ole Miss team that's established itself as an SEC contender under Freeze. "We thought last year when we played we gave some things away, and I really don't want to take anything away from Ole Miss," Tide coach Nick Saban said. "They played a really good game, but are you going to be a giver or are you going to be a taker? If you're going to be a great competitor, you've got to take what you want. "I don't know if there's anybody we can beat if we're going to give away [24] points, I really don't." Coker came up with big plays, and big mistakes. He led two touchdown drives in a span of 2:03 late in the fourth quarter, aided by an onside kick. Derrick Henry scored on a 2-yard run and Richard Mullaney caught a 2-yard touchdown pass. Coker also was picked off by Bridges downfield with 2:36 left. Coker was 21-of-45 passing for 201 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. Henry ran for 127 yards. The Tide started Cooper Bateman even though Coker opened the previous two games. Regarded as the more athletic option, Bateman was 11-of-14 for 87 yards with an interception. Coker, meanwhile, ran seven times for 58 yards. "We had some things in the game plan early that the quarterback was going to pull the ball on and do some things, so we thought Cooper's speed would be sort of a change of pace for them, a little bit of an element of surprise," Saban said. Alabama got one more chance with 31 seconds left after the defense stuffed Jeremy Liggins on fourth-and-1 from the Tide 31. Replay officials said Jaylen Walton's elbow touched the ground just shy of a first down on the previous play. Four straight incompletions, including a drop, ended the rally hopes for Alabama.

## Arkansas-Texas Rivalry

The Arkansas–Texas football rivalry is between the Arkansas Razorbacks and Texas Longhorns. Texas and Arkansas first met in 1894 in a 54–0 victory by Texas. The two programs have met 78 times and have played many historically notable games, including the 1969 Game of the Century, which eventually led to Texas' 1969 national title. Although they have not regularly played each other since Arkansas' move to the Southeastern Conference in 1991, which consequently sent Texas to the Big XII Conference in 1996, many Longhorn and Razorback fans consider this an important rivalry. Texas and Arkansas's most recent meeting was in the 2014 Texas Bowl, which Arkansas won 31–7. Texas leads the series 56–22.



### Notable games in the Arkansas-Texas rivalry

#### **1964 Arkansas at Texas - Texas Memorial Stadium - Austin, Texas {Arkansas 14 Texas 13}**

On October 17, 1964, the #8 Arkansas Razorbacks traveled to Austin, Texas to battle the #1 Texas Longhorns. Arkansas took its 4-0 record to Austin, with Texas sporting a 4-0 record as well. Arkansas returner Ken Hatfield provided the first spark racing 81 yards after a Longhorns' punt to provide the first touchdown of the game in the second quarter. After the Longhorns tied the game early in the fourth quarter, Razorback quarterback Fred Marshall found Bobby Crockett on a pass for 34 yards and a score to make it 14-7 Arkansas. But the Longhorns were not done and with 1:27 to play Ernie Koy plowed in from one yard to make it a one-point game. Texas coach Darrell Royal gambled and decided to go for two points and the probable win. But once again, the Razorback defense came up big stopping the two-point pass preserving the 14-13 win. Razorback All-American Ronnie Caveness made 25 tackles in the victory.

Texas would go to the 1965 Orange Bowl and face #1 Alabama, led by Joe Namath. The Longhorns would upset the Crimson Tide, 21-17, where Tommy Nobis made one of the most famous tackles in the game's history. On fourth-and-inches, and clinging to a 21–17 lead, he led his teammates to a game-saving tackle of top ranked Alabama's quarterback, Joe Namath. Arkansas would go to the Cotton Bowl as the Southwest Conference champion, where they would beat #6 Nebraska 10-7. The Razorbacks were ranked #2 in both the final AP Poll and the final UPI Coaches Poll and were recognized as the national champion based on a poll by the Football Writers Association of America. Notable players on the Arkansas team were Ken Hatfield, Jimmy Johnson, Barry Switzer and Jerry Jones. Hatfield, Johnson and Switzer would go on to becoming highly successful college coaches, with Johnson and Switzer winning National Championships at Miami (Johnson) and Oklahoma (Switzer). Johnson and Switzer would also go on to coach the Dallas Cowboys, each winning Super Bowls. Teammate Jerry Jones was the owner of the Cowboys during this time.

#### **1965 Texas at Arkansas - Razorback Stadium - Fayetteville, Arkansas {Arkansas 27 Texas 24}**

{Hawg-tales.com} On October 16, 1965, #3 Arkansas (5 - 0) would face #1 Texas (4 - 0) in Fayetteville before a crowd of 42,000. It was partly cloudy and 74 degrees with a SSE wind at 15 mph for a scheduled 2:30 kickoff. For those that don't remember, all games played back then were day games, since Razorback Stadium had no lights on the field. The first score came after a 58 yard punt by the Hogs. Texas halfback Phil Harris bobbled the ball inside the five yard line after end Richard Trail collided with him following the catch. The ball squirted free and ended up in the end zone leading to a fumble recovery by Martine Bercher with 5:49 left in the first quarter. Touchdown Arkansas. After a Ronnie South extra point, the scoreboard showed Arkansas 7 - Texas 0. While still in the first quarter and 10 plays later, Texas had driven to the Arkansas 23 when Tommy Trantham would take a Harris fumble and return it 77 yards for the next score. After a blocked extra point attempt, the score was 13 - 0 Arkansas. The score would remain at this for the final 2:18 of the quarter.

At the start of the second quarter after a Texas punt and holding call, Jon Brittenum took over on the Hog 40. He was determined that the offense would finally score (all of the scoring up to this point had been made by the defense). Brittenum stepped to the line and began his cadence. During the drive he hit "Lighthorse" Harry Jones on a pass for 23 yards, added a five yard keeper, and with 11:03 remaining in the quarter, he ended the drive with an 11 yard pass to end Bobby Crockett. Touchdown Arkansas. South's kick was good making the score 20 - 0. The drive had taken 9 plays for, 60 yards, and removed 4:33 off the game clock. With 8:42 left in the half, David Conway finally put Texas on the board with a 35 yard field goal culminating an 8 yard, 5 play drive. The score was now 20 - 3 Arkansas. The scoring for the half would end when Texas quarterback Marvin Kristynik would run a quarterback sneak for 1 yard ending a 9 play, 73 yard drive. At this point Darrell Royal decided to go for two. Greg Lott completed the two point conversion making the score at halftime: Arkansas 20 - Texas 11. The only scoring in the third quarter was at 4:51 when Conway kicked a 34 yard field goal after 9 plays and 27 yards eating up 5:24 on the clock. Texas was inching back into the game with the scoreboard now showing Arkansas 20 - Texas 14. They were now only 6 points down. With only fifteen minutes remaining, the game couldn't end quickly enough. The fourth quarter started with Kristynik weaving his team in seven quick plays both inside and outside for 40 yards ending with a 14 yard run of his own, giving Texas their first lead in the game at 21 - 20. There were only ten minutes left in the game and Arkansas found itself now behind. Texas had now scored 21 unanswered points and things were getting just a little bit tense. The Hogs could maintain possession for only one minute before they were forced to give the ball back to Texas. Kristynik now moved Texas and took the ball 54 yards in 11 plays where Conway again kicked a 34 yard field goal. His third field goal of the game, making the score 24 - 20 Texas. During the drive, Kristynik had runs of 19 and 16 yards. Now it was 24 unanswered points and the hammer was falling. After all, this was the #1 team in the nation. The Hogs had seen it too many times before with Texas. Was the winning streak over? Following the touchback after the kickoff, Arkansas found itself 80 yards away from scoring with 4:06 left in the game. It would take a touchdown to win, a field goal would still be a loss. Now it was time for Brittenum to go to work. After immediately hitting Crockett for 22 yards, Brittenum rolled out and hit Crockett for 13, 8, and 11 yards ending up at the Texas 22. With third and four from the 15, Brittenum rolled right while Crockett sprinted toward the right corner. Brittenum launched the ball to Crockett's outstretched hands. With all of the effort that he could muster, he dove and made the catch while rolling out of bounds at the one. The Hogs would not be denied. Brittenum then took the ball the final yard and punched it into the Texas end zone with 1:32 left in the game. He was home. Final score: Arkansas 27 - Texas 24. After losing the Arkansas game in 1964 and costing Texas a national championship, this was the first time a Darrell Royal team had lost two consecutive years to the same team. #1 Texas had now fallen to #3 Arkansas. In the game, Brittenum had gone 10 for 19 passing, gaining 131 yards. Arkansas had a total offense of 181 yards to 401 for Texas. When the polls came out, Arkansas was the new #1 team in the nation. Arkansas would go on to play in the 1966 Cotton Bowl, putting their undefeated 10-0 record on the line vs arch-rival LSU. The Bayou Bengals would upset the Razorbacks, 14-7. Arkansas ended the season ranked #2 in the UPI Poll and #3 in the AP Poll. Texas would not go to a Bowl game after the season, finishing 6-4 on the season.

#### **1969 Texas at Arkansas - Razorback Stadium - Fayetteville, Arkansas {Texas 15 Arkansas 14}**

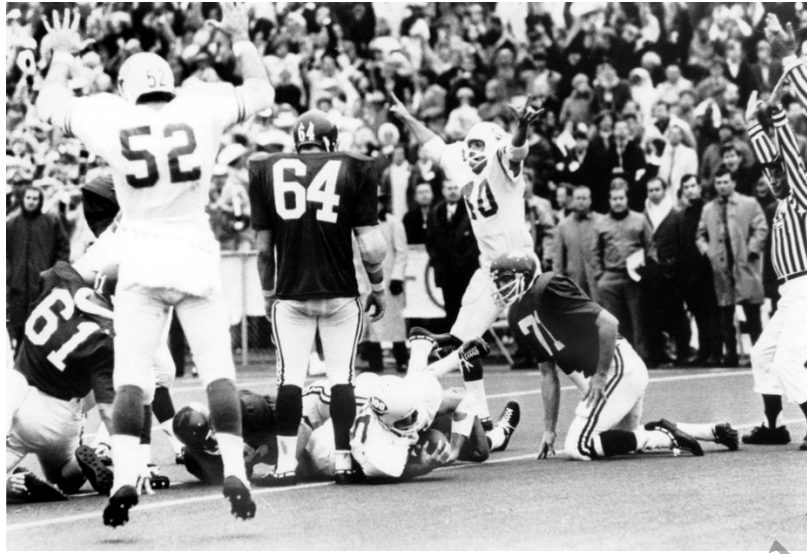
**{Game of the Century}** The 1969 Texas vs. Arkansas football game, another "Game of the Century", was played on December 6, 1969, in which # 1 Texas visited # 2 Arkansas at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Longhorns came back from a 14-0 deficit after three quarters to win 15-14. They went on to win the Cotton Bowl Classic and were selected as national champions.

The relative parity which had existed within the Southwest Conference ended with the arrival of Darrell Royal and Frank Broyles at their respective schools, with either Texas or Arkansas winning or sharing the SWC crown 8 out of the 10 years leading up to the game. Both Texas and Arkansas had won one national championship in the 1960s, and the schools developed a rivalry after Arkansas defeated in consecutive years top-ranked Texas teams in 1964 and 1965. In 1968 Texas handed Arkansas their only loss of the year.

The 1969 season marked the 100th anniversary of college football. This game would decide the Southwest Conference Championship, as well as its berth in the Cotton Bowl Classic, and ABC television executive Beano Cook arranged for Texas and Arkansas to play the final game of the regular season, moving their usual October date to the first weekend in December. ABC Sports executive Boone Arledge persuaded Arkansas coach Frank Broyles to move the game with a promise that President Richard Nixon would attend the game, and ABC would televise Arkansas' season opener in 1970 against Stanford (and its star quarterback, Jim Plunkett). Broyles even talked Arkansas officials into installing AstroTurf, then still a novelty, at Razorback Stadium. The game would kick off at Noon Central Standard Time since the stadium in Fayetteville did not have lights at the time. There were early discussions of moving the game to an evening start at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, where Arkansas played two or three home games per season, but ABC did not consider the lights at Little Rock to be sufficient. For a long while, it looked as though the game would be a meeting of also-rans. Ohio State was dominating the Big Ten and the chances of the game being anything other than just the last game of the season were pretty remote. However, as the Longhorns took a Saturday off to prepare for their upcoming game on Thanksgiving Day with Texas A&M, Michigan and its upstart coach Bo Schembechler upset the Buckeyes. Texas vaulted to No. 1 in the polls and Arkansas claimed the No. 2 spot. Ultimately, due to good fortune, it worked as the move made the game the focus of the entire American sporting public, gaining a television rating of a 52.1 share, meaning more than half the TV sets in use in the country were tuned to this game.



President Richard Nixon attended the game along with several members of his staff and U.S. Representatives George H. W. Bush of Texas and John Paul Hammerschmidt of Arkansas, having announced that he would give a plaque to the winner, proclaiming it to be the National Champion — to the chagrin of observers who thought it premature to do so before the New Year's Day bowl games, and of fans of Penn State University, which would also end the season undefeated. Arkansas took a 14-0 lead, and held it into the fourth quarter, but Texas came from behind to win, 15-14, and accepted Nixon's plaque. In the 100th year of college football, it truly was the "Game of the Century." In a game between unbeaten teams played at Arkansas' Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, the Longhorns were ranked Number 1 in the country, having won 18 straight games. The Arkansas Razorbacks were ranked Number 2, having won 15 straight since their last loss to Texas in Austin a year ago. The Texas wishbone attack, then still a novelty, was an offensive juggernaut that averaged over 44 points per game coming into the contest. Arkansas led the nation in scoring defense, yielding only 6.8 points per game. In addition, both the Razorback pro-style passing offense and the Texas defense were ranked in the top ten nationally. The Longhorns got off to a sloppy start, losing a fumble on the second play from scrimmage and turning the ball over a total of six times. A 1-yard leap into the end zone by Bill Burnett in the first quarter and a 29-yard touchdown reception by Chuck Dicus in the third quarter put the Hogs up 14-0 with 15:00 to play. James Street scrambled for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter. Longhorns coach Darrell Royal had decided before the game to go for two after the Longhorns' first touchdown to avoid a tie, and Street dove into the end zone to make it 14-8. This was an unusual decision since most teams would have delayed the decision for a two-point conversion until the next touchdown (though clearly mathematically correct, since this would have given the Longhorns a later chance to tie in case of a failed two-point try). Arkansas quarterback Bill Montgomery next led the Razorbacks on a 73-yard drive down to the Texas 7. On third down, Montgomery was intercepted in the end zone by Danny Lester, Arkansas' first turnover of the game. A field goal would have likely put the game out of reach for Texas. Still down 14-8, Texas began a desperate drive for the end zone that appeared to stall with 4:47 remaining when Royal opted for yet another gamble on fourth-and-3 from their own 43-yard line. During a timeout that Texas took before the fateful play, Royal shouted at Street, "Right 53 Veer Pass". The play was a deep pattern throw to the tight end. The play wasn't in the Texas game plan package. "Are you sure that's the call you want?" Street said. "Damn right I'm sure!" Royal snapped. Street had noticed Arkansas defenders looking into the Texas huddle, so he fixed his gaze on split end Cotton Speyrer while explaining the play to Randy Peschel, saying "Randy, I'm looking and pointing at Cotton, but I'm talking to you." Street then hit Peschel on the dramatic play, with Peschel making a difficult catch over his shoulder in double coverage. It gained 44 yards, putting Texas on the Razorbacks' 13. Two plays later Jim Bertelsen ran in for the game-tying touchdown. Donnie Wigginton, the third-string quarterback who was the holder, made a big save on a high snap and Happy Feller booted the extra point for the winning score with 3:58 left. Arkansas made a push into Texas territory, hoping for a field goal from All-American kicker Bill McClard. Arkansas was down to the Texas 40 when Tom Campbell intercepted Montgomery on the Texas 21-yard line with less than a minute left.



Texas beat Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl Classic, and removed any doubt as to whether it deserved consideration as National Champion, although Penn State fans still insist that their team, also undefeated and winner of the Orange Bowl, was better. However, it is worth noting that the Cotton Bowl Classic first invited Penn State to play the Southwest Conference champions. The Nittany Lions declined the invitation and went to Miami, where they defeated Big Eight champion Missouri. This decision was made while Ohio State was still ranked #1 with only one game to play, so at the time, it did not appear that a national title was likely to be at stake. The 1969 Texas–Penn State conflict, never settled on the field, has been one of the major arguments in favor of a Division I-A playoff. Arkansas lost the 1970 Sugar Bowl to Ole Miss, led by Archie Manning. The entire Texas-Penn State debate and Nixon's involvement led to a quote from Penn State coach Joe Paterno, a conservative Republican, during a commencement speech at Penn State in 1973 about Nixon, "I've wondered how President Nixon could know so little about Watergate in 1973 and so much about college football in 1969." This game has been nicknamed "Dixie's Last Stand," since it was the last major American sporting event played between two all-white teams, although most of the teams in the Deep South did not integrate until the mid-1970s.

The two coaches in this game, Darrell Royal of Texas and Frank Broyles of Arkansas, both retired after the 1976 season. Both became athletic directors at their respective schools, Royal for the entire Texas athletic program and Broyles solely for the Arkansas men's program, as Arkansas had a completely separate women's athletic department from 1971 through 2007. Royal retired from his AD job in 1980, but Broyles continued on through 2007, with the men's and women's athletic programs merging immediately after his retirement. Broyles spearheaded Arkansas' move from the SWC to the SEC in 1991. Frank Broyles did retire as the head coach of the Razorbacks after the 1976 season. At that time, however, Coach Broyles had been named and served as Men's Athletic Director, as well as head coach of the Hogs since the 1974 season. After the 1976 season, he also went on to become the lead color analyst, working alongside Keith Jackson for College Football on ABC, a position he would hold for nine years, from 1977 until 1985.

#### **1981 Texas at Arkansas - Razorback Stadium - Fayetteville, Arkansas {Arkansas 42 Texas 11}**

The 1981 Texas-Arkansas game was played on October 17th at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, Arkansas before a crowd of 44,031. The game was televised on ABC. Texas was ranked #1 in the nation coming into the game. Arkansas was unranked. The Razorbacks would go on to stun the #1 ranked Longhorns.

{HawgTales.com} Arkansas would receive the kickoff which was downed in the end zone and placed on the 20. On first down, fullback Jesse Clark carried over right tackle to the 46 yard line. This would set the tempo, although the Hogs would not score on this possession. However, on Texas' first play of the game, Billy Ray Smith, Jr. would come up big from his right defensive end position and give the ball back to the Hogs after a fumble recovery providing Texas' first turnover of the game. Jones would now throw a screen to the right flat for Gary Anderson who would take it from the 16 down to the 1 yard line for first and goal. With 11:06 left in the first quarter, Jones followed center for the last yard to put the Hogs up by six. The PAT failed, so the scoreboard would sit at Arkansas 6, Texas 0. The storm clouds would continue to hover over Texas when with 9:12 left in the quarter, they were forced to punt from the 8 yard line. Things kept going from bad to worse as they suffered a bad snap that sailed over the punter's head and out of the end zone. Arkansas was now up 8-0. With a little over three minutes left in the quarter, Texas found themselves at their own two yard line when they coughed up the ball at the five. It didn't take long when on first down, Gary Anderson goes around the right side for six with 2:54 showing on the clock. The quarter ended with the Hogs up 15-0. The rout continued as with only 11 seconds gone in the second quarter, Bruce Layhay nails his first of two field goals for a 47 yarder making the scoreboard show the Hogs leading by a score of 18-0. On their next possession, Texas would drive the length of the field in 11 plays and finally get on the board when with 9:25 left in the half, they would kick a 24 yard field goal. Finally they would have something besides a goose egg to look at on the scoreboard as it would now indicate Arkansas 18, Texas 3. Not respectable, but at least something. With third and eighteen from the Arkansas 11, Jones would call his own number for a

quarterback draw. The ball is snapped, Jones drops back to pass, pulls the ball in and scrambles left to the Texas 48. The Razorbacks would not score, but it would force Texas back deep into their own territory. After another Texas turnover via pass interception by safety Kim Dameron at the Texas 41, Arkansas would once again take over at the Texas 36. Five plays later, with 20 seconds left in the half, after looking right to the tight end Jones would find Anderson alone at the left front corner of the end zone. The 19 yard pass from Jones would tack on six more for the second score of the day by Anderson. At halftime the scoreboard would proudly show Arkansas 25, Texas 3.

The second half would begin with Texas receiving the initial kickoff and returning it only to the six yard line. On third and eight they were only able to reach the nine after being brought down by Smith. Following the punt, Jones would set up shop at the Texas 44 yard line. After moving to the 32, Jones would go right and hit wide receiver Derek Holloway along the sideline to the 17. From here the Hogs would move down to the four yard line, where Jones would keep and go left on first and goal into the end zone for the first TD of the second half making the score Arkansas 32, Texas 3. The drive required 8 plays and took 3:16 off the clock. By now the nation's number one team was completely shocked as the Hogs had completely dominated in turnovers and field position. The turnovers kept coming as linebacker Jeff Goff would intercept a pass at the Texas 40. This would go along with his earlier fumble recovery giving him two turnovers for the afternoon. Seven plays later, running back Darryl Bowles would go left after spinning out of a dive up the middle to go the final 19 yards and add on six more points. It was now Arkansas 39, Texas 3. The third quarter would bring an interception in the Arkansas end zone by cornerback Danny Walters to prevent a Longhorn score and again give the Razorbacks possession of the pigskin for the fifth Texas turnover. Unable to score, Arkansas was now finished adding to their tab for the third quarter. By now, Texas was limping and hoping that the game would soon be over. During the fourth quarter, Texas would go deep from just outside of their 15 yard line to the Hog 37 where Walters would make his second pass interception of the day. He would return it to the Arkansas 49. Six plays later, All-American kicker Bruce Lahay would tack on the final Arkansas score a 37 yard field goal with 9:46 left in the game. Arkansas 42, Texas 3. Texas would make one last ditch effort resulting in a TD and two point conversion within the final minute of the game. The goal post came down as the fans celebrated the complete domination of the nation's number one team. As the clock wound down on this Saturday, the scoreboard proclaimed Arkansas 42, Texas 11.

#### **1991 Texas at Arkansas - War Memorial Stadium - Little Rock, Arkansas {Arkansas 14 Texas 13}**

This contest marked the last time Arkansas and Texas met as Southwest Conference foes, and in the end, it was more about the Longhorns choking than any particular Razorback heroism. But knowing that Texas utterly blew its chance to send the Hogs out of the SWC with a loss just makes this game even sweeter. Arkansas jumped out to a 14-point lead in the first half and then watched as the Longhorns missed both a PAT and a 39-yd field goal in the 4th quarter to seal their fate.

#### **2004 Texas at Arkansas - Razorback Stadium - Fayetteville, Arkansas {Texas 22 Arkansas 20}**

**{Associated Press}** Heartbreak struck at Arkansas' home stadium again, a trait that's become a hallmark of close games in the Razorbacks' storied rivalry against Texas. Arkansas fans still grieve over their 1969 loss in "The Big Shootout," when Texas came from behind to win 15-14 in Fayetteville in a game that determined the national championship. There was less on the line Saturday night, but the hard-fought 22-20 loss to Texas (No. 8 ESPN/USA Today; No. 7 AP) will surely gall Razorbacks -- and thrill Longhorns -- for years because the programs, rivals from the old Southwest Conference days, are off the others schedule after this season and no renewal has been planned.

The loss -- breaking Arkansas' 22-game winning streak against nonconference, regular-season opponents -- played out before a strongly partisan record crowd of 75,671 that was silenced only when Arkansas was intercepted on the last play of the game. "I respect Texas," said Arkansas coach Houston Nutt. "The thing that's so tough is that we could easily be singing our song right now." Texas (2-0) was looking for revenge after an unranked Arkansas team upset them in Austin, 38-28 last year, when Texas was ranked No. 5 in the AP poll. "We hate it when we lose. We've had to answer before. Coming from behind and winning after losing the previous year was great with the whole nation watching," Texas coach Mack Brown said. Arkansas led 17-16 at halftime, but the Longhorns came from behind to retake the lead, then turned their old time rivals back three times in the final 9:58 after Arkansas closed within two. Cedric Benson rushed for 188 yards and scored two touchdowns for Texas, and Vince Young was 11-of-22 for 150 yards passing. The Longhorns had no turnovers and converted on fourth-and-1 at their own 40 to keep their initial touchdown drive alive. Arkansas was led by quarterback Matt Jones, who had 93 yards on 11 carries and was 13-for-27 through the air for 249 yards and two interceptions. Arkansas (1-1) gave Texas the margin of victory on the game's first drive. Long snapper Brett Goode sailed the ball over Jacob Skinner's head and out of the end zone for a safety, putting Texas up 2-0 with less than a half-minute gone. Early in the fourth quarter, Chris Balseiro brought Arkansas back to within two with a 35-yard field goal. The Razorbacks got the ball on their own 48 with 6:11 left and converted on third-and-1 before Jones hit Cedric Washington for a 27-yard gain to the Texas 15. But three plays later, Jones was forced from the pocket and fumbled when the ball was punched out of his grasp from behind by Larry Dibles. Texas' Brian Robison recovered at the 8. After getting the ball back with 48 seconds left, Jones drove Arkansas to midfield before throwing his second interception, a desperation heave as the clock wound down. Earlier in the period, Jones' pass was intercepted at the Texas 20 by cornerback Cedric Griffin. "It was a dogfight to the end," Brown said. After Goode's first-quarter error on the punt snap, Texas scored on the following drive when Young hit David Thomas, who was streaking behind the defense, for a 49-yard touchdown that made it 9-0. The Razorbacks responded by marching 80 yards in eight plays. Jones completed a 46-yard pass to Chris Baker that set up Peyton Hillis' 8-yard

touchdown run that made it 9-7. Benson rushed five times on the Longhorns' next drive, including a 60-yarder to the Arkansas 4. He scored from 3 yards out to increase the lead to 16-7. Arkansas used a trick play to get close in the second quarter. At the Texas 34, Jones fired a lateral pass to the left to receiver Carlos Ousley, who threw a floater to tailback DeCori Birmingham, who caught the ball over two defenders along the right sideline for a touchdown. The Razorbacks took the lead with 2:08 left in the half when Chris Balseiro hit a 27-yard field goal set up by a screen that Dedrick Poole broke for 50 yards. Texas scored on its first possession of the second half to make it 22-17. Young, under pressure and with a Razorback hanging onto his jersey, hit Benson with an outlet pass for a 13-yard touchdown. A two-point conversion attempt failed. Saturday's game was the 35th anniversary of the '69 Shootout. Plans to commemorate that game at halftime were dropped because of fans' objection to honor players from both 1969 teams on Arkansas' field. Instead, Arkansas honored its 1964 team, which claims a disputed national championship.

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## Chapter Two - NCAA Division 1 (FCS)

### Princeton-Yale Rivalry {Princeton-Yale}

The Princeton-Yale football rivalry is among the oldest in American sports. The rivalry is one of the oldest continuous rivalries in American sports, the oldest continuing rivalry in the history of American football, and is constituent to the Big Three academic, athletic and social rivalry among alumni and students associated with Harvard, Yale and Princeton universities. Princeton and Yale first met on the gridiron in 1873 and soon dominated the sport. Princeton has been considered the best football program of the nineteenth century. Princeton played the University of Virginia in 1890, a contest considered the first major North - South intersectional football matchup. Princeton won, 116 - 0.



During the 25 seasons spanning 1869 through 1894 the consensus collegiate national champion was either Princeton (16 titles) or Yale (13 titles). Three of four Heisman Trophy winners affiliated with Ivy League football programs participated in the rivalry: Clint Frank and Larry Kelley for Yale, and Dick Kazmaier for Princeton. Frank won the first Maxwell Award in 1937 and Kazmaier won the Award in 1951. Twenty nine members of the College Football Hall of Fame have been associated with Yale's football program. Twenty six members of the Hall of Fame have been associated with Princeton's football program; Princeton won the 1950 and 1951 Lambert Trophy. Princeton last claimed a collegiate national championship in 1950. Yale shared the Lambert in 1960 with the Navy team; the first time a movie camera recorded a football game was the November 15, 1902 Princeton - Yale contest. Thomas Alva Edison manned the camera.

#### Notable games in the Princeton-Yale rivalry

##### **1873 Princeton at Yale - Hamilton Park - New Haven, Connecticut {Yale 3 College of New Jersey 0}**

**{The first game}** College of New Jersey captain Cyrus Dershimmer led the Tigers to victory, 3 - 0, November 15, 1873, in the inaugural contest. "A leather covered, egg-shaped projectile was tossed and kicked on a field that measured 120 yards in length and 75 yards in width." The College of New Jersey's trustees adopted the current name in 1896, announced during the school's sesquicentennial celebration.

##### **1897 Princeton at Yale - Yale Field - New Haven, Connecticut {Yale 6 Princeton 0}**

The Yale Banner 1956 opens its feature END OF AN ERA, reporting Yale's football history up to the impending start of round-robin play among the appointed eight Ivy League programs in a few months, with the following quote, supposedly "from a father of a former player": "And those girls in Blue! Mothers, sisters, sweethearts, their radiance is over you now. The loving worship of fair women for brave men, which preserves the courage of the human race is yours now. One and all of them would tear out their heart strings to bring you victory. Yale calls you. Where Yale calls there is no such thing as fail. Now go. Do or die like heroes and gentlemen and may the God of Battles crown the Blue with victory!" Yale won the game, 6 - 0. Charles Ives, a composer who championed American vernacular stylings in American classical music, spectated the contest on November 20. The victory inspired the composer's Yale - Princeton Game. Ives proposed successfully to Harmony Twichell after the 1905 contest in New Haven. Rev. Joseph Twichell, Ives's father-in-law, was a member of an investigative committee, convened at the behest of the Harvard Board of Overseers, to determine the extent of brutality, as well as character-building, on college and prep school gridirons post the notorious 1894 Harvard - Yale game. Groton founder Endicott Peabody was a committee member.

##### **1934 Yale at Princeton - Palmer Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Yale 7 Princeton 0}**

November 17 was the last time eleven football athletes, future Downtown Athletic Club trophy winner Larry Kelley among them, as a unit played without substitutes to the final whistle from the opening kickoff in a major college football game. Yale defeated Princeton, 7 - 0, in front of 53,000 fans at Palmer Stadium. Larry Kelley scored on an 80+ yard pass play as Yale was an obvious underdog versus one of Princeton's all-time great teams. Princeton sought its sixteenth straight victory in a streak extending back to the 1933 season. Princeton coach Fritz Crisler, the acknowledged father of two-platoon football, guided the Tigers to a 7 - 1 record one year after an undefeated season and a national championship. The 1934 team outscored opponents 280 - 38. The contest inspired two monographs. "Football's Last Iron Men: 1934, Yale vs. Princeton and One Stunning Upset" by Norman Macht, University of Nebraska Press, Bison Books, published in 2010, and "Yale's Ironmen: A Story of Football and Lives In The Decade of The Great Depression and Beyond" by New York Times sportswriter and Yale alumnus William N. Wallace, published by Iunverse Press in 2005.

### **1981 Yale at Princeton - Palmer Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Princeton 35 Yale 31}**

Princeton, in Palmer Stadium, ended a fourteen-game loss streak to Yale, 35 - 31, November 14. Bob Holly, a future Super Bowl champion with the Washington Redskins, passed for 501 yards and wide receiver Derek Graham accounted for 278 yards, both Princeton records. Rich Diana ran for a Yale record 222 yards. The Princeton Athletic News deemed the contest the Princeton game of the century. Yale was 8 - 0 including a nationally televised "upset" victory versus Navy. Yale Head Coach Carm Cozza's record was 14 - 1 versus Princeton before the final whistle. Princeton had a 3 - 4 - 1 overall record, and had lost to Maine 55 - 44 the week before. Holly, a right handed quarterback, scored the winning touchdown on a left roll out with four seconds remaining.

### **1997 Yale vs Princeton - The Meadowlands - East Rutherford, New Jersey {Princeton 9 Yale 0}**

Princeton defeated Yale 9 - 0 in front of a little more than 6,000 spectators on a blustery and cloudy afternoon at the Meadowlands, home to the NFL New York Jets and New York Giants. The following day's New York Times game story, by William N. Wallace, began: "A century ago Princeton - Yale was the game, played at the Polo Grounds in New York from 1887 to 1896 before capacity crowds." That was not the case across the Hudson River just west of the mentioned Polo Grounds, now home to a rundown New York City Housing Authority development. The Princeton Tigers football team spent the season on the road while Princeton Stadium was constructed. The Yale game was the sole game Princeton played in New Jersey in 1997. Palmer Stadium had been demolished for the construction of Princeton Stadium on the same site. William Powers, once an All-Ivy punter for Princeton, contributed \$10 million to the Princeton athletic department. Princeton Stadium's playing surface is named in honor of his family.

## **The Game {Harvard-Yale}**

The Harvard-Yale football rivalry is renewed annually with The Game, between the Harvard Crimson and the Yale Bulldogs. The contest concludes the season for both programs. The winner does not take possession of a physical prize. The Game (with Princeton-Yale second) is third among most-played Division 1 football rivalry. Yale leads the series 66-59-8.

"Harvard and Yale generally duke it out in the academic arena' but geographic proximity, the history of Yale's founding, and social competition between the respective student bodies and alumni contingents animate the athletic rivalries. Competition for undergraduate matriculants helps sustain the rivalry. The Crimson editorial board published a sophomoric editorial April 15, 2016 headlined "Why Harvard? Because Yale Sucks" for consideration by then recently admitted high school seniors visiting the Cambridge campus. "Yuck Yale, Pick Harvard" was the headline of a blog entry, published Mar. 30, 2017, with advice to "cross-admits" to Yale and Harvard. Competition of a sort is waged and watched between managers of the respective universities financial endowments. Harvard football head coach Joe Restic, who held position for 23 seasons, quipped regarding his relationship with retired Yale football head coach and National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame member Carm Cozza, who held position for 32 seasons: "Each year, we're friends for 364 days and rivals for one." The athletic rivalry is the first ever in the annals of American sport. The signature Harvard fight song, "Ten Thousand Men of Harvard," names Yale in the famous final stanza. The song is sung in the Harvard football locker room after a victory regardless the opponent. The song is among six Harvard fight songs that mention Yale. "Down The Field" is Yale's signature fight song and Harvard is the foe named. The song is among five that mention Harvard. Two of the songs, "Bingo, That's the Lingo" and "Goodnight, Harvard", have been sung substituting Princeton for Harvard when appropriate. Cole Porter composed the former and Douglas Moore the latter. Unlike many rivalry collegiate football contests, the victor does not take possession of a trophy. The football rivalry is among the most admired rivalries on the American athletic scene. The schools and the rivalry established the template for American college football. The Game is the most prominent athletic contest between the schools and has accounted for many of either rival's most-publicized athletic feats. The Game is central to the Harvard-Yale athletic rivalry. Sports Illustrated (College Edition) rated the rivalry sixth-best among American athletic collegiate rivalries behind in order Alabama - Auburn, Duke - North

Carolina, UCLA - USC, Army - Navy, and Cal - Stanford. The football rivalry was ranked eighth among Athlon Sports Top 25 rivalries in the history of college football.



**Significance of the Rivalry** - "A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard" from Moby-Dick by Herman Melville examples public fascination beyond athletics with both institutions. Twelve past POTUS have earned an undergraduate or professional degree from one of the universities. The list includes: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, George Herbert Walker Bush, George Walker Bush, William Clinton, Gerald Ford, Rutherford B. Hayes, John F. Kennedy, Barack Obama, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, and William Howard Taft. Theodore Roosevelt, a fan of football, is considered often the savior of football in the early 20th century. Roosevelt, who attended the second Harvard - Yale game as a first year student at Harvard College in 1876, has been quoted, "In life as in football, the principle to follow is 'hit the line hard.'" Roosevelt suggested turn-of-the-century "manly virtues" were taught and reinforced on the gridiron. Walter Camp, captain of the 1878 and 1879 Yale football teams, is considered often "the father" of American football and its most ardent popularizer. Camp attended almost every important rule committee meeting for the sport to his death in 1925 while napping between sessions of the Intercollegiate Football Rule Committee. Camp attended a rules meeting for the sport when he was a student at Hopkins School in New Haven, CT. Camp wrote professionally about the sport, popularizing All-American teams with Caspar Whitney for This Week's Sports magazine. Eventually Collier's magazine featured the annual selections. Journalism and book publishing provide other examples of general interest. George Plimpton, author of Paper Lion, reported in the December 3, 2001 issue of The New Yorker Harvard's victory over Yale concluding the Crimson's first undefeated and untied season in several decades. My Harvard, My Yale, edited by Diana DuBois and published in 1982, shared recollections by graduates. Malcolm Gladwell, in the October 10, 2005 issue of The New Yorker, authored "GETTING IN: The social logic of Ivy League admissions". Jerome Karabel authored in 2005 The Chosen: The Hidden History of Admissions and Exclusion at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Thomas G. Bergin, better known for commentary on The Divine Comedy and longtime Sterling Professor of Romance Languages at Yale University, authored THE GAME: The Harvard Yale Football Rivalry 1875 - 1983, published in 1984. Owen Johnson's Dink Stover, George Patten's Frank Merriwell and F. Scott Fitzgerald's Tom Buchanan played football for Yale.

**Historical importance** - The first contest was held in 1875, two years after the inaugural Princeton - Yale football contest. Only the Princeton - Yale football series, at 139 games, and the Lafayette - Lehigh football series, at 152 games, have been played more often. The series features the first- and second-most winning teams in the Division 1 Championship Subdivision. Yale ranks first with 892 wins, Harvard ranks second with 856 wins as of the close of the 2016 season. Yale and Harvard have played major roles in advancing and shaping intercollegiate athletics. The first American intercollegiate sporting event took place August 3, 1852 after Yale invited Harvard to a race of crews. The first intercollegiate contests in ice hockey, soccer or five-on-five basketball contests featured teams from Harvard and Yale. Many now century-old aspects of American football were introduced by Harvard or Yale students or athletes. Yale introduced cheerleading at athletic events in 1890. Harvard introduced spring practice to collegiate football March 14, 1889. Yalies sang "Hold the Fort" during the 1892 Harvard game, considered the first public performance of a fight song.

**Past participants and teams** - Some past participants and teams have been noteworthy. Yale football claims twenty seven collegiate national football season-ending number one poll rankings or championships. Harvard football claims seven such rankings or championships. Yale or Harvard athletes, cheerleaders, coaches, journalists, and student managers associated with The Game include: Howard M. Baldrige, George W. Bush, Jonathan Bush, Prescott Bush, Ruly Carpenter, Frederick B. Dent, Richardson Dilworth, John T. Downey, Theo Epstein, Gerald Ford, Jack Ford, Pudge Heffelfinger, John Hersey, Charles B. Johnson, Dean Loucks, Archibald MacLeish, Michael McCaskey, Lee McClung, Vance McCormick, Stone Phillips, Philip W. Pillsbury, William Proxmire, Frederic Remington, Percy Avery Rockefeller, Kurt Schmoke, Bob Shoop, Steve Skrovan, Amos Alonzo Stagg, George Woodruff, and William Wrigley III for Yale; and Steve Ballmer, Wilder Dwight Bancroft, Edward

Bowditch, Frank Champi, Henry Chauncey, Adam Clymer, John Culver, Arthur Cumnock, C. Douglas Dillon, Hamilton Fish III, Tim Fleiszer, Victor E. Gatto, Huntington Hardwick, Ray Hornblower, Dan Jiggetts, Tommy Lee Jones, Robert F. Kennedy, Ted Kennedy, Everett J. Lake, William Henry Lewis, Lucius Nathan Littauer, Torbert MacDonald, Kenneth O'Donnell, Chester Middlebrook Pierce, Henry Dwight Sedgwick, Thomas F. Stephenson, Jeffrey Ross Toobin, Walter H. Trumbull, Pete Varney, and W. Barry Wood, Jr. for Harvard;

- Fifteen Rhodes Scholarship recipients, eight representing Yale, seven representing Harvard;
- Heisman Trophy winners Larry Kelley and Clint Frank (Frank won also the Maxwell Award), both for Yale, and Heisman finalists Endicott Peabody II, an offensive lineman for Harvard, and Brian Dowling and Rich Diana, offensive backfield players for Yale;
- Fifty members of the College Football Hall of Fame, twenty-nine affiliated with Yale and twenty-one affiliated with Harvard, the most recent inductees Dick Jauron from Yale, Class of 2015, and Pat McNally from Harvard, Class of 2016;
- Seventeen holders of the Asa S. Bushnell Cup, the Player of the Year award for Ivy League football, nine representing Harvard, eight representing Yale;
- Twenty-one designees to the Ivy League Silver Anniversary Team, sixteen from Yale and five from Harvard;
- Twenty winners of the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston's George H. "Bulger" Lowe Award, honoring New England's best collegiate football athlete, twelve from Harvard, eight from Yale - and eleven winners of the Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award for "academics, athletics, sportsmanship and citizenship," seven from Yale, four from Harvard;
- Super Bowl participants Matt Birk, Rich Diana, John Dockery, Gary Fencik, Pat Graham, Calvin Hill, Kenny Hill, Isaiah Kacyvenski, Pat McNally, Chuck Mercein, and John Spagnola;
- Ninety Harvard football athletes are members of the Harvard Varsity Hall of Fame and twenty-seven Yale football athletes have won the William Mallory Award.
- Thirty-one teams, seventeen representing Harvard and fourteen representing Yale, have won outright or shared the Ivy League football title;
- Nearly 300 football All Americans are affiliated with the programs;
- Five Yale teams won enough support for inclusion on the season's final AP or UPI College Football Poll: 12th in 1936, 12th in 1937, 12th in 1946, and 14th in 1960 AP polls, with 17th and 18th place rankings, respectively, on the 1956 and 1960 UPI polls. Harvard has never secured an end of season ranking on either modern era major college football poll.

### Noteworthy Pranks

**1933** - Prior to The Game Handsome Dan II, Yale's bulldog mascot, was kidnapped (allegedly by members of the Harvard Lampoon); then, the morning after a 19–6 upset by Harvard over Yale, after hamburger was smeared on the feet of the statue of John Harvard that sits in front of University Hall in Harvard Yard, an image was captured of Handsome Dan licking John Harvard's feet. The photo ran on the front page of papers throughout the country.

**1955** - Three greased pigs diverted the attention of 56,000 spectators away from the Yale marching band at halftime on a snowy Saturday in New Haven. The pig's eluded tackles by groundskeepers and "compiled the most yards rushing of the afternoon," reported Charles Steedman of the Harvard Crimson. Rumor had it the Harvard Lampoon was responsible for the exhibition of porcine football skill on the gridiron. The Crimson reported "in any event it was certain [the pigs] hadn't been playmates of Handsome Dan."

**1969** - Two staffers of the Harvard College paper published and distributed a mock copy of The Yale Daily News, datelined November 22, 1969. Readers were greeted with headlines "Disease Strikes 16 Eli Football Starters; Bulldogs Forced to Forfeit Harvard Game" and "Last Year's Stars Want to Fill in". Female cheerleaders were the alleged source of a STD rampaging through the football roster. Yale was in its first semester of coeducation.

**2004** - The card stunt was well designed, managed and executed. Yale students, costumed as the Harvard pep squad, handed out placards to some 1,800 Harvard partisans. When raised on cue, the cards displayed WE SUCK to applause from Yale students, alumni and fans across the field. Harvard won the game, 35–3. Harvard students refused to believe eyewitnesses to the prank until video confirmed the obvious. The prank was featured in various print media, Jimmy Kimmel Live, and MSNBC.

**MIT "Hacks"** - MIT has a roster of hilarious "Hacks" against supposed haughtiness by Harvard. Both universities are located in Cambridge, MA. During the second quarter in 1982 at Harvard Stadium, a Harvard score was immediately followed by a huge black weather balloon inflating near midfield. "MIT" was proclaimed in painted letters on the slowly inflating balloon until it exploded, spraying powder over a few square yards of the field. Again in Harvard Stadium, MIT students secretly replaced the "VE-RI-TAS" insignia on the scoreboard with "HU-GE-EGO" in 2006.

**The Little Red Flag** is a talisman that since 1884 has been waved by Harvard's "most loyal fan" after each score by Harvard against Yale. The original pennant was made of brick-red and magenta silk with an olive "H" stitched to one side. That pennant was retired to a secret location when Paul Lee assumed the honor of waving a replacement after each score by Harvard. The tradition began with Frederick Plummer, class of 1888, who attended the Harvard-Yale game 59 times between 1884 and his death in 1948. In 1950, when the flag appeared among the various unassigned items in Plummer's estate, William Bentinck-Smith, then editor of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin, suggested awarding the honor of carrying the flag on game day to the Harvard man in attendance who had seen the largest number of Yale games – and, for the 1951 game, it was awarded to Spencer Borden, class of 1894. The succession of holders has continued consecutively with Allen Rice, Richard P. Hallowell, Douglas Hamilton, James Dwinell, Harold Sedgewick, Sam McDonnell, Burdette Johnson, William Markus, Paul Lee, and Dick Bennink.



The Little Red Flag

### Notable games in the Harvard-Yale rivalry

#### **1875 - Harvard at Yale - Hamilton Park - New Haven, Connecticut {Harvard 4 Yale 0}**

The game, a rugby contest in fact but called "Foot Ball", played November 13 in New Haven, CT at Hamilton Park was won by Harvard. The "Foot Ball Match" was played under "concessionary rules". Harvard conceded to aspects of the soccer-like "Foot Ball" played by Yale while Yale conceded likewise to Harvard's rugby-informed play, featured in the Harvard - McGill game of 1874. The contest has been noted as the first ever when both teams donned coordinated uniforms. The teams fielded fifteen athletes to a side. Harvard students picked by plebiscite Crimson over Magenta as the school color and athletic nickname. Yale would win consecutively ten games and tie once before Harvard would win again, 12 - 6 in 1890, a season Harvard claimed a national championship. Harvard's record in the series was once 9–23–5 through the start of World War I. "Harvard felt a certain loss of manhood in not winning a single football game with Yale in the eighties and only to win one in the nighties," historian Samuel Eliot Morison noted in *Three Centuries of Harvard 1636 - 1936*".

#### **1890 Yale at Harvard - Hampden Park - Springfield, Massachusetts {Harvard 12 Yale 6}**

Harvard ended the season undefeated and untied, 11 - 0, defeating Yale, 12 - 6. Yale finished the season with a 12 - 1 record. The victory is considered possibly the greatest in the history of Harvard Crimson football, and Arthur Cumnock, team captain, Harvard's greatest football player. Harvard won its second game in the series and ended a streak that included one tie and ten losses. Cumnock, who captained the 1889 and 1890 Crimson teams, is credited with convening the first spring practice in collegiate football.

#### **1894 Yale at Harvard - Hampden Park - Springfield, Massachusetts {Yale 12 Harvard 4}**

Yale won, 12–4, in Springfield, MA at Hampden Park. The contest, a bloody mess of a game, is known for on-field and off-field violence. In an era before players employed protective equipment of any type, the result of rough play was a given; however, competition between the Yale and Harvard football programs was placed on hiatus, seven players denoted in "dying condition" after the contest, according to the German daily newspaper *Munchener Nachrichten*. Frank Hinkey has been alleged to have broken the collarbone of a Harvard player following a fair catch. Yale tackle Fred Murphy broke the nose of Harvard's Bob Hallowell during an official's conference; in turn, Murphy absorbed a hard hit later in the contest that hospitalized him.

Rumors circulated post-game he died in a local hospital. Violence ensued among fans in the streets of Springfield. The Harvard faculty voted by a two-to-one margin to abolish football. Harvard President Charles W. Eliot supported the faculty. Eliot opined, "Football is to academics what bullfighting is to agriculture." The Harvard Corporation sided, however, with alumni and students who championed the sport. The Harvard Board of Overseers invited Camp to chair an investigative committee to determine the extent of "character-building" as well as "brutality" on college and prep school football fields. Rev. Joseph Twichell, Endicott Peabody and Henry E. Howland were among the committee's members. Ray Tompkins, a former teammate of Camp as well as a two-time captain at the guard position, confided to Camp during the crisis of '94 that football was too American to be abrogated by any one or more faculty. Tompkins later would be namesake to the building, Ray Tompkins House, which is the administrative headquarters for Yale athletics. Yale and Harvard took a two-year hiatus on the football rivalry. The programs have played annually ever since excluding the World War I and World War II years.

#### **1919 - Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 10 Yale 3}**

Coach Bob Fisher's 1919 Harvard Crimson football team concluded an undefeated regular season November 22 with a 10–3 victory at the Stadium before an estimated crowd of 50,000. Arnold Horween, who would later coach the Crimson, kicked a field goal and Eddie Casey scored on a reception in the first half. Robert Sedgwick helped anchor an outstanding offensive and defensive line that day and throughout the season. Only one touchdown was scored against Harvard during the season. Harvard won later the 1920 East–West Tournament Bowl, now known as the Rose Bowl, versus the Oregon Webfoots, now known as the Oregon Ducks, 10–7.

#### **1923 Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Yale 13 Harvard 0}**

November 24 the game was played on, according to Grantland Rice, "a gridiron of seventeen lakes, five quagmires and a water hazard" in Boston. Yale won, 13–0. Ducky Pond, future Yale head coach and All American for the season, returned a fumble 67 yards for a touchdown, Yale's first touchdown versus Harvard since World War I. Yale head coach T.A. Dwight Jones, future member of the College Football Hall of Fame, advised before the opening kickoff, "Gentlemen, you are about to play Harvard. You will never do anything else so important for the rest of your lives." Yale, who defeated Army and then Princeton at Yale Bowl before estimated crowds 80,000 and ended the season scoring 230 points and yielding 38, entered the contest with claim to the national championship. "Memphis" Bill Mallory, Century Milstead and Mal Stevens contributed to the victory. Bill Mallory, team captain and future member of the College Football Hall of Fame, kicked two field goals in the third quarter to complete the scoring. Mallory died in a plane crash enroute to the United States from Europe after serving in the United States Army Air Forces at the rank of Major during World War II. He'd just completed "Operation Mallory". Twenty two bridges were destroyed out of twenty four that spanned the Po River in Italy, disrupting the flow of supplies to German soldiers. Mallory would have discharged from service soon after touchdown. The Yale athletics department awards a prize in Mallory's memory to "the senior man who, on the field of play and in his life at Yale, best represents the highest ideals of American sportsmanship and Yale tradition". The winner is announced at Class Day. The 1956 Yale Banner, the senior class yearbook, published: "Bill Mallory was, to put it mildly, an all-around football player. He backed the line sharply, ran effectively, kicked field goals with unbelievable skill, and blocked flawlessly. It was his leadership, perhaps, more than any factor that brought Yale its last undefeated, untied season." The Yale football 1960 team would duplicate the feat.

#### **1937 Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 13 Yale 6}**

Harvard won, 13–6, through snow flurries at the Stadium. The teams rushing attacks totaled 434 yards. Harvard's Torbert Macdonal, who would captain the 1939 Crimson team, gained 102 yards on 10 carries. Yale's Al Hessberg gained 98 yards on 15 carries. Clint Frank scored on a one yard run in the third quarter. Yale's second Heisman Trophy winner played with a severe injury most of the contest but made "fifty tackles" according to Stanley Woodward, the sports journalist credited with the first printed mention of the "ivy colleges" or Ivy League, of the New York Herald Tribune. Woodward hailed Frank "the best football player we have seen" since World War I. The 1937 Yale Bulldogs football team finished 12th in the final AP Poll ranking.



**1955 Harvard at Yale - Yale Bowl - New Haven, Connecticut {Yale 21 Harvard 7}**

The November 19 game was won by Yale, 21–7. Ted Kennedy, in jersey numbered 88, caught a pass for a touchdown in the third quarter for Harvard's sole touchdown in New Haven on a snowy day before a crowd that included his brother, Senator John F. Kennedy, Connecticut's governor Abe Ribicoff and New York City's mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Denny McGill scored Yale's 20th point on an interception. Offensive tackles Phil Tarasovic, the team captain, and William Post Lovejoy, winner of the Mallory Award for the Class of 1956, helped Yale running backs Gene Coker, Al Ward and Denny McGill gain for 238 rushing yards on 45 carries. Harvard, in turn, was held to 78 rushing yards on 33 carries. Charley Yeager was recalled as fondly as he might be by Harvard denizens of its Dillon Field House. "Remember Charley Yeager" was chalked prominently in block letters on the Harvard athletics center during the week leading up to Yale's win. Crimson coach Lloyd Jordan, a future member of the College Football Hall of Fame, was replaced by John Yovicsin in the off-season.



**1968 Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 29 Yale 29}**

The game played November 23, 1968 was highlighted by the Crimson scoring 16 points in the final 42 seconds to tie a highly touted Bulldog squad. Harvard head Coach John Yovicsin substituted twice quarterback Frank Champi -- number 27 - the man of the moment who earned one varsity H at Harvard-- for George Lalach to reignite the Crimson's nearly-extinguished offense. Champi singled the Yale defense at the close of the first half with a touchdown drive (however, Yovicsin returned Champi to the bench at the start of the second half), then Champi, again substituting for the lackluster Lalach, immolated the Yale defense in the closing minutes of the contest. Yale lost six fumbles, an all-time record, adding logs to the fire. Poor officiating and poor timekeeping contributed to the outcome, Yale partisans and players have suggested; nonetheless, Pete Varney, who would later play MLB, ran a slant route, caught the pass right in front of a Yale defensive back Ed Franklin, and Harvard had its 29th point. Yale had a 16-game winning streak. Both teams were 8–0. For the first time since 1909 both adversaries were undefeated and untied for the contest. Yale was ranked at the lower end of a few top national college football polls. Calvin Hill, soon to be the first ever and only Ivy League football athlete selected in the First Round of the NFL draft, and Tommy Lee Jones were in uniform. The Penn Quakers finished third in the standings and won five League games by close scores but were defeated by Harvard, 28 - 6, and Yale, 30 - 13. The Yale roster included two future Rhodes Scholars, Kurt Schmoke and Tom Neville,

who would later captain a Yale football squad. The Harvard roster included one future Rhodes Scholar, Paul Saba. The outcome inspired The Harvard Crimson to print the logically impossible "Harvard Beats Yale, 29–29" headline.



This headline was later used as the title for a 2008 documentary about this Game, directed by Kevin Rafferty. Yale Daily News editors headlined "Johns Stage Dramatic Rally Tie Elis for Title, 29 - All" at top right half of front page of its November 25, 1968 issue. John T. Downey, a Yale football letter winner before joining the CIA, was a prisoner-of-war in 1968. His Chinese captors allowed correspondences from home while he endured solitary confinement. Downey received from a friend a postcard announcing Yale had won, 29 - 13. Months later he learned of the "loss".



#### **1972 Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Yale 28 Harvard 17}**

Yale overcame a 17 - 0 Harvard second quarter lead with 28 unanswered points on the road. Yale won, 28 - 17. Dick Jauron, who rushed for 183 yards setting the all-time record in the series, and captain Dick Perschel, at linebacker, lead the Bulldogs to the come from behind victory in Boston. Harvard's Ted DeMars rushed for 153 yards, including an 86 yard first quarter touchdown. Harvard was held scoreless after quarterback Eric Crone's one yard touchdown run and the successful conversion kick. Momentum swung away from Harvard after fumbling on its one yard line later in the quarter. Tyrell Henning scored eventually for Yale. Momentum swung seemingly further toward Yale when a Harvard punt was blocked on the subsequent set of downs; however, Jauron was stopped at the one yard line before halftime. Jauron scored on a seventy-four run early in the third quarter. Jauron, among a myriad of awards, won the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston George H. "Bulger" Lowe award for the season.

#### **1974 Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 21 Yale 16}**

Harvard Stadium was the setting for a late fourth quarter 95-yard drive that defeated an undefeated and untied Yale team. Senior quarterback, first year starter and eventual All Ivy First Team football selection Milt Holt lead the Harvard offense to the winning touchdown through a Yale defense that lead the League in many statistical categories. Holt scored on a sweep around left end for Harvard's 20th point. The Crimson won, 21 - 16. Harvard and Yale both finished the season 6-1 in the League and shared the title. Gary Fencik caught 11 passes for 187 yards in the losing effort. Fencik was one of a total of six varsity letter winners on the field—with Yale teammates Elvin Charity and Vic Staffieri (whom Carm Cozza described as "the best captain I

ever had" when Staffieri lead the 1976 Bulldogs team). Bill Emper, Dan Jiggetts, and Pat McNally for Harvard—who were named later to the Ivy League Silver Anniversary team. Greg Dubinetz, a Yale senior lineman, was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the ninth round of the 1975 NFL draft and enjoyed a brief professional football career.

#### **1979 Harvard at Yale - Yale Bowl - New Haven, Connecticut {Harvard 22 Yale 7}**

Harvard upset, 22–7, an undefeated, untied, 13.5 point Las Vegas-favored Yale team in New Haven before an estimated crowd of 72,000. The Crimson was shocked by the outcome, publishing the following week a sports column under the headline "The Shock of 1979". Yale had clinched the League title the week before with a victory over, 35 - 10, Princeton at Palmer Stadium. Not even the Harvard Crimson sports editor, or a peer at any of the other seven League newspapers, predicted Harvard would win. Harvard running back Jim Callinan and the offense set the tone with an opening game drive of 74 yards, 64 by the run, on 17 plays. Callinan caught a 23-yard touchdown pass later in the afternoon. Harvard ran for 152 yards from scrimmage while Yale managed 92 yards. Yale fumbled six times but recovered three, unlike the 1968 Yale team that fumbled six times with Harvard recovering each fumble. Harvard lost its starting and backup quarterback before the season started. Injuries forced four other quarterbacks onto the field with hope each had mastered Joe Restic's complicated multi-flex offense. Brian Buckley, Ron Cuccia, Mike Smerczynski, Joe Lahti, Mike Buchannan, and Burke St. John—who quarterbacked the 22-7 victory—were each listed at least once as the Crimson's starting quarterback during the season. Harvard employed two tight ends and an unbalanced offensive line to control the line scrimmage. Harvard finished the season 3 - 6 and thwarted again a Yale team a win away from an unblemished football season. Yale would have celebrated its first undefeated, untied season since 1960 and its second in 56 years with a win. Yale clinched sole possession of the League football title the week before at Princeton.

#### **1993 Harvard at Yale - Yale Bowl - New Haven, Connecticut {Yale 33 Harvard 31}**

A game ball was presented to Theo Epstein, a Yale Daily News sports section editor. Epstein, later a noted sports executive, authored a column calling for Yale head coach Carm Cozza to retire, published the day before the 110th contest in the series. The column appeared to arouse the Bulldogs. Harvard, the program playing its last game under Joe Restic, appeared aroused, too. The 33–31 outcome is the all-time highest combined score in the series. Both teams had each won one game, and not versus Princeton, in the League entering the contest. The teams both finished with 3 - 7 overall records. Twenty five years before, almost to date, Harvard achieved a climatic 29- 29 win versus Yale. New York Times sportswriter William N. Wallace wrote "Twenty-five years ago Harvard scored 26 points in the last 42 seconds at Cambridge to tie Yale, 29 - 29, in an epic battle between two undefeated teams." (Wallace authored an authoritative book on an important game in the Princeton-Yale football rivalry, Yale's Ironmen: A Story of Football + Lives in the Decade of the Depression + Beyond.) Harvard mounted a fourth quarter comeback, and though it mauled the Yale return man and caused a melee on an onside kick after scoring on a 77-yard pass and a run play for the 2-point conversion, the Crimson couldn't sendoff Restic with a victory.

#### **2014 Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 31 Yale 24}**

Conner Hempel completed a 35-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Fischer with 0:55 remaining in the contest and Harvard defeated Yale 31–24. Harvard won outright the League football title November 22. A Yale victory would have created a three-way tie for the League football title among Dartmouth, Harvard and Yale. Harvard led 24–7 at the end of the third quarter. Harvard finished season ranked in several Top 20 college football polls for its NCAA division. The Emmy-winning ESPN College GameDay was broadcast from Boston. Lee Corso predicted Yale would win on the premiere college football television show. A little more than a week before the contest Yale students protested the cost of the football program, particularly given the recent poor recent. Tyler Varga gained 127 yards on 30 carries and scored two touchdowns for Yale but Harvard completed the season undefeated and untied, the third time during Tim Murphy's tenure. Deon Randall for Yale and Norm Hayes for Harvard captained the teams, the first time African American athletes represented each rival at the opening coin toss. Both were voted First team All-Ivy football, Randall at receiver (for the second straight year) and Hayes at defensive back. Tim Murphy was voted Coach of the Year.

#### **2016 Yale at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Yale 21 Harvard 14}**

The game played November 19 in Boston ended two streaks. Harvard was denied a fourth consecutive shared or outright Ivy League football title, and Yale ended a nine-game losing streak versus Harvard. Yale twice took advantage of brilliant special teams play. Yale won, 21–14, a contest that featured ten consecutive punts from the opening kickoff. First year quarterback Kurt Rawlings ran for 84 yards and tossed two second-half touchdown passes to classmate wide receiver Reed Klubnik. The other touchdown occurred after Yale faked a field goal, passed, and gained a first down. "It was the last thing we talked about in our special teams meeting on Friday," Tim Murphy, one of the greatest head football coaches in the history of Ivy League and Harvard football, said postgame to media organizations of the successful fake field goal attempt. Holder Andrew Johnson completed a jump pass for the first down. First year running back Alan Lamar scored on a third down one yard rush that with an extra point tied the contest at 7 before halftime. Yale opened the second half with an onside kick that was recovered

easily by Yale's kicking specialist Alex Galland. Yale capitalized when Rawlings connected with Klubnik for the first of two touchdowns. Harvard lost to Penn 27 - 14, the Crimson's first League loss, eight days before the loss to Yale. November 9, under the by line of Crimson Staff Writer Wade G. Player, an analysis suggested what the headline made plain: "Forget Yale; 'The Game' Is Really Friday Night at Penn". Captain and linebacker Darius Manora lead the defense versus a talented Harvard offense. The 3 - 7 Bulldogs salvaged the season with the victory over the 7 - 3 Crimson.

## **Penn-Princeton Rivalry {Pennsylvania-Princeton}**

The Penn–Princeton football rivalry is between the Pennsylvania Quakers and Princeton Tigers. Princeton won the first 28 contests in this rivalry that started in 1876. It is the 5th oldest football rivalry in the Ivy League. (Columbia-Yale:1872; Princeton-Yale:1873; Columbia-Princeton:1874; Harvard-Yale: 1875; Penn-Princeton:1876; Columbia-Princeton:1877; Harvard-Princeton:1877; Columbia-Penn:1878; Penn-Yale:1879; Brown-Yale:1880; Harvard-Penn:1881; Dartmouth-Harvard:1882 and Dartmouth-Yale:1884). Penn's first victory over Princeton was in 1892 and after another Penn victory in 1894, the contest was suspended until 1935. Since the resumption of the series Penn has won 40 games and Princeton has won 36 games with one game ending in a tie (1942). Since the Ivy League was officially formed in 1956 Princeton has won 31 games and Penn has won 30 games. Penn and Princeton have played 108 times since 1876. Beginning in 2018 Penn and Princeton will play against each other in the final game of the season.



### **Notable games in the Pennsylvania-Princeton rivalry**

#### **2004 Pennsylvania at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Pennsylvania 16 Princeton 15}**

{Pennathletics.com} one, two or even three offensive drives can be the difference in a game and possibly a season. Penn needed those three drives and a key defensive stop with under a minute remaining to defeat Princeton, 16-15, at Princeton Stadium to set up a battle of the unbeaten versus Harvard on Nov. 13 at Franklin Field. The Quakers (7-1, 5-0 Ivy), down 15-13 with eight and a half minutes left in regulation pulled off yet another spectacular scoring drive. Penn raced 59 yards in 12 plays to set up freshman Derek Zoch for a 22-yard field goal, the first attempt of his career. A false start call on the Red and Blue moved the rookie back an additional five yards but his leg and aim held true, booting his first-career field goal to give Penn the decisive edge, 16-15. The one-point win is the smallest margin of victory during Penn's streak of 20-straight Ancient Eight wins. The Quakers' victories over Yale (34-31, OT) and Brown (24-21) in 2003 were previously the smallest point spread in the streak. Penn was not out of the woods yet, there was still nearly three minutes remaining, Princeton (4-4, 2-3 Ivy) drove to the Quakers' 19-yard line. Luke Hadden, who led Penn with 11 tackles (three solo), pulled down Brandon Benson for a five-yard loss. An incomplete pass from Matt Verbit put the weight of a 41-yard field goal attempt on Derek Javarone, who had hit three field goals during the game from distances of 27, 32 and 33 yards, respectively. Javarone would not make a fourth as the kick sailed wide right. Penn was held to five yards of offense and no first downs until its second-to-last drive of the first half. With 5:21 remaining before the half, the Quakers awoke and drove 89 yards on 11 plays for their first score of the game. Von Bryant came into the game and ran 12 yards around the right side for his second touchdown of the season. The sophomore had a momentous debut with the Red Blue, carrying the ball five times for 111 yards and a touchdown in Penn's 61-18 win at San Diego (Sept. 18). On the season, Bryan has 14 carries for 135 yards (9.6 ypc). Pat McDermott finished the first half with 58 yards on 4-of-11 passing. McDermott showed his mastery of the two-minute drill as three of his completions came on Penn's scoring drive, which lasted three minutes, 10 seconds and ended at the 2:11 mark of the second quarter. The longest completion was to Dan Castles for 32

yards to end the Quakers' first-down drought. McDermott was 14-of-27 for 198 and a touchdown, while Castles quietly finished with five catches for 81 yards. The first half was marred by turnovers for both teams. Each lost one fumble and Verbit through his seventh interception of the season. Chad Slapnicka picked the pass, the second of the season and of his career. The Tigers converted a second-half Penn turnover into points as Princeton took over possession on its own 47-yard line and drove 45 yards on seven plays to set up Greg Fields eight-yard touchdown run. Verbit two-point conversion run came up short and the Tigers led 12-7 with 7:16 remaining in the third quarter. Javarone added a 33-yard field goal to make the score 15-7 to open the fourth quarter, but Penn answered quickly on the ensuing drive. The Red and Blue used seven plays to drive 66 yards in just one minute, 52 seconds for their next score. McDermott hit Gabe Marabella twice at the end of the drive, once for a gain of 20 yards and again on a 19-yard scoring strike. Marabella had a career-high 96 yards receiving on seven catches to lead the Red and Blue. A failed two-point conversion allowed Princeton to retain a 15-13 lead with 13 minutes left in regulation.

#### **2007 Princeton at Pennsylvania - Franklin Field - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania {Pennsylvania 7 Princeton 0}**

**{Pennathletics.com}** Following Saturday's Penn-Princeton football game the 99th in one of the Ivy League's fiercest regional rivalries head coaches Al Bagnoli and Roger Hughes met at midfield to shake hands. "All we could say to each other was that we may have set the offensive game back about 30 years," Bagnoli joked in the press conference after his team came out with a 7-0 win. It was the lowest-scoring game in the rivalry since before the Quakers and Tigers were Ivy League members: you have to go all the way back to a 7-0 Princeton win on Oct. 8, 1955. According to the league office, it was the lowest-scoring conference game since Sept. 19, 1998 when Princeton shutout Cornell, 6-0 and the second-lowest scoring Ivy game in the last 20 years. The last time Penn played anyone in a game so low-scoring was Oct. 18, 1980, when the Quakers lost to Lafayette 3-0. The last time Penn (3-5, 2-3 Ivy) shutout Princeton (3-5, 2-3) was Oct. 27, 1973 (a 24-0 win), and the last time the Quakers shut out anyone was last year against Columbia (16-0). Really, the highlight of the day was Penn's senior running back, Joe Sandberg. Back in action after missing much of the Brown game last weekend, he ran 30 times for 158 yards, with nearly 90 of them coming in the third quarter when the Quakers scored the only points of the game on a 26-yard Sandberg scamper. He also caught a game-high six passes for 54 yards, giving him 212 all-purpose yards on a day when the entire Penn team gained 264. Beyond that, this was a game dominated by defense. The teams combined for 21 punts (Penn 12, Princeton nine); gained a total of just 526 yards; and averaged less than four yards per play. Perhaps most telling, six of the Tigers' 13 drives on the day were three-and-outs, while six of the Quakers' 14 drives found the same fate. Princeton finished the day a woeful 2-of-15 on third-down conversions; Penn was 6-of-19 in that category. The first half was a scoreless affair, with the only real excitement coming when Princeton got inside Penn's 10-yard line thanks to a screen pass from Greg Mroz to Rob Toresco that ended up going for 66 yards. However, the Quakers held the Tigers on first and second down, and then on third down Penn's Britton Ertman sniffed out a corner route and picked Mroz off at the goal line, returning it 38 yards to get Penn out of trouble. Other than that, the half was interesting only if you were here to see the punters -- Anthony Melillo had seven punts for Penn, while Princeton's Ryan Coyle had six kicks. The teams combined for just 11 first downs and 224 total yards, with the Tigers' running game being particularly ineffective (16 rushes, three yards). Penn finally put digits on the scoreboard with its first drive of the second half, marching 60 yards in seven plays. The drive ended with Joe Sandberg rushing 26 yards up the middle to paydirt. The run put him over 100 yards for the day. The Quakers' then looked like they might keep momentum, surprising Princeton with an onside kick that was recovered by Ertman. However, after a pair of first downs Penn was stopped and forced to punt. As the third quarter progressed into the fourth, Princeton began getting more creative with its running plays, but the Penn defense remained steadfast. The Tigers generated some buzz near midfield early in the fourth with a fake punt that went for a first down, thanks to a tremendous effort by the runner, Ray Simnick. However, the end result was lost yardage over the next three plays and another punt by Coyle. Bryan Walker completed 12 of 27 passes for 111 yards, with half of those catches being made by Sandberg. For Princeton, Bill Foran ran for 36 yards and threw for 91 to lead the Tigers.

#### **2008 Pennsylvania at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Pennsylvania 14 Princeton 9}**

**{Pennathletics.com}** In his first career start, sophomore Keiffer Garton ran for a touchdown and passed for another as the University of Pennsylvania football team defeated rival Princeton, 14-9, at Princeton Stadium on Friday night. In the 100th meeting between the two rivals, the Quakers (5-3, 4-1 Ivy) kept their hopes of an Ivy League title alive, while the Tigers fell to 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the conference. Penn has two games left in the season to make up ground on current Ivy League leader Brown (5-2, 4-0 Ivy). The Bears play at Yale on Saturday. Penn held a 14-3 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but Princeton fought its way back into the contest on a one-yard touchdown run by running back Jordan Culbreath. Culbreath's score was aided by a 46-yard completion by quarterback Brian Anderson to Will Thanheiser during the drive that gave the Tigers first-and-goal from the one-yard line. However, after the score, the Tigers failed on an attempted two-point conversion to leave the score at 14-9. After the teams shared punts, Penn was pinned at its own three-yard line with 6:07 remaining. However, behind Garton and sophomore running back Michael DiMaggio, the Quakers managed three first downs and were able to run out the remainder of the clock. On the drive, DiMaggio and Garton rushed seven times for 26 yards, while Garton converted two big third down plays. On 3rd-and-6 from their own 18-yard line, Garton connected with senior Josh Koontz for 22 yards to move the chains and keep the clock

moving. Two plays later, Garton finished off the game with a nine-yard run on 3rd-and-8. With no timeouts remaining, Princeton could only watch as the Quakers ran out the clock with three successive kneel downs. Garton would finish with 89 rushing yards on 15 carries and was 16-of-21 for 132 yards through the air to go along with his two touchdowns. In head coach Al Bagnoli's 199th career win, Penn never trailed after Garton ran six yards through the gut of the Tigers defense to give the Quakers a 7-0 lead on the team's first offensive possession. The 13-play, 84-yard drive consumed just under six minutes. Princeton failed to cut into Penn's lead when kicker Ben Bologna missed a 35-yard field goal attempt wide left with 9:22 left in the second quarter. However, Bologna atoned for his earlier miss with a career-long 32-yarder to reduce the Tigers' deficit to 7-3 just before the half. On Penn's first drive of the second half, Garton extended the Quakers' lead to 14-3, on a 10-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Matt Appenfelder. The score was the first career passing touchdown for Garton and the first such receiving touchdown for Appenfelder, capping off a 14-play, 71-yard drive that took 8:06 off the clock. It was the second drive in two weeks for the Quakers that consumed more than eight minutes. DiMaggio finished with 74 rushing yards, while senior Britton Ertman led the Quakers with a career and game-high 10 tackles. The Manhattan Beach, Calif., native also had a forced fumble, a half of a sack and a pass breakup. Sophomores Jake Lewko and Josh Powers and senior Kevin Gray each had six tackles for a Penn defense that has held its opponent to 10 points or fewer in all five wins this season. Penn also held Culbreath, the league's leading rusher, to just 57 yards on the ground - fewer than half his average.



#### 2012 Pennsylvania at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Pennsylvania 28 Princeton 21}

{Pennathletics.com} With first-place on the line and the University of Pennsylvania football team trailing by seven midway through the fourth quarter, the Quakers once again rallied in dramatic fashion and topped Princeton, 28-21, Saturday afternoon at Princeton Stadium. Senior defensive end C.J. Mooney tied the game, 21-21, with his 15-yard interception return at the 7:31 mark of the fourth quarter. A short while later, senior quarterback Billy Ragone capped his eighth career game-winning drive - and third this season (all Ivy games) - with a three-yard rush to put Penn up 28-21 with 2:59 left. Then with Princeton facing a 3rd-and-goal with 30 seconds left, senior Steve Lias poked the ball loose and senior captain Brandon Copeland fell on the fumble to seal the victory. With the win, Penn (4-4, 4-1 Ivy) is tied atop the Ivy League with Harvard (7-1, 4-1 Ivy). The two teams play next week on national television (NBC Sports) at Franklin Field. The winner clinches a share of the 2012 Ivy League championship. Princeton fell one-game back in the Ivy race and is now 4-4 overall and 3-2 in league play. Penn led 14-13 at the half, but Princeton took the lead with a 21-yard touchdown pass at the 6:46 mark of the third quarter. The Tigers converted on a two-point conversion to go up, 21-14. The score remained that way into the fourth quarter when Penn's defense came up with two game-changing plays. The first happened after Princeton's offense drove seven plays down to the Penn 27. But the Quakers got their boost from senior defensive back Dave Twamley, who found himself in the right place at the right time, picking off a pass in the end zone with 8:59 left for the first interception of his career. Although Penn couldn't capitalize, they found some momentum. The next big play for the Quaker defense came a few minutes later. Senior defensive end Daniel Ritt tipped a Princeton pass and Mooney picked off the fluttering ball, taking it back for the score. The play resulted in Mooney's first career interception and first career touchdown, as well as Penn's first defensive score of the year. That knotted the game at 21-21. The Quakers defense then forced a three-and-out. Ragone and the offense started from their own 42 with 6:31 to play. Among the 10-play drive were a pair of first-down runs by Ragone that got the ball inside the Princeton 5. On second-and-goal, Ragone rolled to his left, found open space and scooted into the end zone for the go-ahead score with 2:59 to play. Princeton started at its own 28 and worked the ball into Penn territory. On 4th-and-4 from the Penn 34 with just over a minute to play, the Tigers converted with a 12-yard completion. The next play - a 14-yard completion - set up first-and-goal. A two-yard rush and an incompletion brought up third down. That's when Lias forced the fumble and Copeland collapsed on the loose ball. The beginning of the

game was just as back and forth as the end. After a strong start to the game, forcing the Tigers to punt after their opening drive, the Quakers, led by senior running back Jeff Jack, were able to take the early 7-0 lead. Penn drove the ball down deep into Princeton territory and was forced into a third-and-long situation. Jack took the handoff up the middle and ran 17 yards for the score, to cap off the 10-play, 70-yard drive. The score was Jack's third of the season and seventh of his career. With just over 10 minutes remaining in the second, a Penn miscue - a receiver fell down at the end of his route - ended in a Ragone interception. Princeton proceeded to drive 24 yards in six plays in just under three minutes, ending in a pop-up for a touchdown. On Princeton's next drive, the Tigers converted on a 4th-and-2 with a short pass that went all 30 yards for the score. After a fumbled snap botched the extra point, Princeton took the lead 13-7 at the 4:45 mark of the second half. Sophomore Eric Fiore gave the Quakers a big boost with a 53-yard return on the ensuing kickoff. Seven plays later, Ragone tossed a throwback pass to wide-open sophomore tight end Ryan O'Malley with 1:34 left until the half. Penn was able to sneak into the locker room with a 14-13 lead over Princeton when junior linebacker David Park blocked the Tigers' 32-yard field goal attempt as time expired. Princeton took the lead back in the third quarter, but it only served to set up Penn's third fourth-quarter comeback this season. The Quakers rallied to win from 10 down in the final eight minutes against Columbia on Oct. 13, and from three down in the final four minutes to top Brown in regulation last week. The win is head coach Al Bagnoli's 140th at Penn, which ties him for second-most by any coach at an Ivy League school. Penn is also 8-1 all-time in the 15-year history of Princeton Stadium. Senior Lyle Marsh had 104 rush yards on just 19 carries. It is Penn's first 100-yard rusher since Brandon Colavita had 156 at Yale on Oct. 22, 2011. It was his second career 100-yard game and first since he had 120 at Dartmouth during his freshman campaign (Oct. 9, 2009). Ragone finished with 92 pass yards and 61 rush yards. Junior Ty Taylor had a team-high three catches for 19 yards. Marsh added two catches for 22 yards. In addition to his touchdown, Jack had 50 yards on eight carries. Penn's defense forced four turnovers for the second straight week. The Quakers had forced a combined three turnovers in their first six games. Senior cornerback Dan Wilk and sophomore safety Mike Laning led the Quakers with 10 tackles apiece - a career-high for both. Penn and Harvard kick off at noon Saturday on NBC Sports with the Ivy League title on the line. This will mark the 11th time in the last 13 seasons in which the Ivy League title will be decided between the Quakers and Crimson on the seasons second to last weekend.

#### **2014 Pennsylvania at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Princeton 22 Pennsylvania 17}**

**{Pennathletics.com}** Despite three school records, the University of Pennsylvania football team came up just short in the final minutes of a classic rivalry game with Princeton on Saturday as the Tigers came up with enough plays to pull out a 22-17 win. Sophomore quarterback Alek Torgersen tied his school record with 40 completions on a school-record 61 pass attempts, while senior wideout Spencer Kulcsar caught 16 of those to break the program record he tied earlier this season. Penn, which lost in regulation at Princeton Stadium for the first time, got into the red zone on its first two possessions but was unable to score. On the game's opening possession, a third-down sack forced a long field goal which curled wide left. Princeton then hit a 46-yard field goal to cap its first drive, taking a 3-0 lead. Penn's second drive -- which was highlighted by a 40-yard trick pass play from senior wideout Conner Scott to senior Eric Fiore -- ended abruptly when a fumbled snap at the 2-yard line was returned by Princeton to the Penn 9-yard line. The Quakers defense forced another field goal, though, and Penn trailed 6-0 after the first six minutes. The Tigers added another score on their next possession, and after a failed two-point try they led 12-0 less than 10 minutes into the game. At that point the Quakers responded with an impressive 14-play, 65-yard drive. Sophomore quarterback Alek Torgersen connected with freshman Justin Watson for 11 yards to convert on fourth down inside the Princeton 30, and five plays later Torgersen found Scott for a five-yard touchdown. It was Scott's 11th touchdown catch of his career (tied for eighth-most in school history), and brought Penn within 12-7 just before the end of the first quarter. Both defenses held serve until Princeton (5-3, 4-1 Ivy) punched it in from a yard out to cap a 13-play drive with 6:52 left in the half. The Tigers nearly extended the 19-7 advantage, but Kenny Thomas tipped a deep pass inside the 10-yard line that was intercepted by junior safety Ian Dobbins. The Quakers (1-7, 1-4 Ivy) then marched 55 yards in 12 plays, a drive that included a one-yard Torgersen completion to himself after it was tipped at the line. Junior kicker Jimmy Gammill drilled home a 44-yard field goal just before the half to close the deficit to 19-10 at intermission. On the first play of the second half, senior captain Evan Jackson forced a fumble that senior Dan Wilk engulfed at the Princeton 33-yard line. Four plays later, Watson made a fantastic one-handed touchdown catch. The 22-yard score pulled Penn within 19-17 at the 12:54 mark of the third quarter. The Tigers -- who were given five downs at one point in the fourth quarter -- finally broke through for their first score of the second half with 10:15 to play. It was only a field goal, though, and Penn was still alive, trailing 22-17. The Quakers then drove to the Princeton 22-yard line on a drive as Torgersen set single-game school records for completions and attempts, but on fourth down Kulcsar was stopped just short of the marker on his school-record 16th reception of the day. That gave Princeton one final possession and more than five minutes to play, and whenever the Tigers needed a first down they got it -- right up until the point they could take a knee and run out the clock. Torgersen finished 40-of-61 with two touchdowns. He became the 10th passer in program history to surpass 2,000 yards in a season as he racked up 349 pass yards on Saturday -- 12th-most in a game in school history and one yard short of his career high. He matched the single-game completion record he set on Oct. 4 at Dartmouth and eclipsed the previous single-game attempts record set by Bryan Walker with 60 passes on two occasions in 2007. Kulcsar's 16 catches passed the previous program-

best of 15 set by Rob Milanese in 2002 and matched by Kulcsar on Oct. 4 at Dartmouth. His 30 catches in the last two games is also a school record, while his 117 receiving yards marked the fourth time this season he went over the 100-yard plateau. Watson, who has multiple catches in every game of his career, finished with a career-best six catches and 76 yards for the second straight game. Scott added a total of seven receptions for 42 yards to become just the fifth player in school history to surpass 1,700 career receiving yards. Defensively, junior Nolan Biegel led the Quakers with a career-high 13 tackles, while senior Evan Jackson added 10, a forced fumble and a pass breakup. Freshman Tayler Hendrickson and junior Tyler Drake each contributed a career-best eight tackles and a sack, while freshman Brandon Mills and junior Ian Dobbins each tacked on a career-best six tackles.

### **2015 Princeton at Pennsylvania - Franklin Field - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania {Pennsylvania 26 Princeton 23}**

A blocked field goal on the final play of regulation and an 11-yard touchdown pass in overtime gave Penn a 26-23 victory during a back-and-forth showdown with Princeton Saturday afternoon at Franklin Field. Princeton, which led for much of the second half, took the ball with 3:16 remaining in the fourth quarter and the game tied, and it marched 59 yards in 12 plays to set up the field goal attempt. Senior Nolan Bieck, who had made two field goals earlier in the game, lined up a 35-yard kick with four seconds remaining, but linebacker Donald Panciello came off the edge and blocked the kick to force overtime. The Quakers won the coin toss and sent Princeton on the field first, and the Tigers threw three straight incompletions before Bieck came back on the field and drilled a 42-yard kick. That gave Penn the opportunity to win it with a touchdown; following a 14-yard option rush by Brian Schoenauer on the first play, Penn quarterback Alek Torgerson threw a play-action pass to Fiore along the left sideline, and he went in untouched for the score. It was a crushing conclusion to a hard-fought performance by the Tigers, who grabbed momentum with a 17-point second quarter, but could never put the game away in the second half. The Tigers got two touchdowns in the quarter, both from junior Joe Rhattigan, and a last-second field goal by Bieck to take a 20-10 lead into the half. Penn cut it to 20-17 on a 3-yard touchdown run by Tre Solomon in the third quarter, and then evened the score on a 42-yard field goal by Jimmy Gammill with 3:22 left. The Princeton offense, which played without the injured John Lovett, was led by Rhattigan, who carried 30 times for 108 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Seth DeValve, who had played only one series since Week 2 after a variety of injuries, made his presence felt with nine catches for 65 yards. Junior quarterback Chad Kanoff was 26 of 42 for 218 yards in the game. Junior linebacker Luke Catarius led Princeton with 14 tackles, while junior safety Dorian Williams added 10 stops. Senior Matt Arends had six tackles and came up with a fumble recovery on the Princeton 3-yard-line, which helped the Tigers hold on to the lead during the second half.

### **Harvard-Princeton Rivalry {Harvard-Princeton}**

The **Harvard-Princeton football rivalry** is between the Harvard Crimson and the Princeton Tigers. Princeton leads the series 55 – 47 – 7. The football rivalry is constituent to the Big Three academic, athletic and social rivalry among alumni and students associated with Harvard, Yale and Princeton universities. Agreements among the athletics departments in 1906, 1916, the "Three Presidents Agreement" on eligibility, and a revision of that Agreement in 1923 have been considered precursors to the Ivy Group Agreement creating the Ivy League, each agreement addressing amateurism and college football. Twenty eight different teams, 17 representing Harvard and 11 representing Princeton, have shared or won outright the Ivy League football title. Bad blood has flowed between the two football programs. Princeton, for example, turned down Harvard's offer of a Thanksgiving Day contest in 1892, with Harvard refusing to play Princeton that season. The 1920s was a nadir for athletic relations between the institutions. F. Scott Fitzgerald's Amory Blaine, protagonist in *This Side of Paradise*, published in 1920, states plainly, "I want to go to Princeton...I don't know why, but I think of all Harvard men as sissies, like I used to be, and all Yale men as wearing big blue sweaters and smoking pipes." Harvard and Princeton ceased the football series for nearly a decade, 1926 – 1934, in part because of an over the top Harvard Lampoon spoof issue of *The Harvard Crimson* distributed during the 1926 contest that announced the death of Princeton's head coach, Bill Roper, a man who had a history of serious illness. Roper, who coached Princeton's Team of Destiny, is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame. William J. Bingham, a Harvard alumnus and athletics administrator, decided Harvard football could not guarantee to play any football program save Yale. Harvard wanted to play a national schedule was the declared reason for the change.



**{The Harvard Crimson - 1959 article by Michael Lottman}** Perhaps no other team, not even Yale, has been so consistently lethal to Crimson football fortunes as the Princeton eleven. Over the years, the Tigers have won 30 and lost 16 against the varsity, with five games being tied. The first meeting of the two teams in 1877 gave little indication of the one-sided rivalry that was to follow, as the Crimson whipped Princeton, one goal and two touchdowns to one touchdown. But the Tigers asserted themselves, taking the next four games before settling for a scoreless tie in 1881. Harvard scored its first win in five years in 1882, by the margin of one goal and one touchdown to one goal. Point scoring came in effect in 1883, and the Tigers found that their big scores now looked even bigger. They swamped the varsity, 26 to 7, in 1883, and followed with 36-6 and 12-0 decisions the next two seasons. Harvard took a victory at home in 1887, but Princeton ran off four straight wins between 1888 and 1896. When the two teams met again in 1911, the Crimson was embarked upon a period of football greatness. Princeton managed, nonetheless, to eke out an 8-6 triumph that fall, and in 1912 the Crimson had to struggle to win, 16 to 6. After 20 minutes of inconclusive struggling in 1913, the Crimson's Charlie Brickley drop kicked a 12-yard field goal to give the varsity a 3-0 lead. For the remaining 40 minutes of play, the valiant varsity line fought to contain Princeton's offense on the wet, muddy field. The Tigers twice moved deep enough into Harvard territory to try for a field goal, but each time the kick fell short. The varsity limped off the field still undefeated, but subdued. Two weeks later, Brickley, one of the greatest kickers in collegiate annals, scored 15 points on five goals from the field to defeat Yale single-handedly, 15 to 5. In the next three campaigns, the Crimson reeled off three consecutive victories, as it rose to perhaps its greatest heights. Two ties, in 1919 and 1920, began the transition that was completed in 1921, when Princeton finally notched a triumph over Harvard, 10 to 3. Another 10-3 Tiger win followed the next fall. The varsity came back, 5 to 0, in 1923, before a string of five Princeton victories. After a 14-14 tie in 1936, the Crimson took two of its most convincing decisions over the Tigers, 34 to 6 in 1937, and 26 to 7 in 1938. From 1939 to 1946, Harvard won three, lost one, and tied one, but in 1947 the axe fell. Princeton took a smashing 33-7 win in 1947 and administered 47-7 and 33-13 clobbering's the next two seasons. Then, in 1950, ensued the worst shellacking in Crimson history. Although little quarterback Carroll Lowenstein, a 5 ft., 9 in. Harvard great, completed 16 out of 33 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns, all was for naught. Princeton, gaining 560 yards on the ground and in the air, tallied 63 points to hand the Crimson a licking it would not soon forget. For 29 exciting minutes in the 1951 contest, Harvard and sophomore quarterback Dick Clasby held the Princeton eleven, led by all-American Dick Kazmaier, to a tie. With one minute left in the first half, however, Tiger lineman Vic Bihl picked off a Crimson aerial and scored the touchdown that broke the varsity's morale. Princeton roared onto a 54-13 triumph. The Tigers again crushed the Crimson, 41 to 21, in 1952, but the tide was turning. Princeton had to battle for a 6-0 win in 1953, and the following two years saw Crimson victories, by 14-9 and 7-6 margins. In 1956, the Tigers reversed the trend with a 35-20 decision, and Harvard lost again, 28 to 20, in 1957. Last fall, a Crimson comeback led by quarterback Charlie Ravenel nearly produced a tie against a powerful Princeton eleven, but Ravenel fell one yard short on his conversion attempt.

### **Notable games in Harvard-Princeton Rivalry**

**2001 - Princeton at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 28 Princeton 26}**  
**{goprincetontigers.com}** Add another notch to the curse of Harvard Stadium. The building that has been so unkind to the Princeton football team did it again. Harvard dealt Princeton an excruciating 28-26 loss Saturday afternoon, running its winning streak over the Tigers to six straight, the longest in a series that dates to 1877. The victory kept Harvard unbeaten at 5-0, 3-0 in the Ivy League, while Princeton slipped to 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the league. Princeton's last three games in Harvard Stadium have seen the Crimson win by two points on a late field goal that grazed the crossbar in 1997, a touchdown on the final play of the game in 1999 and now this. Princeton had a chance to win the game in the final seven seconds, but Taylor Northrop's 49-yard field goal attempt sailed just wide left. "It felt good when I hit it," Northrop said. "I thought it was good. When I looked up, I was stunned." Harvard took the lead 21-20 on a three-yard Neil Rose touchdown run with 5:06 to go in the third quarter, but that would be the Harvard quarterback's final play of the day after he suffered a shoulder injury. Freshman Ryan Fitzpatrick took over and completed 5 of 6 passes for 61 yards in his first collegiate action. He also led the Crimson on an 80-yard, 10 play

drive that ended with a 13-yard pass to Carl Morris and made it 28-20 with 13:33 remaining. Of Harvard's four touchdown drives, three were for 80 yards and the other was for 60. Princeton answered the Harvard touchdown with a six-play, 65-yard drive that ended on a 27-yard Cameron Atkinson touchdown run. The two-point conversion attempt, which would have tied the game, was no good when Harvard's Willie Alford knocked away a pass from David Splithoff to Mike Chiusano. Princeton then held Harvard twice, and the Tigers final chance started at their 12 with 2:57 to go. Splithoff then completed five straight passes to drive Princeton to Harvard's 32, calling timeout with seven seconds remaining. Harvard called two timeouts to freeze Northrop, who had already kicked field goals of 42 and 43 yards, and the potential game-winning attempt then went wide to the left. Harvard led 14-3 in the second quarter before Chris Roser-Jones intercepted a pass and returned it 40 yards to the Crimson 15. Splithoff then threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to Mike Chiusano to make it 14-10. Atkinson's first touchdown came after a Paul Simbi interception on the next possession. Splithoff threw a 49-yard pass to Chisom Opara, and Atkinson put the Tigers up 17-14 on a seven-yard run. Northrop's second field goal made it 20-14 at intermission. Splithoff completed 18 of 27 passes for 219 yards. Opara caught six for 111 in his first action since a neck sprain against Colgate two weeks earlier. Brandon Mueller made 10 unassisted tackles to lead the Tigers.

### **2003 - Princeton at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 43 Princeton 40}**

**{goprincetontigers.com}** As the members of the Princeton football team quietly walked into their locker room following Saturday's 43-40 overtime loss to Harvard on a thrilling Saturday afternoon, a man was there to greet them and tell them they deserved to win the game. The man was Harvard coach Tim Murphy, whose Crimson stayed perfect by escaping a game Princeton squad with a four-yard touchdown pass to Rodney Byrnes on the final play of the game. For Princeton, it was its second Ivy League loss of the season, both coming on the game's final play. The touchdown pass to Byrnes erased a three-point deficit in overtime on a 36-yard field goal by Derek Javarone. Earlier in the year, Columbia beat Princeton with a 49-yard bomb on the final play. "I'm proud of these guys and the way they played today," head coach Roger Hughes said afterward. "The reason it hurts so much is because we left everything we had on that field. At the end of the game, somebody needs to step up and make a play." While nobody made the critical play at the end, there were a ton of plays made on both sides. Junior Jon Veach shattered his career high in rushing with 205 yards, and ended the game with 285 all-purpose yards, sixth best ever for Princeton in a single game. Junior quarterback Matt Verbit had his best day as a starter, completing 18 of 34 passes for 354 yards and three touchdowns. Senior wideout Blair Morrison caught five passes for 148 yards and one touchdown, while tight end Jon Dekker also caught five passes for 73 yards. Three different players recorded 10 tackles apiece, including Justin Stull, the Ivy League's leading tackler. Freshman J.J. Artis made his first career interception, which gave Princeton a chance to win the game in regulation, but a 42-yard field goal attempt by Javarone sailed left. Javarone would get a second chance in overtime, and he kicked a 36-yard score to open a 40-37 lead. Harvard got the ball and turned its fate into the hands of freshman running back Clifton Dawson, who rushed the ball 40 times for 183 yards and three scores. He ran it four times to get it to the Princeton 4-yard line. On 3rd-and-goal, quarterback Garrett Schiers found Byrnes on a crossing pattern and hit him in stride for the game winner. Princeton wasted no time showing Harvard it was going to open its offense up, throwing a 58-yard flea flicker to from Verbit to Blair Morrison that got Princeton down to the 25-yard line. After two runs by Branden Benson gained a total of two yards, free safety Chris Raftery picked off a slant pass by Verbit and looked to have open field to the end zone, but the junior quarterback made an open-field tackle to save the score. Princeton held Harvard after a pair of first downs and got the ball at its own 3-yard line after a perfect punt by Adam Kingston. The Tigers, who scored on a 99-yard touchdown reception by Clinton Wu last weekend, moved the ball 97 yards on seven plays, highlighted by three big runs by Jon Veach. The junior tailback got Princeton some breathing room on the first play of the drive with a run to the 14-yard line. He gained another first down, and then took the ball off the right side of the line, picked up a number of key blocks and ran 49 yards for a touchdown. Princeton handed Harvard a chance to even the score deep in its own territory. On a punt attempt, upback Kyle Wenski went into motion to block on the left side of the line. Snapper Tim Releford sent the ball into play while Wenski was moving and hit him in the thigh. Harvard recovered at the Princeton 16-yard line and score two plays later on a 14-yard pass from Schires to Rodney Byrnes. The Crimson failed to even the score though, as Jim Morocco sent the extra point wide right. The Princeton punt team turned the tables on Harvard, as freshman Brigham Walker came around the right side of the line and blocked Kingston's punt, giving Princeton the ball at the Crimson 26-yard line. Once again, Veach carried Princeton into the end zone, as he opened the drive with a 12-yard run and closed it with an 11-yard touchdown reception on a middle screen. The play came on 3rd-and-7, and saw Veach make a move past one linebacker and then carry another over the goal line. Freshman Will Simons made his second extra-point attempt, opening a 14-6 lead. Harvard came back on its next drive, getting a good return on the kickoff and then moving into the Princeton red zone on a deep pass up the middle to Byrnes, who was matched up against linebacker Justin Stull. On 3rd-and-goal from the 2-yard line, Clifton Dawson surged up the middle for the score to complete a nine-play, 63-yard drive. The two-point conversion attempt was picked off by Tim Strickland in the end zone, keeping the Tigers up 14-12. After the ensuing kickoff went out of bounds, Princeton again went on the move. On third down, Verbit hit junior wideout B.J. Szymanski on a deep corner for a 26-yard gain, and then Veach gained another first down when he came around the line and caught a pass alone in the middle of the field. The drive was stopped there, and Simons' 32-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right. Schires engineered another drive deep into Princeton territory and, following a Princeton offside penalty, threw a pass to Adam Jenkins at the 3-yard line. That was all the room Dawson needed, as he sprinted through the line and scored the go-ahead

touchdown with 3:49 remaining in the half. Another two-point conversion attempt failed, as Dawson attempted to take an option run to the left side but was stopped by a trio of Princeton defenders. Jon Dekker caught a career-long 37-yard pass where he bounced off a pair of Harvard defenders and ran down the right sideline. On the next play, the Tigers faked a reverse to Eric Walz and threw a 42-yard post pattern to Szymanski, who beat the coverage and jogged into the end zone untouched. Simons' point-after attempt hit the right post and bounced back, so the lead stayed at 20-18. He was the third different kicker to miss an extra point for Princeton in the last six quarters. The defense settled to open the second half, as both teams were forced to punt early. Edwards nearly returned Princeton's first punt of the second half for a score, but punter Colin McDonough made an open field tackle at midfield. The Crimson took advantage, driving deep into Princeton territory and scoring on a 1-yard quarterback keeper. A long kickoff return and a key fourth-down conversion pass to Dekker set Princeton up at the 22-yard line, where Javarone nailed a 39-yard field goal into a stiff wind, matching his career long and cutting the deficit to one point. Harvard jumped back into the lead on the ensuing drive, moving 70 yards in 13 plays, including a pair of third-down conversions that ended right at the marker. The Crimson scored on the first play of the fourth quarter, as Schiers hit Edwards on a quick slant that went for 35 yards. Amazingly, Harvard failed on its fifth consecutive conversion attempt; a bad snap cost the Crimson a chance to go ahead by eight points. The track meet continued when Princeton got the ball back, as Veach used a good return and long run to get into Harvard territory, and a reverse by Eric Walz got the ball inside the 30-yard line. Once again, Princeton converted on a fourth down when Verbit found Dekker for an eight-yard gain, but a crucial holding call on a sweep brought Princeton back to its 30-yard line for a 2nd-and-19. Following an overthrow into the end zone, Verbit hit Morrison on a post pattern. The senior wideout broke one tackle and reached the ball just over the 11-yard line for a critical first down. Veach scored two plays later, again bouncing off tackle attempts to score. Javarone hit a crucial extra point to even the score at 30-30 with 9:58 remaining in the game. Following a pair of crossing patterns that got Harvard in to Princeton territory, Davis singlehandedly carried Harvard into the end zone. He broke tackles, converted on short third downs and ended it with a leap over the line into the end zone. Morocco hit on the extra point to give Harvard a 37-30 lead with 6:52 remaining. Harvard made a key defensive stand on Princeton's next possession, but the Crimson failed to move the ball and had another punt blocked, this time by Abi Fadeyi. After one three-yard run by Verbit, Morrison caught a 43-yard pass for the game-tying touchdown. That score would hold until overtime, although Princeton would have a chance after Artis' intercepted a pass on Harvard's last drive in regulation.

#### **2005 - Princeton at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Princeton 27 Harvard 24}**

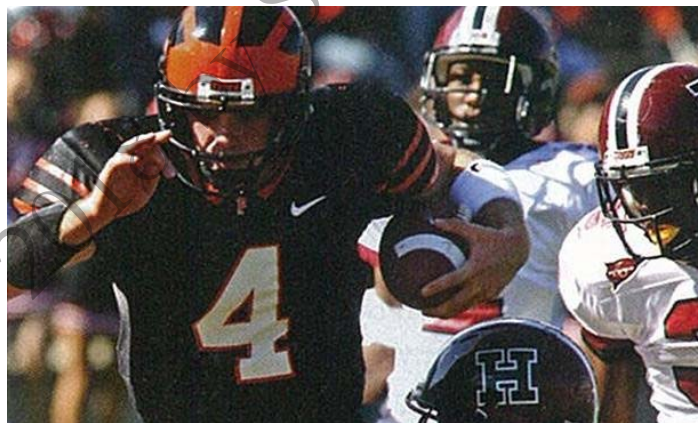
**{goprincetontigers.com}** In its finest team effort of the season, the Princeton football team rallied in the fourth quarter and ended a nine-year drought against Harvard with a 27-24 victory in front of 12,023 at Harvard Stadium. The Class of 2006 led the way, especially in the 14 seconds of the fourth quarter that Princeton trailed. A 52-yard touchdown pass from Liam O'Hagan to Ryan Tyler gave Harvard a 24-20 lead with 7:21 remaining in the fourth quarter. It was the first time Princeton trailed in the game, but it wouldn't last long. Senior Jay McCareins, who has all but cemented his status as a First-Team All-Ivy selection, took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 93 yards for a touchdown. Its first kickoff return for a touchdown since 1992, the play gave Princeton a lead that it simply would not relinquish to the defending Ivy League champion. Harvard would have two possessions after McCareins' return. Princeton would get sacks on both possessions, neither of which would yield a first down. The Crimson punted to Princeton with 2:19 remaining in the hopes of getting a stop and one final chance. It never happened. A nine-yard run for Rob Toresco on 3rd-and-7 gave Princeton a first down and forced Harvard to use its final timeout. Toresco ran for gains of 5 and 3 yards on the next two plays, setting up a 3rd-and-short. Another first down would clinch the win, the end to a long drought and the assurance that Princeton would maintain control of its Ivy League destiny. The play called for Toresco to carry off left tackle. Seems natural, since you would want the fate of the game to rest in the hands of your senior co-captain Ben Brielmaier. "I knew when the play came in that if I could blow my guy off the ball two or three yards, Robbie would get the yards," Brielmaier said. "When I looked up and saw he got it, it was the most exhilarating feeling I've felt in football." It was a both exhilarating and exhausting contest by two determined squads. Princeton, which won all three games that it scored first, wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. On its first play from scrimmage, quarterback Jeff Terrell, who completed 15-of-26 passes for 200 yards and a touchdown, handed to senior wideout Derek Davis on a reverse. Davis avoided a loss of yardage by breaking a tackle in the backfield, found the right sideline and a pair of blockers and sprinted 72 yards for Princeton's longest touchdown run since Branden Benson rushed for an 84-yard score last season at Colgate. The extra point failed, and Harvard cut the deficit in half on a 39-yard field goal by Matt Schindel. Princeton got the lead back to six points by going on a 14-play, 64-yard drive that ended in a 32-yard field goal by Derek Javarone. The kick was the 39th of Javarone's career, giving him the all-time mark at Princeton. Harvard would take the lead on its ensuing drive, as Clifton Dawson rushed for gains of 19 and 17 yards before breaking off a 20-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Dawson would end the game with 203 yards and two touchdowns. Princeton wouldn't waste much time reclaiming the lead, moving 66 yards in seven plays and scoring on a 34-yard touchdown pass from Terrell to sophomore Brendan Circle. The sophomore wideout beat his man to the back right corner of the end zone and caught the perfect lob pass from Terrell. The Tigers got the lead to 17-10 with a two-point conversion on a quarterback draw from Terrell. Princeton maintained its 17-10 lead until early in the third quarter, when Dawson busted through the line and accelerated for a 29-yard touchdown. Princeton showed its resiliency once again, driving 64 yards in nine plays to set up a 28-yard field goal by Javarone. It was his 40th career field goal, leaving him one behind the all-time Ivy League record of Penn's Jason Feinberg. Harvard looked for the lead on its ensuing drive. Starting on its own 26-yard-line, the Crimson marched

69 yards to the Princeton 5-yard-line by rushing Dawson on 13 of 16 plays. It set up a 4th-and-1, and instead of taking the field goal, Harvard challenged the Princeton defense by giving it to Dawson a 14th time. The Tiger defense won this one, shutting down every gap and stopping Dawson well short of the marker. Princeton didn't move the ball on its next turn, and Harvard would eventually take the lead on the 52-yard touchdown pass to Tyler. That good feeling would last 14 seconds for Harvard, as McCareins would soon score his third touchdown of the season to give the Tigers their eventual winning margin. Toresco led Princeton in rushing with 76 yards on 24 carries, while senior tight end Jon Dekker, whose two best career games have come at Harvard Stadium, caught seven passes for 71 yards. Princeton controlled the ball for 32:33 and converted on 9 of 17 third down chances.

### **2006 Harvard at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Princeton 31 Harvard 28}**

{[goprincetontigers.com](http://goprincetontigers.com)} Esteemed sportswriter Grantland Rice, who termed the 1922 Princeton football squad the "Team of Destiny," once wrote that "a team that won't be beaten can't be beaten." In front of a raucous home crowd Saturday afternoon, the 2006 Tigers, ranked 21st nationally, took on the No. 15 Harvard Crimson in the first undefeated showdown between the two legendary programs since 1922. Despite trailing in the fourth quarter, Princeton decided that it, also, would not be beaten on this day. And for the sixth straight time this magical season, the Tigers were right. A 20-yard touchdown pass from Jeff Terrell to Brendan Circle and a pair of interceptions by Kevin Kelleher highlighted a tense, Princeton-dominated final five minutes in a 31-28 victory over the Crimson. Princeton rallied from a second-half deficit to win for the fourth time this season, but there was definitely something special about this one. The Tigers defeated Harvard for the first time ever at Princeton Stadium and now share first place in the Ivy League with Yale, which topped Penn 17-14 in overtime. While the offense scored the winning points, it was the team defensive effort against longtime Princeton killer Clifton Dawson that gave the Tigers a chance to win. Dawson, who did score three touchdowns in the win and surpassed the Ivy League career record for rushing touchdowns, came into the game averaging more than 195 yards per game against the Tigers, but he rushed for only 64 yards on Saturday. Backup quarterback Liam O'Hagan did most of the Harvard damage both on the ground and through the air; he rushed for 89 yards and threw for 168 yards, including a touchdown. But for the second straight season, O'Hagan's counterpart left the game with the win. Terrell, who is now 13-3 as a starter and has led Princeton to nine wins in its last 10 games, threw for 223 yards and two touchdowns, and he added 32 yards rushing and another touchdown. Once again, Circle was Terrell's favorite target; the junior wideout caught six passes for 114 yards and the game-winning touchdown. Princeton picked off four passes in the win (two for Kelleher, one apiece for Luke Steckel and Tom Hurley). J.J. Artis had a team-high eight tackles, including five solo stops, while Mike Meehan added six stops, two pass breakups and one tackle for loss. The defensive line recorded several tipped passes, including the final one of the day for O'Hagan, which ended in Kelleher's hands to conclude Harvard's final scoring attempt. "I'm really proud of the character of this team," head coach Roger Hughes said after leading Princeton to its first 6-0 start since 1995. "We have a lot of respect for the Harvard offense and Clifton Dawson, who will probably be the leading rusher in Ivy League history. We did a good job running to the ball and finding him." Harvard opened a 7-0 lead less than four minutes into the game. Following a three-and-out from the Harvard defense, Michael Berg came right up the middle and blocked Colin McDonough's punt, which was recovered by the Crimson on the 20-yard-line. It was the first time any opponent has ever blocked a McDonough punt, and the Crimson didn't waste any time taking advantage. Starting quarterback Chris Pizzotti found Dawson on a center screen, and the All-America candidate did the rest, following his blockers and driving a last defender into the end zone for a 7-0 lead. Princeton showed the same resiliency it has demonstrated all season on the following drive. Terrell engineered a 9-play, 76-yard drive and capped it with a 29-yard touchdown run of his own. His own 3rd-and-1 surge earlier kept the drive going, and following a 3rd-and-9 completion to Adam Berry, he kept on an option with Toresco and sprinted down the middle of the field. Daniel Tanner had an arm on the Tiger quarterback, but Terrell refused to be pulled down and carried his last man into the end zone. The defense built on that momentum in two plays. Following a short Dawson run, Tom Methvin tipped a Pizzotti pass that sophomore cornerback Tom Hurley was able to run down. His sliding grab gave Princeton its first short field of the game, the Harvard 29-yard-line. A first down by Pete Ploszek and another completion to Rob Toresco put the ball at the 5-yard-line, and Connor Loudon drilled a 22-yard field goal to give Princeton a 10-7 lead with 3:36 remaining in the first quarter. Harvard drove to midfield before JJ Artis knocked down a third-down pass thrown to Corey Mazza. The Crimson called a fake punt, but the snap was delivered well over the head of upback Matt Curtis. Linebacker Collin McCarthy recovered the fumble all the way back on the Crimson 12-yard-line. On third down, Terrell found Jake Staser in the front right corner of the end zone for a 17-7 lead. Staser was able to shield Tanner off the ball and brought in the pass for his second touchdown of the season. Following a pair of defensive stands, Harvard got good field position on another special teams miscue. This time, a short punt that took a Harvard bounce came to a stop on the Princeton 29-yard-line. A penalty gave the Crimson a first-and-goal at the 5-yard-line, and Dawson took it around the right side of the line for a touchdown. Harvard held a lead at that point, but it was also the last time the Crimson would get any help from the three-time All-Ivy punter. McDonough averaged 48.5 yards per punt in the game and recorded punts of 64, 61 and 59 yards. Princeton received quite a scare on its next possession, as Terrell was hit in the head on a scramble and stayed on the field for a couple minutes. The trainers kept him out the remainder of the first half, but he was fine to start the second half. His time on the bench gave backup and special teams' standout Bill Foran a chance to engineer a scoring drive of his own. Following a defensive stand and a short Harvard punt, Foran took the offense at midfield and led the Tigers on a 10-play scoring drive. On a 4th-and-6 at the 25, Hughes called for Foran to handle the play, and the sprinter got the first down

by eluding a rush to his left and sprinting down the left sideline for the first down. He kept on the next play, and sensing over-pursuit to Foran by the Crimson defense, Hughes called a misdirection run to Lagomarsino. He found room on the right side of the line and used his shifty speed to find the end zone. That gave Princeton a 24-14 lead at halftime. After both teams traded third-half punts, Harvard put together an impressive 93-yard touchdown drive to cut the deficit to three points. Harvard gambled early on a 4th-and-inches quarterback sneak inside the Crimson red zone, but O'Hagan picked up the first down, then moved the offense into the Princeton half of the field with a quarterback keeper. A controversial catch by Mazza on a deep out moved the ball into the red zone, and Dawson scored his third touchdown of the game to cut the deficit to 24-21. Princeton used a play that scored a touchdown one week earlier to move into Crimson territory. Terrell found Circle on a slant, and Circle spun out of the tackle and found the left sideline for a 62-yard completion. A holding call moved the Tigers back 10 yards, and on a 4th-and-long, Terrell's attempt was picked off by Andrew Berry and returned to the Harvard 48-yard-line. O'Hagan moved them down the field and threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Corey Mazza in the front right corner of the end zone. Princeton would be stopped on its next three drives, but each time the defense would come up with a stand of its own. One was made by Steckel, who intercepted wide receiver Chris Sanders' pass out of a reverse. That put the ball at the Princeton 39-yard-line with 7:40 remaining. On third-and-13, Terrell hit Brian Brigham on a deep post for 19 yards, and following a six-yard run by Terrell, Princeton gained a first down on a Harvard penalty. Two plays later, Terrell found Circle on a crossing pattern at the 5-yard-line, and Circle would not be denied the score. It was another tough grab for Circle, who seems to thrive in the middle of the field. "It was something my high school coach told me," Circle said after the game. "He told me that you're going to get hit, so you might as well catch it. We were moving down the field all game, but stupid things were stopping us. We knew sooner or later, we'd get it in." It might have been later, but it wasn't too late. The Louden PAT gave Princeton a 31-28 lead, and Harvard's first drive ended in three plays, as Kelleher stepped in front of an O'Hagan pass and returned it to the Crimson 21-yard-line. A resilient Harvard defense stopped Princeton and blocked Louden's field goal attempt, but with only one timeout remaining at that point, the Crimson had to move down the field quickly. A fourth-down pass to Mazza moved the ball to the Harvard 42-yard-line, but the next pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage by Jake Marshall and grabbed out of the air by Kelleher. "I didn't see the ball when it was tipped, but I saw it in midair," Kelleher said after recording Princeton's third multiple-interception game of the season. "I let my receiver go at that point and just made a break at the ball. I caught it and went straight down afterwards." That play set off another wild celebration from Princeton's strong fan base, which included a loud and passionate student section. "It was great to have that roar from the crowd on all those third and fourth down plays," Kelleher said. "There is definitely a buzz around campus for this team, and it's a credit to Coach Hughes and his staff for building this," Circle added. "But it's also a credit to (co-captains) Jeff Terrell and Luke Steckel, who lead us every week. It was a great crowd, and hopefully we have another couple of them this season."



2008 - Harvard at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Harvard 24 Princeton 20}

{[goprincetontigers.com](http://goprincetontigers.com)} Despite a brilliant 154-yard rushing effort by junior Jordan Culbreath, the Princeton football team failed to capitalize on several opportunities and watched a late lead slip away in a 24-20 home loss to defending Ivy League champion Harvard Saturday on Powers Field. Gino Gordon's last touchdown run gave the Crimson its winning margin with 3:34 to go and left Princeton 2-4 overall, 1-2 in the Ivy League. Princeton, which led by as much as 14-3 in the first half, grabbed a 20-17 lead with 7:16 remaining when Ben Bologna converted on a 28-yard field goal. The 16-play, 87-yard drive gave the Tigers a late lead, but it also gave Harvard plenty of time to score and go ahead. The Crimson converted on a 4th-and-1 midway through the drive on a short pass from Chris Pizzotti to Jason Miller, and followed it up with a 35-yard pass to Matt Luft, who got the ball to the Princeton 6. Two plays later, Gordon went up the middle for the winning points. The Tigers' final opportunity started off well, as Meko McCray returned the kickoff 31 yards to the Princeton 42. A five-yard pass from Brian Anderson to Will Thanheiser gave Princeton 2nd-and-5, but an incomplection and a sack left the Tigers with a tough 4th-and-18 situation. Flushed out, Anderson hit fullback Matt Zimmerman well short of the marker; Zimmerman tried to pitch the ball to Culbreath, but the two couldn't connect and Harvard took over at the Princeton 32. One first down later, Harvard was celebrating its second straight win over the Tigers. That celebration came at the expense of another terrific performance by Culbreath, who came in as the Ivy

League leader in rushing and posted his second 150-yard day of the season. The career-best total of 154 yards included touchdown runs of 1 and 10 yards, giving Culbreath six touchdowns in as many games and his second two-touchdown performance in three Ivy League games. He helped Princeton to a 177-88 advantage in team rushing and a 353-335 advantage in total offense, but the Crimson came up with another big passing day. Pizzotti completed 17 of 26 passes for 247 yards and a touchdown, and he added a 33-yard touchdown run early in the second half to give the Crimson its first lead of the day. Princeton head coach Roger Hughes employed a two-headed passing attack for much of the day. Starter Brian Anderson, who missed half of last week's Brown game with a non-throwing shoulder injury, alternated with Dan Kopolovich and combined to complete 15 of 29 passes for 176 yards. Anderson was 12 for 24 and nearly had a touchdown at the end of the first half, but his short pass to Will Thanheiser deflected off the receivers' hands and into the hands of Harvard defensive back Matthew Hanson; the play turned a potential of seven points and the likelihood of three points into an empty trip into the red zone, and in a close game like this one, it was another failed opportunity that came back to hurt the Tigers. "Good teams find a way to make the big play," Hughes said afterwards. "We need to learn how to do it. I was proud of the effort, but clearly we need to execute better in key spots." Thanheiser did post his third 100-yard receiving day of the season, catching eight passes for 114 yards, while senior Adam Berry added four catches for 40 yards. Berry, whose twin brother Andrew is a starting defensive back for the Crimson, will end his career with a 2-2 all-time record against his brother. Scott Britton led the Princeton defense with nine tackles, while both Barry Newell, Steve Cody and Pete Ploszek each recorded six stops apiece. Brad Stetler recorded Princeton's first multiple-sack game with a pair of sacks and five tackles, while Pete Buchignani added five tackles and a sack. The game started off on a positive note for Princeton, as Meko McCray recovered Andrew Berry's muffed punt early in the first quarter and set Princeton up on the Crimson 20. A 14-yard Culbreath run moved Princeton to the 6, and a Kopolovich run eventually set up a 3rd and goal at the 1; what had been something of a dead zone for the Tigers last week would be no problem for Culbreath, who went up the right side of the line for the score. Harvard battled back for a field goal, but Princeton immediately marched back down the field on a 12-play, 80-yard drive to gain a 14-3 lead. A 15-yard pass to Thanheiser and a 21-yard run by Culbreath keyed the drive, and Culbreath found room off the right side of the line to go in untouched from 10 yards out. That lead held until Pizzotti hit Chris Lorditch from 15 yards out to cut the deficit to 14-10, which stayed that way through the half thanks to Hanson's late interception. Pizzotti's touchdown run gave Harvard a 17-14 lead, but Bologna, in his second week replacing injured starter Connor Loudon, capped a 14-play, 73-yard drive with a 23-yard field goal. The game remained 17-17 through the end of the third quarter, which concluded on a Harvard punt to the Tiger 2. Princeton moved it from its own 2 to the Harvard 4 over the span of 16 plays, but a third down pass that went off Trey Peacock's hands left Princeton to kick the field goal and gave the Crimson an opportunity it would ultimately capitalize on to win the game.

#### **2012 - Harvard at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Princeton 39 Harvard 34}**

**{gocrimson.com}** In an improbable finish, Quinn Epperly threw a 36-yard touchdown pass off his back foot with 13 seconds left as Princeton completed a 39-point second half and 29-point fourth quarter to shock 20th-ranked Harvard by a score of 39-34 at Princeton Stadium. The touchdown capped a frantic 30 minutes of play for the Tigers, who were held to just 51 first half yards but finished with 419 while scoring 29 points in the fourth quarter alone – the most ever allowed by a Harvard team. Despite scoring 34 points on 634 yards of offense, it could have – and needed to be – much more as Harvard turned the ball over twice deep in Princeton territory, had an extra point and chip shot field goal blocked as well as a punt. Harvard also committed 12 penalties for 99 yards including a crucial unsportsmanlike conduct call on the final drive after a sack. Princeton came into play among the national leaders in several defensive categories, ranked second in points per game (11.6) and 12th in total defense (306 yards/game). Harvard scored on three of its four possessions and took a 20-0 lead into the locker room with a staggering advantage in total offense with 415 yards compared to just 51 for the Tigers. Princeton drove 86 yards on 15 plays in the first series of the second half, capped by a one-yard run from Epperly to make it a 20-7 game. Harvard fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Princeton recovered settled for a field goal and a 20-10 score. Once it finally got on the field, Harvard's offense answered quickly with a precision seven-play, 75 yard drive in just 2:20. Colton Chapple, who had a career day, found tight end Kyle Juszczyk, who also had a career day, for an 8 yard scoring play on a slip-screen to give Harvard a 27-10 lead. Alexander Norman then intercepted Conner Michelsen to stop a Princeton drive and the Crimson marched right down again, driving 66 yards on 10 plays with Chapple finding Cameron Brate for a 14 yard touchdown pass for a 34-10 lead with 13:02 remaining. It all fell apart from there however. Princeton scored the final 29 points and converted a pair of two-point conversions, blocked a punt and got within 34-26 after Conner Michelsen found Matt Costello for a 31 yard score with 7:43 left. Harvard's Paul Stanton, Jr. calmed the crowd slightly as he returned the ensuing kickoff to the 43 to give the Crimson good field position. Three plays later, Harvard drove all the way to the five yard line but could go no further and Princeton blocked a 22 yard field goal attempt with 4:45 remaining. Princeton again marched down field with a 20 yard TD pass to Seth DeValve. The two-point conversion was knocked down by Norman as the score stood at 34-32 with 2:27. After the onside kick went out of bounds, Harvard held possession at the 40 yard line but the Crimson came up a yard shy on its series and elected to punt as Princeton took over at its 10 yard line with 1:57 left. It looked like the Crimson would hold out following a big sack but two Harvard players were whistled for celebration towards their side line in a call reminiscent of a situation in 2006 during Harvard's last setback to the Tigers. The penalty was followed by another extra life as Harvard dropped a sure interception with 38 seconds left before Epperly heaved a pass to the far corner of the end zone for the winning score. Chapple set a single-game passing record with 448 yards on 31 of 45

passing while tying his own single-game mark of five touchdowns. He also ran for 82 yards. Juszczuk had 14 receptions for 192 yards and a single-game record of three touchdowns. He had 10 catches for 147 yards and two TDs in the first half alone.

**2013 - Princeton at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Princeton 51 Harvard 48}**

**{gocrimson.com}** Despite a gritty effort and multiple comebacks, the No. 23 Harvard football team could not overcome Princeton Saturday, falling 51-48 in triple overtime at Harvard Stadium. The loss marks the first of the season for the Crimson (5-1, 2-1) and breaks a 15-game undefeated home streak. Quarterback Conner Hempel threw for 307 yards and four touchdowns, including three to Tyler Ott. Ricky Zorn had a standout day, catching eight passes for 168 yards and a TD strike. Paul Stanton, Jr., ran for 91 yards and two scores. It marked the fourth game this season that the running back has rushed for two-plus TDs. Princeton (5-1, 3-0) was led by quarterback Quinn Epperly, who passed for 321 yards and six touchdowns. Connor Kelley grabbed two of those TD strikes. The back-and-forth contest came down to the third overtime period. Harvard's Andrew Flesher hit a 23-yard field goal, but Epperly found Roman Wilson on a six-yard pass to send the Tigers home victorious. Each squad connected on field goal attempts in the second overtime period to knot the score at 45-45. After Princeton won the coin toss, the Crimson posted a touchdown in the first overtime stanza, as Ott grabbed a 10-yard bullet from Hempel. The Tigers answered in the bottom half of the period with a nine-yard run from Wilson. Princeton jumped on Harvard early, scoring on the game's opening drive as Quinn Epperly guided the Tigers 75 yards over nine plays. On second-and-4 in the red zone, Epperly faked the handoff, rolled to the left and found Connor Kelley open in the left corner of the end zone to put Princeton up, 6-0. The Tigers faked the extra point and went for two, but Epperly's pass was incomplete. Princeton marched down the field on its next possession, but would not be able to convert, as Harvard posted a goal-line stand on fourth down from the 1-yard line. The Crimson defensive duo of Chris Splinter and D.J. Monroe stood up Epperly and regained possession for Harvard with 5:03 to play in the opening frame. Princeton pushed its lead to 13-0 on its third drive of the day. Epperly and the Tigers raced 43 yards in six plays capped off by Des Smith's jumping, fingertip six-yard catch. Five seconds into the second quarter Harvard made its way on the scoreboard, pulling within six, 13-7. Connor Hempel connected with Ricky Zorn for a 33-yard completion. Zorn made an impressive grab, as it was nearly deflected by Princeton's John Hill. From the Harvard 12-yard line, Hempel orchestrated a four-play, 88-yard drive that included a 60-yard TD run by Paul Stanton, Jr. Stanton exploded up the right sideline, escaped a tackle, and found the end zone to knot the game at 13-all while Andrew Flesher's kick lifted the Crimson to its first lead of the day, 14-13, with 10:26 to play in the second quarter. Princeton reclaimed the lead, 19-14, with three minutes remaining before the half, as Epperly found Kelley who teetered across the line for the 5-yard touchdown. Princeton pushed the score to 21-14 when Smith made a diving catch to complete the 2-point conversion. Andrew Fischer returned the ensuing kickoff 44 yards to start the Crimson drive at the Harvard 44. Seitu Smith II rushed for 10 yards to bring Harvard into Tigers territory. On the next play, Smith pulled down a 9-yard pass to bring the ball to the 33-yard line. On second-and-1, Hempel connected with Zorn for 19 yards moving the line of scrimmage to the Tigers' 14. Stanton's 2-yard touchdown run capped Harvard's eight play, 56-yard drive that knotted the score at 21 as the teams headed to the locker room. Harvard opened the third quarter with a punt before the Tigers notched its fourth TD of the day. Epperly conducted an 11-play, 51-yard strike that ended with a laser to Matt Costello to put Princeton back on top, 27-21. Bieck hit the PAT to stretch the Tigers lead to seven. Harvard started its fourth scoring drive of the day at its own 27. Hempel completed a 15-yard pass to Stanton to bring the Crimson three yards shy of the red zone. With a 23-yard throw, Hempel found Ott in the middle of the end zone to even the score at 28. On Princeton's first-and-10 at its own 38-yard line, Splinter forced an Epperly fumble and Obum Obukwelu recovered to put an end to the Tiger's drive with 37 seconds to play in the third quarter. With 14:46 remaining in the fourth quarter, Epperly threw four completions in the 69-yard scoring drive that put the Tigers ahead, 35-28. On first-and-10 on Harvard's three, the signal caller found Seth DeValve for his fifth touchdown pass of the day. Brian Owusu kept the Crimson's hopes alive when he stripped DiAndr Atwater. Jaron Wilson recovered the fumble and returned the ball 19 yards to give Harvard the ball at Princeton's 19 with 4:00 minutes left in regulation. On the fourth play of the drive, Hempel connected with Ott in the end zone and Flesher's kick was good to force the extra frame, 35-35.

**2016 - Harvard at Princeton - Princeton Stadium - Princeton, New Jersey {Harvard 23 Princeton 20}**

**{gocrimson.com}** Joe Viviano scored a game-winning one-yard touchdown in overtime to lead the No. 23 Harvard football team to a 23-20 victory at Princeton Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Crimson improves to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in Ivy League play, while the Tigers slip to 4-2 and 2-1. Viviano finished the game 20-of-33 for 215 yards and two passing TDs. He also led the Crimson with 23 rushes, totaling in 19 yards. Lavance Northington carried the ball 13 times for 40 yards, and Adam Scott made eight grabs for 85 yards. On defense, Jordan Hill made a Harvard season-high 17 tackles, while Anthony Camargo recorded 14 stops and Luke Hutton had 10. Hill's 17 stops also marked a new Crimson record for a freshman. With the Crimson leading 17-10 in the final minutes of regulation, Princeton's James Frusciante returned a punt 19 yards to the Harvard 24-yard line. On the ensuing drive, John Lovett rushed for a four-yard TD to tie the game and send it to overtime. Harvard won the coin toss in the extra session, and Princeton took over with possession first. After four consecutive rushing plays, the Tigers had an incomplete pass and were forced to kick a field goal, going up, 20-17. On the Crimson's possession on 3rd and 3 at the 18-yard line, Viviano ran for a 15-yard gain down the right side, moving the ball to the Princeton 3. Two plays later, Viviano stretched into the end zone for the game-winner. Harvard struck early to go up 7-0, as Viviano connected with Anthony Firkser for a six-yard score with 9:35 to go in the first. On that drive, Viviano made a 34-yard pass down the right sideline to Adam Scott to set up the

TD. In the second, the Crimson took over at the Princeton 30-yard line after a Tiger punt of only 21 yards. On second and four, Viviano found Adam Scott on the left side, and the Harvard wideout evaded a defender on the sideline and scampered into the end zone to put the Crimson up, 14-0. At the half, Harvard led, 14-0, and had outgained the Tigers in yardage, 192-100. Princeton cut the Crimson lead in half, 14-7, at the 9:49 mark of the third quarter when John Lovett ran up the middle for a one-yard touchdown. With one second left in the same frame, the Tigers added a 32-yard field goal by Tavish Rice to make it a 14-10 contest. With 11:22 remaining in the fourth, Rice missed a 38-yarder that would have brought Princeton to within one. Harvard capitalized on its own field goal, as Jake McIntyre nailed a 26-yarder to put the Crimson back up by seven, 17-10, with 6:00 left to go.

## Dartmouth-Harvard Rivalry {Dartmouth-Harvard}

The Dartmouth-Harvard football rivalry is between the Dartmouth Big Green and Harvard Crimson. The series began in 1882, with Dartmouth unable to score until 1900, or to win until 1903. Dartmouth's 1903 win was at the dedication of Harvard Stadium. In 1908, Harvard's Johnny Cutler won the game in the last few minutes.



### Notable games in Dartmouth-Harvard rivalry

#### **1932 Dartmouth at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 10 Dartmouth 7}**

{[thecrimson.com](http://thecrimson.com)} one of the more sensational contests in this long series was the 50th anniversary meeting in 1932. A fired-up Big Green squad played the Crimson to a standstill for most of the game. Harvard's winning break came on the second-half kickoff, when Carl Pescosolido produced a 93-yard run back to provide the decisive tally in a 10-7 victory. As the Crimson put it, "Outrushed, out passed, and outplayed by the Indians, the Harvard Varsity football team left the Stadium with a whole scalp only by providential intervention . . ."

#### **1954 Dartmouth at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Dartmouth 13 Harvard 7}**

It would be slighting the Big Green and its omnipresent Bill Beagle to say that the Crimson handed Dartmouth a 13 to 7 victory Saturday--nevertheless the varsity was the better team. Against the myriad of fumbles, costly penalties and three interceptions, one must consider the superior line play of the Harvard line (Dartmouth gained 68 yards rushing), the running of Matt Botsford, and the general dominance of the Crimson. In the fateful third quarter, when Dartmouth scored the deciding touchdown, the Green ran exactly seven plays, while the varsity which drove 78 yards down the field but failed to score, ran 24. Too many times Saturday did offside penalties allow the Green to move the ball out of its territory; too often were nascent Crimson drives stopped short by interceptions or fumbles. It might be noted that in keeping with the chance element of the game the Crimson's only touchdown resulted from a long desperation pass, while its more orthodox power thrust in the third quarter failed both for lack of signal-calling imagination and a determined Dartmouth stand. Besides the breaks, Dartmouth also had Beagle. If the junior quarterback had any failing it was a refusal to pass frequently enough. Beagle completed ten out of 15 including two touchdown passes. Considering the effectiveness of the Crimson line Beagle called a very conservative game, conceding the offensive initiative to the chance of a dangerous interception. This tightly conceived and executed game eventually paid off for the Green, but had thing gone differently, the fourth quarter would have seen a burst of passes, and the postgame press conference might have seen a rueful Tuss McLaughry, again vowing that his team should have passed more. Saturday's game may have been disappointing, but it was not discouraging. The play of Dave Bodiker, Art Painter, Bill Meigs, Tim Anderson, John Maher, and Orville Tice could leave only Green halfback Lou Turner discouraged. Encouraging too was the return of wingback Dexter Lewis. Out for three games with a pre-season injury, Lewis still looks like a dangerous runner who gets eight yards out of a five yard opening. Botsford again played a fine game-given good openings he ran very well. Only at fullback,

where injuries to both George MacDonald and Bill Volmer have forced Jordan to bring sophomore Tony Gianelly along too fast, did the Crimson look vulnerable. Probably the least experienced defensive halfback Jordan has ever used, Gianelly has been rushed into two-way service too soon, and lacks the speed of his 1953 predecessor, John Culver. Gianelly's lighter, more experienced understudy, Dick Oehmler, is a very fast starter, and hits a line very hard for 160 pounds. To the critics of Jordan, it should be pointed out that this was a well-coached Crimson football team making mistakes of inexperience, playing overly cautious football. Jordan has never built his single wing around flash and surprise, but its power, as evidence during the ill-fated 70-yard match is gratifying football to watch, and it is the same type of solid football which has brought Harvard to League respectability over the past four years. You may decry the lack of variety and imagination, but you would do well never to undersell the blocking of a Jerry Marsh, the running of a Bob Cowles or a Matt Botsford, and their effect on the opposition over a 60 minute game. It is the kind of football which looks very good when the score is right, such as the 1953 Yale game or the 1954 Cornell game, and terribly frustrating when the score is wrong such as the 1953 Princeton game or the 1954 Dartmouth game. More than anything else it is the kind of football which never allows the coach to share much glory. For the record, Dartmouth scored first and last Saturday, both times by passes, the first time as a result of a Harvard fumble on the Crimson 21. On the next play at precisely 13:15 of the second period, Beagle passed down the center to sophomore end Monte Pascoe who caught the ball on the tow-yard line and went over for the score. Beagle missed the try for the point. The Crimson came right back, 62 yards up the field, with sophomore quarterback Phil Haughey under center in the A-formation. The 6'4" sophomore's first two tries were incomplete, but then he connected with another sophomore, tailback Jimmy Joslin, for a 16-yard gain to the Green 46. After Cowles made two yards Haughey fired a 36 yard pass to Bob Cochran who caught the ball as he fell between the defenders on the eight yard line. After a Sam Fyock to Jerry Marsh pass which had put the ball on the goal line was nullified by a penalty, Fyock hit Cochran on the four, and the senior end drove over for the score. Bill Frate was there to kick the point, but a bad pass from center permitted him only to grab the ball and run towards the left end where he landed safely in the end zone. The Green scored in the third period, covering 65 yards in exactly five plays, four of them passes. Turner ran the first play, made one yard, and then Beagle took over. He connected with a long pass to fullback Dick Smith on the Harvard 35, and Smith carried to the 17 before Botsford made the stop. Beagle threw one incomplete pass and then hit end Jon Anderson who drove to the 4. Dick Flagg caught the fourth and final pass, a short one right over the center for a touchdown at 6:05.

#### **2003 Dartmouth at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Dartmouth 30 Harvard 16}**

**{Associated Press}** Charles Rittgers threw two touchdown passes and ran for another as Dartmouth defeated Harvard 30-16 on Saturday. Harvard (6-1, 3-1 Ivy League) had three passes intercepted and failed to score after driving inside the Dartmouth 5-yard-line twice as they saw their hopes for an undefeated season dashed. Rittger, who completed 17 of 33 passes for 344 yards, threw his first touchdown pass to Andrew Hall with 3:50 left in the first quarter and the second to Casey Cramer with 3:11 remaining in the first half, giving the Big Green a 16-9 lead at halftime. Dartmouth's other first-half score came on a Tyler Lavin 50-yard field goal in the second quarter. Clifton Dawson scored on a 71-yard run midway through the first quarter and Jim Morroco kicked a 25-yard field goal for the Crimson in the opening half. Chris Little's 35-yard run at 2:41 of the third quarter staked Dartmouth to a 23-9 lead. Harvard answered with a 55-yard pass from Ryan Fitzpatrick, who was 12 of 21 for 161 yards with two interceptions, to Rodney Byrnes in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter. But Rittgers closed the scoring on a 2-yard plunge with 12:23 left in the game. The victory was the second in a row for Dartmouth (3-4, 2-2) over Harvard. The last time they achieved that feat was in 1995-96. This would also be Dartmouth's last win over Harvard through the 2016 season.

#### **2004 Harvard at Dartmouth - Memorial Field - Hanover, New Hampshire {Harvard 13 Dartmouth 12}**

**{Associated Press}** Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a 20-yard touchdown to Brian Edwards and Matt Schindel kicked two field goals Saturday to lift unbeaten Harvard to a 13-12 victory over winless Dartmouth. The Harvard defense stymied Dartmouth until the second half, when the Big Green scored twice, but couldn't convert after either touchdown. Dartmouth (0-7, 0-4 Ivy League) pulled within 1 point when Dan Shula connected with Bob Murphy for a 12-yard TD pass with 2:15 left. The Big Green went for a two-point conversion, but Daniel Tanner broke up the pass from Shula to Murphy to keep the win for Harvard (7-0, 4-0). Schindel's first field goal put the Crimson up 3-0 in the second period. His second, from 39 yards out early in the fourth, proved decisive. But he also missed one attempt and had another blocked. Harvard went 47 yards in three plays after Schindel's first three-pointer, ending with Fitzpatrick's TD pass to Edwards. Dartmouth held Clifton Dawson, who was averaging 145 yards a game, to 69 yards. But Fitzpatrick completed 25-of-41 for 300 Yards. The loss marked the first time Dartmouth, which has played football since 1881, lost seven in a row in a season.

#### **2007 Dartmouth at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 28 Dartmouth 21}**

**{Associated Press}** Freshman quarterback Collier Winters, brought in to spark Harvard's offense in the second half, rushed for two touchdowns to keep the Crimson in the hunt for the Ivy League crown with a 28-21 win over Dartmouth on Saturday. With the game tied at 14-14, Winters scored on a 20-yard run with 1:26 to play in the third quarter. He added a 4-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter to give Harvard (5-2, 4-0) a 28-14 lead. Dartmouth's Ryan Mahoney scored on a 1-yard run

with 5:22 to play for the final margin. The Big Green (2-4, 2-2) took an early lead after Justin Cottrell intercepted a pass from Harvard quarterback Chris Pizzotti on the second play of the game. Alex Jenny threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Brett Lowe less than five minutes into the game for a 7-0 Dartmouth lead. Pizzotti, who was 16-of-24 for 193 yards, scored on a pair of 1-yard runs to give the Crimson a 14-7 halftime lead. Dartmouth tied it on Jenny's 55-yard completion to Julian Collins with 4:28 left in the third quarter. Doug Hewlett had three interceptions for the Crimson, including one that stopped a Dartmouth threat with 1:26 left to play. Cheng Ho ran for 114 yards on 15 carries for Harvard.

### **2013 Dartmouth at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 24 Dartmouth 21}**

{[dartmouthsports.com](http://dartmouthsports.com)} A 23-yard field goal off the foot of Andrew Flesher with 48 seconds to play lifted Harvard past the visiting Dartmouth Big Green, 24-21, in front of 13,470 fans at Harvard Stadium on Saturday evening. The Crimson victory was the 10th straight for Harvard (6-1, 3-1 Ivy) against the Big Green, while Dartmouth fell to 3-4 on the season and 2-2 in Ivy League play. The Crimson outgained the Big Green by nearly 100 yards, 413-318, thanks in large part to running back Paul Stanton who took the handoff 26 times for 146 yards. Quarterback Connor Hempel picked up 70 yards on 17 carries as well, plus completed 18-of-27 passes for 135 yards. Senior Dominick Pierre and sophomore Kyle Bramble each had a touchdown run for Dartmouth, but quarterbacks Dalyn Williams and Alex Park managed to complete just 12-of-30 passes for 172 yards with two interceptions — equaling the team's season total entering the game. Junior Bo Patterson was the leading receiver with five catches for 90 yards. Harvard ran nearly five minutes off the clock during its game-winning drive, leaving Dartmouth little time to get into field-goal range. Starting at their 38 with 5:46 to play, the Crimson methodically advanced the ball down to the Big Green six before Flesher came on to kick the ball through the uprights. Having used all three of its timeouts to ensure some time would be left on the clock, Dartmouth turned to Park behind center. After hitting Patterson for a 16-yard pickup, Park's next pass sailed high of its target and into the waiting arms of the Crimson's Jaron Wilson, who downed the ball. One kneel-down later and Harvard had its victory. The Crimson had an opportunity to take the lead earlier in the fourth quarter, but Flesher's 36-yard field goal attempt curved wide to the left. That came after the Big Green went for it on 4th-and-3 at the Crimson 37, only to have a scrambling Williams get sacked at midfield. Trailing 13-7 at the intermission, Dartmouth received the second-half kick with an eye on taking the lead. But the Big Green could not pick up a first down on either of its first two possessions. Instead, the defense provided the play to give Dartmouth its first lead against Harvard in six years. With the Crimson on their own 37, Hempel threw the ball to his left to Bo Ellis, who could not make the catch. While Ellis thought it was an incomplete pass, the throw was ruled a lateral, leaving strong safety Stephen Dazzo to scoop up the ball and sprint 33 yards untouched for the touchdown. Junior Riley Lyons added the point after to put the Green on top, 14-13. Harvard answered right back, however, with a touchdown spanning 11 plays and 75 yards. A 4th-and-1 at the 33 threatened to end the drive, but Hempel picked up just enough on a keeper to get the nose of the football past the marker. On the very next play, the Crimson ran a reverse to receiver Ricky Zorn, who in turn heaved a 32-yard pass to Andrew Berg just inside the back of the end zone. A successful two-point conversion gave Harvard a seven-point lead at 21-14.

On the ensuing kickoff, freshman Jon Marc Carrier was stopped at the 22, taking a hard hit that knocked him out. After a delay of more than 10 minutes, he was taken off the field on a stretcher for precautionary reasons. He was able to move his arms and legs, and the diagnosis on the field was a concussion. With Carrier on his teammates' minds, Dartmouth put together its own prolonged drive, even though Pierre was sidelined with an injury on the second play. Williams immediately connected on a 44-yard pass to Patterson after Pierre left the field. The Big Green then went to the ground, utilizing the legs of Williams and Bramble, including a 4th-and-5 play in which Williams dove just far enough for a first down at the nine. Bramble completed the 13-play, 78-yard drive with a seven-yard run right up the middle, and the PAT knotted the score at 21. Harvard jumped out to a 13-0 lead to start the game. On the Crimson's second possession, Hempel guided the offense 52 yards for a touchdown, which he scored himself on a nine-yard keeper through the middle of the line. On the Big Green's first play from scrimmage after the Harvard touchdown, a Williams pass was batted skyward, allowing D.J. Monroe to pluck it from the air for an interception. The defense was able to hold the Crimson to a 34-yard Andrew Flesher field goal. It looked as if the Big Green would answer those three points with a field goal of their own after running 14 plays down to the Harvard nine. But the 26-yard attempt from the left hash mark was pulled wide left, leaving the Crimson with a 10-0 lead with 17 seconds left in the opening quarter. With the emotional lift from the missed field goal, Harvard running back Paul Stanton took the handoff and changed direction to gain 63 yards down the left sideline to the 17-yard line. Dartmouth managed to gather itself during the break between the first and second quarter, and once again held the Crimson to a field goal, this time a 32-yarder. The ensuing kickoff went out-of-bounds, and the Big Green took advantage of the field position. Pierre ran for the touchdown from 10 yards out one play after a scrambling Williams found senior tight end Cole Marcoux for a 41-yard gain. Senior linebacker Michael Runger led the Dartmouth defense with 14 tackles, while senior nickelback Mike Banaciski collected 10 stops. Sophomore linebacker Zach Slafsky had the lone Big Green sack on the evening as one of his seven tackles.

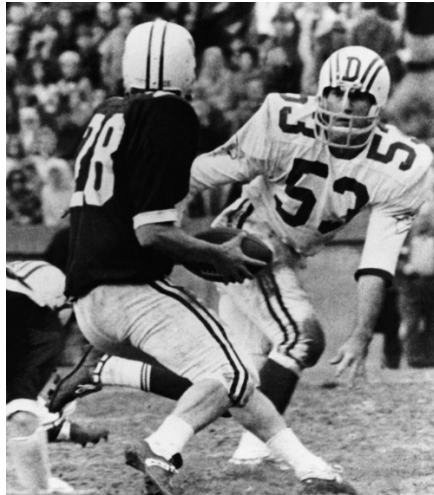
### **2015 Dartmouth at Harvard - Harvard Stadium - Cambridge, Massachusetts {Harvard 14 Dartmouth 13}**

Harvard, somehow, and yes, incredibly, found a way to pull out its 21st consecutive win. And Dartmouth, yet again, despite delivering 57 minutes of spirited and ferocious play against its archrival, was denied for the 12th straight year. The previous 11, however, were never this bitter. Less than three minutes were left on the clock, seemingly in control, on top, 13-7, on the strength of a well-orchestrated 94-yard first-half drive and a pair of Alex Gakenheimer field goals, the dynamic Dalyn Williams and the Big Green offense were at midfield, determined to finally close out their first win in the 119-year series since 2003. "We were in desperation-mode, trying to get the ball back to our offense," acknowledged Harvard senior linebacker Jake Lindsey. "Pre-snap, I kind of knew what was coming." It was a pitch, from Williams to sophomore tailback Ryder Stone, who darted for the right sideline. "I felt if I went over the top for the tackle, I could make the play," said Lindsey. He did, popping the ball loose with a jarring hit, with senior captain Matt Koran pouncing on the recovery, with 2:54 left in the clock. "Hit him as hard as I could," said Lindsey. Eleven plays later, seemingly a lifetime, senior quarterback Scott Hosch rolled right and zipped a 5-yard pass to the goal line for freshman Justice Shelton-Mosley, his third option, and the Crimson were somehow back even, 13-all, with 38 seconds left. Kenny Smart booted the point-after to put Harvard on top for the first time. But the 15th-ranked Crimson only escaped with their improbable 14-13 victory in front of 13,058 at the Stadium Friday night, when sophomore defensive tackle Stone Hart raised his left hand to block Gakenheimer's career-long 46-yard field goal attempt with one tick left. "We stole one," summed up Harvard coach Tim Murphy after his resilient crew improved to 7-0 (4-0 Ivy) and seized control of the league race with three weeks left to play. "They probably outplayed us for most of the game, they are a great football team. And we did what we do best, we found a way to win. We never give up, as cliché as it is, that is the only explanation I have for that W." Shut out in the first half for the first time in five years, and denied on five straight bids from the Dartmouth 1 early in the fourth quarter, Harvard finally broke through with 6:38 left, on fourth and 12, when Hosch found Seitu Smith at the left pylon with a beautifully thrown 39-yard toss, slicing the margin to 13-7. "A tough one to lose," said Dartmouth coach Buddy Teevens, who called his squad's goal-line stand "legendary." Williams (24 of 42 passing, 311 yards) lamented his team's inability to finish off the game.

The Big Green forced three turnovers, including two interceptions by their sensational senior linebacker Will McNamara, one to end the first half, and the second on Harvard's first series in the third quarter. The second series of the third quarter ended abruptly, on the Dartmouth 17, when Folarin Orimolade popped the ball loose from Paul Stanton, with safety David Caldwell pouncing on the recovery. Dartmouth converted the turnover, Harvard's third of the night, into a 39-yard field goal from Gakenheimer with 1:38 left in the third for a 13-0 lead. It easily could have been 17-0, but Victor Williams, wide open in the end zone, dropped a 27-yard option pass from Ryan McManus three plays earlier. Fiercely determined to put an end to its 11-game skid against the hosts, the Big Green carved out a 10-0 cushion at the break – their first halftime lead in the series since their 30-16 win in 2003. The Crimson had not been blanked in the first 30 minutes since a 34-14 loss at Penn in 2010. On the game's first play, the nimble Williams scampered 14 yards up the middle. He later hooked up with senior speedster Ryan McManus for 43 yards on a seam rout to the Harvard 20. The Big Green came away with only 3 points, a 33-yard field goal from Gakenheimer. The next series, aided by a personal foul against Harvard on third and 10 on his 19, Williams directed the Big Green 94 yards on 17 plays in 7:24 before Ryder Stone bulled his way in from the 3 for a 10-0 lead. Harvard got to the Dartmouth 5, but came away with no points when Smart's 31-yard boot was tipped by Caldwell. Gakenheimer then pushed a 23-yard attempt right with 8:36 left in the second quarter.

### [Dartmouth-Yale Rivalry {Dartmouth-Yale}](#)

The Dartmouth–Yale football rivalry is between the Dartmouth Big Green and Yale Bulldogs. The first meeting between the two teams was October 25, 1884. The final score of the first meeting was 113–0, making it one of the most lopsided victories in the history of college football. The latest meeting between the teams was October 8, 2016, where the Yale Bulldogs defeated the Dartmouth Big Green 21–13.



### Notable games in the Dartmouth-Yale rivalry

#### **2010 Yale at Dartmouth - Memorial Stadium - Hanover, New Hampshire {Yale 23 Dartmouth 20}**

{Yalebulldogs.com} Sophomore placekicker Philippe Panico made the first field goal of his career a memorable one, drilling a 19-yarder as time expired to give Yale a 23-20 win at Dartmouth Saturday afternoon. The drive for the game-winner was set up by senior cornerback Chris Stanley stripping the ball away from a Big Green running back and setting up the Yale offense at the Dartmouth 47 with 1:06 to play. It ended a back-and-forth game that saw four lead changes and 780 yards of total offense. Panico's kick came after Yale called a timeout with four seconds to play and the ball on the Dartmouth two for second-and-goal. Kicking from the left hash, Panico sent the ball off the inside of the right upright. "It was a great snap and a great hold," Panico said. "I kissed the kick off the post, which made it a little more exciting than it had to be." The drive was set up by Stanley's heads-up play. Dartmouth started a drive at its own 26 with 2:31 to play, and on second-and-10 from the 36 Big Green quarterback Connor Kempe hit tailback Nick Schwieger on a screen pass along the left sideline. Schwieger, who hurt Yale with 128 yards rushing and one touchdown, made it as far as the 47 before Stanley swooped in and effortlessly took the ball away from him. "It was a screenplay and the ball was coming to the perimeter," Stanley said. "I didn't want to take myself out of the play (by going inside) so I played it strategically. He had the ball hanging out there on his outside arm and I stripped it away." Two plays later junior quarterback Patrick Witt completed a 28-yard pass to senior wide receiver Jordan Forney that got the ball to the seven. With 26 seconds to play, the Bulldogs sent sophomore tailback Mordecai Cargill up the middle for five more yards. With a timeout still in hand, Yale allowed the clock to tick down to four seconds in order to bring Panico out for the final play of regulation. Tom Williams, Yale's Joel E. Smilow '54 Head Coach of Football, saw that the way Dartmouth's defensive players were slow to get off Cargill after the first-down run convinced him not to take a chance with another offensive play that could have ended with the clock running out. Yale had missed two field goal attempts earlier in the game, and the Bulldogs were 0-for-6 on field goals for the season. "I was watching how slowly [Dartmouth was] un-piling from Mordecai, which is what you're taught to do," Williams said. "As I was watching them get off Mordecai I made the decision to let the clock tick down and try the field goal attempt. I've got faith in our guys, and as the head coach that's my job." Panico's kick touched off a huge celebration for the Bulldogs, who won on the game's final play for the second time this season (Witt had a one-yard touchdown dive for a 40-35 win over Georgetown in the opener). "One thing that we've proven is we're resilient," said Williams. Despite all the offensive yards, neither team got further than seven points ahead at any time in the game. As has been the case in each game this season, Yale moved down the field effectively on its first drive. The Bulldogs got a third-and-one conversion from the Eli 39 when freshman tailback Elijah Thomas came on for his first varsity carry and got two yards. Three plays later a 12-yard pass from Witt to junior tailback Alex Thomas converted a third-and-six. The final third-down conversion came on third-and-seven from the Dartmouth 23, with senior fullback Shane Bannon shrugging off an attempted tackle and finishing with a seven-yard gain. Bannon, one of the team's best blockers, would go on to have six catches -- one more than he had for his entire career entering the day. "Shane's a very reliable guy," Witt said. "He makes great catches and he's got really sure hands. Any time I see 37 [Bannon's uniform number] out there I'm going to throw him the ball. He's a big kid, but he's very athletic so it allows us to move him around quite a bit at different positions -- whether at tight end or at fullback. He's a very versatile player and we were able to use him a lot today." Two plays later Alex Thomas took the ball right and momentarily got lost amidst a pile of players before spinning to the sideline and taking off for a 13-yard touchdown. Panico, who kicked in a junior varsity game last Sunday and had just taken over the varsity placekicking duties, came on to boot the extra point. Dartmouth drove deep into Yale territory later in the second quarter thanks largely to a 44-yard pass from Kempe to wide receiver Michael Reilly that got the ball to the Yale 21. But the Eli defense answered immediately, with senior outside linebacker Jesse Reising drilling Big Green receiver Tim McManus for a six-yard loss on the next play. The Big Green eventually settled for a 37-yard field goal from Foley Schmidt. After stopping Yale

short of a first down on a fourth-and-two pass, Dartmouth took over at the Eli 49 at the end of the first quarter. Three runs by Schwieger totaled 18 yards, and a 25-yard pass to Reilly got the ball to the six. Schwieger took it in from there to give the Big Green a 10-7 lead at 13:29 of the second quarter. That put the junior past the 1,000-yard mark for his career. Dartmouth drove to the Yale 39 midway through the second quarter, but got stopped by the Yale defense. First, junior linebacker Austin Pulsipher wrapped up Kempe on a first-down run for a one-yard loss. He then broke up a pass, batting it away at the line. A diving breakup by Reising on third down forced a punt that went for a touchback. On the ensuing Yale drive three completions by Witt got the ball to the Yale 46, and Cargill then broke off a 17-yard run. Four plays later, the Bulldogs converted a fourth-and-three with Witt finding senior tight end Chris Blohm over the middle to get the ball to the Dartmouth 23. A 20-yard toss to senior wide receiver Gio Christodoulou then got the ball to the three, and two plays later Witt tossed one to Bannon in the end zone. The extra point attempt was blocked, but Yale led 13-10 and took that lead into halftime. "We had been working on that [touchdown play] in practice since the first of September," Bannon said. "It hasn't been thrown to me once. It's either been run in for a touchdown or thrown to Bloomer [Blohm]. They completely vacated it, triple-teamed Bloomer and kind of lost me in there. I faked the run inside and went out, hit the short corner and I was wide open."



The two teams spent most of the third quarter in between the 30s, but Dartmouth was able to drive from its own 18 to the Yale 27 late in the quarter thanks to a 48-yard pass from Kempe to Reilly. That set up a 45-yard field goal by Schmidt that tied the score at 13 with 3:33 left in the quarter. Witt would finish the day throwing for 238 yards, and he utilized nine different receivers. Forney's first catch of the day proved to be big, as it was a 19-yarder that converted a third-and-four at the Yale 46. That was part of an eight-play, 60-yard drive that ended with sophomore tailback Javi Sosa scoring his first career touchdown, a seven-yard dash up the middle as time expired in the third quarter. Dartmouth looked to even the score after a Yale fumble early in the fourth quarter. The Big Green had the ball on its own 45 after the turnover and Schwieger appeared to break off a long run down the right sideline, eventually taking the ball into the end zone. But he had actually gone out of bounds after 15 yards -- and on top of that there was a holding call against the Big Green. So the ball wound up back at the 50. Four plays later Kempe attempted to hit a homerun with Reilly again, but this time Stanley out-leaped him for a spectacular interception at the Yale goal line. "I had to read the play from all the way across the field," Stanley said. "Once I saw he was taking off I just decided to go for him." Yale was hurt by three holding calls on the ensuing drive, and punted from its own seven-yard line. Dartmouth cornerback Shawn Abuhoff gathered the ball in at the Yale 41, waited for his blocks to develop and then headed toward the near left corner of the end zone for a touchdown. Schmidt's extra point tied the game 20-20 with 6:19 left. Panico missed a 43-yard attempt at the end of Yale's next drive with 2:31 remaining, but when Stanley helped give him another chance to win it on the game's final play he delivered. "Once competition starts up and the adrenaline hits, you don't have any nerves," he said.

Cargill finished with a career-high 127 yards. The big game came just one week after Cargill was sidelined by an injury in Yale's 23-20 loss to Albany. He also came off the field at one point in the third quarter on Saturday, but he was back in there when it mattered most.

### **2013 Yale at Dartmouth - Memorial Stadium - Hanover, New Hampshire {Dartmouth 20 Yale 13}**

{[Yalebulldogs.com](http://Yalebulldogs.com)} A six-yard touchdown run by Dartmouth tailback Dominick Pierre with 10:11 left in the game broke a 13-13 tie and propelled the Big Green to a 20-13 win over Yale Saturday afternoon at Memorial Field. The run was part of a 167-yard day for Pierre, who became the third Dartmouth player to reach the 2,000 yard mark for his career with his first carry of the second half. Yale got a touchdown run from senior quarterback Henry Furman and a pair of field goals from junior punter/placekicker Kyle Cazzetta to take a 13-6 lead before the Big Green rallied for the win. "We didn't control situations today at all," said Tony Reno, Yale's Joel E. Smilow '54 Head Coach of Football. "Turnovers, [failure to convert] third downs -- we

never really got in a rhythm offensively. The end result is a loss." Dartmouth (2-2, 1-1 Ivy League), which lost to Penn in quadruple overtime last Saturday, needed a win to stay within a game of first place in the league. Yale (3-1, 1-1 Ivy League) was coming off a 24-10 non-league upset at Cal Poly, ranked No. 18/19 in the country at the time. Neither team scored in the first quarter; Dartmouth missed a field goal on its opening possession after driving to the Yale 15. An early turning point came when the Big Green went for it on fourth-and-five from the Yale nine-yard line on the first play of the second quarter. Tight end Cole Marcoux made the play work with a diving one-handed grab in the end zone, just managing to get his feet down before the out-of-bounds line. Senior defensive end Dylan Drake blocked the extra point but Yale still trailed 6-0.

Cazzetta's 29-yard field goal at 7:32 of the second quarter got Yale its first points of the day. The key play of that 42-yard drive was a 12-yard completion on third-and-seven from Furman to junior wide receiver Deon Randall. The Yale defense helped turn the field position battle in the Bulldogs' favor, leading to seven more points. Back-to-back sacks by freshman linebacker Darius Manora and junior defensive tackle Jeff Schmittgens pushed Dartmouth back to its own nine-yard line. The ensuing punt set the Yale offense up at the Dartmouth 45, and it took the Elis six plays to eat up that yardage. Furman had the final play, keeping the ball for a 17-yard touchdown run after faking a handoff to junior tailback Tyler Varga. Dartmouth went for it on another fourth down late in the second quarter. But a short pass attempt fell incomplete, with sophomore strong safety Cole Champion defending on the play. The Big Green got the ball back two plays later thanks to an interception by linebacker Eric Wickham at the Yale 41. A last-second fling by Williams into the end zone sailed into the hands of freshman free safety Robert Ries at the back of the end zone, though, keeping the score 10-6 Yale heading into halftime. The run that got Pierre past the 2,000 career yard mark provided an early highlight in the second half for the Big Green. But Drake and junior linebacker Will Vaughan dropped Williams for a loss on the next play, and the Big Green eventually had to punt. Yale then drove 48 yards to tack on a 31-yard field goal by Cazzetta for a 13-6 lead at 9:57 of the third. Dartmouth tied the game 13-13 on another great catch in the end zone, this one by wide receiver Bo Patterson. He hauled in a 32-yard heave by a scrambling quarterback Dalyn Williams, and the extra point by kicker Riley Lyons knotted the game with 7:05 remaining in the third quarter. A swing pass went awry for Yale late in the third quarter, as it hit off the intended receiver and was recovered by Dartmouth as a fumble. That gave Dartmouth the ball at the Yale 36, but the Bulldog defense came up with a stand. Schmittgens and sophomore nose guard Carl Kreitzberg sacked Williams on third down -- Yale's fourth sack of the day -- to force a punt. The Bulldogs played penalty-free football until a false start on the first play of the fourth quarter (by then, Dartmouth had 11 penalties for 68 yards). Another false start penalty on the following play set Yale back further, and the drive ended with a punt after yet another penalty. "We pride ourselves on being a penalty-free and turnover-free operation," said Furman. "We didn't do that today." On the ensuing drive, Dartmouth drove for the go-ahead touchdown. Pierre was the workhorse, carrying the ball seven times for 40 yards -- including a six-yard touchdown that made the score 20-13 Big Green with 10:11 remaining. During the course of the drive Pierre surpassed the 100-yard mark for the game, his third straight 100-yard effort. "We absolutely did not underestimate him," said senior defensive end Beau Palin, Yale's captain. "We just didn't do our job ... We wanted to make them one-dimensional and stop the run." Sophomore quarterback Morgan Roberts came on to lead the next Yale drive, which ended with a punt after three plays. Dartmouth drove to the Yale 15 before a tackle for loss by Vaughn pushed the Big Green back, and Manora stopped a third-down run by Pierre after a one-yard gain to the Eli 15 with 3:03 to play. The Big Green field goal attempt sailed wide right, leaving the door open for a Yale comeback. It was not meant to be, though. Furman returned for the ensuing Yale drive, which started with 2:59 to play at the Yale 20. On third and 11, Furman completed a short pass to Varga but as he was tackled near the sideline the ball popped loose, and defensive back Mike Banaciski recovered for the Big Green at the Yale 23. Pierre carried the ball four times to help Dartmouth run the clock down, but it took a face mask penalty on the Bulldogs to give the Big Green the first down necessary to kill the clock with a pair of kneel-downs.

## [The Rivalry {Lafayette-Lehigh}](#)

The Rivalry is played by the Lafayette College Leopards and the Lehigh University Mountain Hawks. It is the most-played football rivalry in the nation and the longest uninterrupted annual rivalry series. As of 2016, "The Rivalry" has been played 152 times since 1884 with only a single interruption in 1896. The college's football teams met twice annually (except 1891, when they played three games, and 1896, when they did not play at all) until 1901. The two institutions are located seventeen miles apart in the Lehigh Valley in eastern Pennsylvania. Though primarily alluding to football, "The Rivalry" pertains to a meeting between the two schools in all sports and other endeavors. Despite popular belief, Harvard and Yale did not play The Game in four separate years during The Rivalry's current streak of 151 consecutive games. Furthermore, Lehigh and Lafayette met twice per season in 1943 and 1944 during World War II. The Rivalry is so old that it predates football trophies; the winning team just gets to keep the game ball. These are painted with the score and kept at the winning institution's campus. Lehigh displays its game balls in its athletic hall of fame, and Lafayette keeps its game balls at the official residence of its president. The evolution of the shape of the football can be seen in the displays of past game balls, since the early ones predate even the invention of the forward pass. The football game is usually sold out months in advance and has inspired books and a PBS television documentary narrated

by Harry Kalas. In 2006, ESPN ranked The Rivalry No. 8 in their Top Ten College Football Rivalries, and Sports Illustrated has told its readers that seeing it "is something you have to do once in your life." The 150th game was played on November 22, 2014 at Yankee Stadium in New York City.



### Memorable Moments

**No game in 1896** - The only year in which there was no game was 1896, when Lehigh refused to play Lafayette over a dispute about the eligibility of their best running back, George Barclay, who had played professional baseball at Chambersburg PA the previous summer. The question of his eligibility centered on whether Barclay had received more than reimbursement of travel expenses.

**Longest run** - During a 17-0 Lehigh victory in 1918, it is rumored that Lehigh halfback Raymond B. "Snooks" Dowd ran 115 yards for a touchdown. As Lehigh Athletic Media Relations relate the story, "Dowd ran the wrong way, circled his own goalposts," and then ran the length of the field for the touchdown eluding Lafayette's All-American linebacker Zac "Baker" Howes in the process. Some reports have been exaggerated to credit the length of the run to as much as 160 yards.

**Overtime catch** - The 1995 game, the first year in which the Patriot League used overtime, was decided in the second overtime session. Following a 30-30 regulation score and a scoreless first possession of overtime, Lehigh wide receiver Brian Klingerman caught a pass with one hand from quarterback Bob Aylsworth in the back of the end zone. The catch not only won the game for Lehigh, which trailed 30-14 midway in the fourth quarter, but led them to clinch the Patriot League championship.

**Lafayette's catch** - In the 2005 game played at Lehigh, Lafayette backup quarterback Pat Davis threw a 37-yard TD pass to running back Jonathan Hurt on 4th-and-10 with 38 seconds left to give the Leopards a 23-19 win. The victory gave Lafayette the second of three straight Patriot League championships and NCAA I-AA (FCS) Playoff appearances. Davis entered the game after Lafayette starting quarterback Brad Maurer, the MVP of wins in 2004 (24-10) and later 2006 (49-27), was injured on the game's first series.

### Notable games in the Lehigh-Lafayette rivalry

#### **1961 Lafayette at Lehigh - Taylor Stadium - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania {Lehigh 17 Lafayette 14}**

{Lehighsports.com} With the Lambert Cup on the line, a heavily favored Lehigh squad raced to a 14-0 lead behind scores from Walt King and Boyd Taylor. The Leopards took advantage of seven Lehigh turnovers, five fumbles and two interceptions, to block Engineer drives and eventually, tie the game at 14-14. Lafayette punted the ball away with under a minute to play and Lehigh quarterback Johnny DeNoia completed his only pass of the day, a 44-yarder to Pat Clark, to move Lehigh down to the Lafayette five yard line. Andy Larko came on to kick the decisive 20-yard field goal, the only one of his college career, with six seconds remaining. One week later, Lehigh would claim the Lambert Cup for the second time. This game was the final game as head coach for the legendary Bill Leckonby. The win capped a 7-2 season for the Brown and White. Taylor was voted the game's Most Valuable Player.

#### **1987 Lafayette at Lehigh - Taylor Stadium - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania {Lehigh 17 Lafayette 10}**

{Lehighsports.com} The final college football played in Taylor Stadium was also one of the coldest days in Rivalry history, turning away many fans who would have otherwise been subjected to minus-17-degree wind chills. Down 10-9 in the fourth quarter, quarterback Mark McGowan engineered a ten-play, 59-yard drive in the freezing cold, taking the ball himself over the goal line to get the game-clinching score. Mark McGowan completed 16 of 23 passes for 120 yards in leading Lehigh to a 17-

10 victory over Lafayette in the 123rd renewal of college football's most-played rivalry. The win was Lehigh's 51st to Lafayette's 67. McGowan led Lehigh to a winning touchdown on an 11-play, 60-yard drive shortly after Lafayette had forged into a 10-9 lead in the fourth quarter. There were crucial third-down completions to Tight End Tom Marron of seven yards, and Tight End Vance Cassell of 10 yards. McGowan also executed a 21-yard bootleg around right end which took the ball to the one yard line, where he plunged into the end zone for the score. His conversion pass to Sims added two points and gave Lehigh its seven-point margin with 5:08 left to play. In the opening quarter McGowan led a 13-play drive into the end zone completing five passes in five attempts including a one-yard TD flip to Marron. Beattie missed the conversion attempt. Two more completions and a 12-yard scramble put Beattie in position for a 28-yard field goal and a 9-0 lead on the last play of the period.

#### **1995 Lafayette at Lehigh - Goodman Stadium - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania {Lehigh 37 Lafayette 30}**

{Lehighsports.com} It wasn't initially clear that this game would determine the Patriot League championship, but as the day turned to dusk and Lehigh rallied from a 30-14 deficit in the 4th quarter to improbably tie the game, suddenly the first overtime Rivalry game was going to determine the Patriot League championship-if the game wouldn't get called on account of darkness first. In the first period of the second overtime, wideout Brian Klingerman, with the sun setting, made a spectacular one-handed grab of Bob Aylsworth's pass in the end zone to take the lead. And after Lehigh's defensive line stuffed Lafayette on 4th-and-1, the Championship was theirs. Brian Klingerman hauled in a 14-yard touchdown catch for a dramatic, come-from-behind double overtime victory and a Patriot League Championship - all with one hand. The senior ended his career with a sensational outstretched grab in the back of the end zone to lead Lehigh over Lafayette in the 131st meeting of college football's most-played rivalry. Lehigh overcame a 30-14 deficit to win its second league title in three years. After both teams failed to score on their first overtime possessions, Lehigh took the lead on the unbelievable Klingerman catch from quarterback Bob Aylsworth on second and 10 from the 14. The win was clinched when on fourth down and two yards to go, Lafayette's tailback slipped in the backfield and was downed three yards short of the first down.

#### **1997 Lafayette at Lehigh - Goodman Stadium - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania {Lehigh 43 Lafayette 31}**

{Lehighsports.com} The Mountain Hawks are known for their powerful offenses, but down 21-0 early to the Leopards, it seemed like too big a hole to climb out of. Yet running back Rabih Abdullah, quarterback Phil Stambaugh and wideout Joe Falzone recovered from early mistakes to outscore Lafayette 43-10 the rest of the way. Stambaugh would go 32 for 49 with 323 yards passing, while Abdullah would amass 143 all-purpose yards and two screen-pass touchdowns, enough to earn him MVP honors. In the last two meetings of these bitter rivals, Lafayette has led by 19 and 16 points respectively, but Lehigh managed to pull off miraculous victories. Apparently, Lehigh decided that these margins were too easy to recover from, "choosing" to spot the Leopards the first 21 points of the game. By doing so, the Mountain Hawks allowed their opponents to score first in every game of the 1997 season. Lehigh recovered quickly, putting together an 11-play, 82-yard drive capped by Rabih Abdullah's 12-yard touchdown reception, his first of two on the day. The Mountain Hawks followed that with a scoring toss from Phil Stambaugh to Deron Braswell, covering 45 yards, and making the halftime score a respectable 21-14. Each team put seven points on the board in the third quarter, the Mountain Hawks' share coming on Abdullah's 3-yard run. Joe Falzone was the star of the fourth quarter, catching a 19-yard touchdown pass from Stambaugh, setting up Abdullah's 9-yard scoring streak with a 47-yard grab and passing to Bruce Peltzer for a 2-point conversion. The latter followed Abdullah's second rushing touchdown of the game and fourth overall. Abdullah was named the game's MVP for his stellar performance and Phil Stambaugh came through in the big game once again. Lehigh has now won four of its last five encounters with Lafayette.

#### **1999 Lafayette at Lehigh - Goodman Stadium - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania {Lehigh 14 Lafayette 12}**

{Lehighsports.com} The Mountain Hawks were in the middle of an incredible 23-1 regular season run of regular season games, while Lafayette was struggling, going 4-6 in Bill Russo's final game as head football coach. Trying everything to give their coach a final Rivalry victory, Lafayette gave everything they had, slowing Lehigh's powerful offense to a mere 14 points. With Lafayette getting a touchdown to cut the game to 14-12, the Leopards had all the momentum, but their two-point conversion attempt was knocked down by cornerback Jason Pinckney. Through a nail-biting finish, the defense held on, preserving Lehigh's streak in the Rivalry and helping the Mountain Hawks earn a second-straight berth to the FCS playoffs. Lehigh won its fifth straight game against rival Lafayette in the 135th meeting of college football's most-played rivalry. A sellout crowd of 16,000 saw the Mountain Hawks earn a share of the Patriot League championship with Colgate. Lehigh jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead on a Phil Stambaugh 36-yard touchdown pass to Kody Fedorcha. The lead increased to 14-0 thanks to a Stambaugh 12-yard scoring strike to Brian Endler. Lehigh's defense then took control and sealed the game on a Matt Salvaterra interception with 1:25 left to play. Lehigh outgained Lafayette 410-280 and held a three minute time of possession advantage. Ronald Jean earned MVP honors.

#### **2005 Lafayette at Lehigh - Goodman Stadium - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania {Lafayette 23 Lehigh 19}**

**{Lehighsports.com}** Jonathan Hurt caught a 37-yard touchdown pass from Pat Davis on fourth-and-10 with 38 seconds left to give Lafayette a 23-19 win over Lehigh and a share of its second straight Patriot League championship on Saturday afternoon at Goodman Stadium. Hurt was named MVP of the game after running 18 times for 125 yards and a touchdown, and hauling in the game-winning score. Davis, a senior who entered after junior Brad Maurer was knocked out of the game with a separated shoulder on the first series, led the Leopards on an 88-yard drive after they assumed possession at the 12-yard line, trailing 19-17, with 2:04 remaining. He hit Brandon Stanford for 18 yards on the first play, and later found Archie Fisher for eight yards and Shaun Adair for 22 yards to earn first downs and move the ball to the Lehigh 37. Three consecutive incomplete passes brought up fourth down, and head coach Frank Tavani sent Rick Ziska on to attempt a potential 54-yard field goal. After a Lehigh timeout, the offense went back on the field. Davis was forced out of the pocket, rolled right and found Hurt down the sideline, placing the ball just over the outstretched arms of a defender. Hurt caught the ball inside the five and stepped into the end zone to put Lafayette ahead 23-19. Davis' pass on the two-point conversion was incomplete. Lehigh quarterback Sedale Threatt threw a pair of incomplete passes after Gerran Walker returned the kick to the 39-yard line, and was intercepted by Larry Johnson on third down to put the game away. The victory gives Lafayette its third win over Lehigh in four seasons, the first win by the Leopards at Lehigh since 1989, and a piece of the Patriot League championship for the second straight season. Colgate secured the league's automatic bid into the Division I-AA playoffs with a 34-7 win at Georgetown. Both the Leopards and the Raiders finish at 5-1 in the Patriot League, but Colgate dealt Lafayette its lone league loss by an 18-15 margin on November 5 at Fisher Field. The Leopards received the opening kick, and the game's opening sequence was nearly disastrous. Maurer, a junior who was MVP in Lafayette's 24-10 win last season, was knocked out of the game on the third offensive play with a separated right shoulder. Greg Petrosky returned the punt 40 yards to the 30-yard line, and Threatt ran 21 yards to the nine. Lafayette didn't surrender a yard in three plays, and Justin Musiek missed a 26-yard field goal wide right. Lehigh began its next three possessions from its own 43, midfield, and the Lafayette 46 but went three-and-out on all three series. Hurt broke a 62-yard run on the first play of Lafayette's fifth offensive series before the Lehigh defense forced a turnover on downs.

Larry Johnson made the first big play of the game for the Leopards, blocking a punt by Jason Leo after the freshman mishandled a low snap. Leo covered the football at the five-yard line, where Lafayette assumed possession. After Hurt was stopped for no gain, Davis hit Archie Fisher for the touchdown with nine seconds left in the first quarter. Ziska added the extra point. Lehigh drove 50 yards on 15 plays to get on the board with a 34-yard field goal by Leo. The Mountain Hawks were aided by a personal foul after the Leopards forced a stop at the 48-yard line on one of Blake Costanzo's three first-half sacks. Lafayette went ahead 10-3 with 1:14 remaining in the half as Ziska hit a 45-yard field goal. Hurt set up the score with a 26-yard carry on first-and-15 from the 46. An interception by Trey Martell on the second play of Lehigh's series led to a 47-yard field goal attempt by Ziska with seven seconds left, but the kick fell short. Threatt led Lehigh on an eight play, 40-yard drive that ended with a 25-yard field goal by Leo to slice the deficit to 10-6 just over six minutes into the second half. Brannan Thomas gave Lehigh possession with an interception at the Lehigh 46. Walker gave the Mountain Hawks a 13-10 lead with 6:38 left in the third quarter, going 79 yards with a screen pass from Threatt. Lafayette responded with an 11 play, 41-yard drive that ended with a pair of incompletions on third and fourth down from the 31. An interception by Torian Johnson was negated by a defensive holding call in the middle of an 11 play, 64-yard drive by Lehigh. Threatt was stopped at the four-yard line on a third-down scramble, and Leo extended the advantage to 16-10 with 14:42 remaining in the game. Leo made a 32-yard field goal, his fourth of the game, to put Lehigh ahead 19-10 with 10:25 showing on the clock. Lafayette fumbled the ensuing kick but Joe Russo came out of the pile with the ball for the Leopards. Joe Ort hauled in a 30-yard throwback pass, as Davis threw a lateral to Stanford, who returned the ball to Davis before tossing the ball downfield, on the first play to move the ball to the Lehigh 35-yard line. Davis had runs of 11 and 14 yards to move the offense to the one, and Hurt went over the pile for the score. Ziska knocked in the extra point to make the score 19-17 with 8:02 left. Dion Witherspoon sacked Threatt and forced a fumble at the Lehigh 43 and Kyle Sprenkle recovered the ball at the 36 to end the Mountain Hawks' next possession, but Lafayette didn't net a yard and turned the ball over on downs with 4:10 remaining. Lehigh picked up one first down before Witherspoon forced Threatt to throw the ball away on third-and-seven, setting up Lafayette's championship finish.

### **2009 Lafayette at Lehigh - Goodman Stadium - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania {Lehigh 27 Lafayette 21}**

**{Lehighsports.com}** The Lehigh defense needed one final stop to put an end to its 2009 season and senior Al Pierce delivered, intercepting Lafayette's Rob Curley in overtime to give the Mountain Hawks a 27-21 win in the 145th meeting between Lehigh and Lafayette on Saturday afternoon. In only the second overtime meeting between the two rivals (first since 1995) Lehigh junior quarterback JB Clark found junior tight end Alex Wojdowski for an 8-yard touchdown pass to put the Mountain Hawks up six. After a missed extra point by freshman kicker Jake Peery, the Lehigh defense picked off Curley for the second time to end the game and send the 15,741 fans into celebration at Goodman Stadium. "I can't say enough about the effort these kids have given through a very tough season and today they were rewarded for that," Lehigh head coach Andy Coen said in the postgame press conference. "There were so many different times that they could have packed it in but they never gave up; they came to practice with their heads up every single day and competed hard to the very end. I could not be any happier for the kids in this program." Clark finished the game 22-of-38 for 292 yards and two touchdowns. For his effort Clark earned game MVP honors

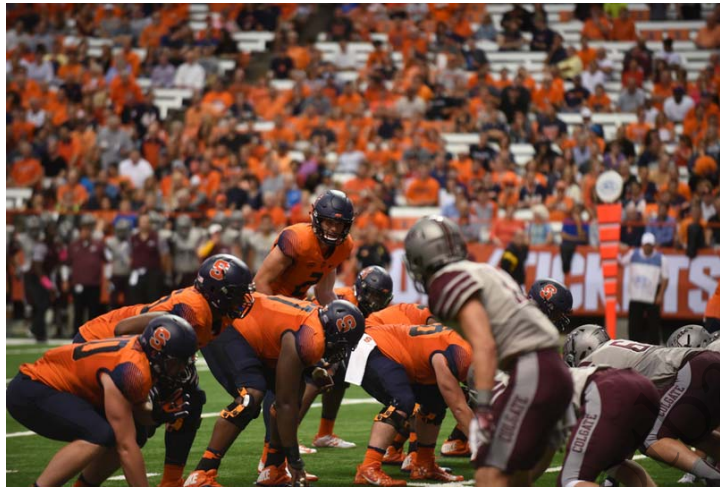
for the second straight year. Sophomores De'Vaughn Gordon and Jake Drawl finished as Lehigh's leading receivers with 100 yards apiece. Pierce and fellow senior Troy Taylor led the Mountain Hawks' defense in tackles. Pierce spoke of his game-ending interception. "That was a play they had run earlier and we were preparing for all week. They got me on it a few times before but on that play I saw (Lafayette quarterback Rob) Curley keep the ball on the play-action and I just played my spot and made the play." For Lafayette, Curley was 21-of-28 for 300 yards and two interceptions. Junior Mark Layton finished as the leading receiver with six catches for 98 yards. The Leopards finished with 482 yards of total offense in the game. Senior Mark Leggiro paced Lafayette with 12 tackles which included one sack. The Mountain Hawks started the game off strong driving down the field on their rivals. Clark completed a big third down pass to Drawl for 20-yards to keep the drive going. Clark committed the games first turnover when he fumbled trying to scramble out of the pocket. Lafayette resorted to some trickery late in its first drive when wide receiver Kyle Hayes tried a pass to the end zone, but the Brown and White's junior safety John Veniero came across to intercept the pass. After a scoreless first quarter Lafayette struck first as Curley found sophomore Mitchell Bennett in the corner of the end zone to take a 6-0 lead. The Leopards capped off a 15 play 98-yard drive with the touchdown and extra point. The Mountain Hawks' freshman safety Bryan Andrews picked off Curley in the end zone to set up Lehigh's first scoring drive. It was Lehigh's second interception of the game and the Brown and White were able to drive 80 yards in 2:40 to draw even with Lafayette. Clark threw his first touchdown of the game as he found freshman James Flynn for a 2-yard score. Clark finished the first half 12-of-22 for 154 yards and one touchdown. Drawl was Lehigh's leading receiver with four catches for 63 yards. In total the Mountain Hawks could only muster up 154 yards of total offense in the half. Lafayette finished the half with 236 yards led by Curley who was 10-of-14 for 161 yards. Layton led the Leopards with four catches for 64 yards. Lehigh and Lafayette went into the locker room tied 7-7 at the half. The Leopards opened up the second half with an 82-yard drive to take a 14-7 lead. Curley found senior tight end Michael Bolton on three-yard pass to pull ahead. Lehigh was held on a three-and-out on its next possession, but on the punt Lafayette's returner Nathan Padia fumbled the ball into the end zone and Veniero was able to recover it for the Mountain Hawks with 8:41 left in the third quarter. With the extra point by freshman Jake Peery the Brown and White pulled even at 14. The Lehigh defense came up with a big fourth down stop early in the final quarter to get the ball back. The Mountain Hawks were able to capitalize as they drove 98-yards and senior fullback Anthony Fossati punched in his first-career touchdown from 1-yard out. The score was set up by a 63-yard pass from Clark to Gordon to get the ball down to the Lafayette five-yard line. The Leopards' Hayes made up for his first quarter interception by catching a 34-yard pass from Curley to bring Lafayette even with Lehigh at 21 with 1:43 left in the game. Lehigh got the ball back, but after a few first downs had to punt it back with under 15 seconds left in the game. Lafayette took a knee to send the game into overtime.



## Chapter Three - NCAA Division 1 (FBS vs FCS)

### Colgate-Syracuse Rivalry

The Colgate–Syracuse football rivalry is between the Colgate Raiders and Syracuse Orange. The two schools are located 38 miles apart from each other in Central New York. The two teams have met 67 times, and despite Colgate not recording a victory since 1950, the series is tied 31–31–5. The game has been infrequently played since the NCAA's divisional split in 1978, which placed Colgate in Division I-AA and Syracuse in Division I-A.



Colgate University (located in Madison County) and Syracuse University (located in neighboring Onondaga County) are both private institutions, and their close proximity to each other quickly lead to a natural rivalry in athletics between the two schools. Colgate and Syracuse first played each other in football in 1891, with Colgate recording a 22–16 victory. The Red Raiders would go on to win 12 of the first 16 games in the series. Colgate's early dominance in the series quickly gave rise to the legend of the Hoodoo (a play on a corruption of the word Voodoo). The Hoodoo legend was based on a story that, during the construction of Syracuse's Archbold Stadium in 1907, a Colgate student snuck onto the construction site and buried a varsity maroon "C" sweater in the drying cement, thereby cursing Syracuse to failure against the Red Raiders. Colgate students even went so far as to rent planes to drop "Hoodoo" flyers to litter the Syracuse campus, prompting Syracuse students to respond by dropping their own flyers on the Colgate campus. After Syracuse students upped the ante by pouring orange dye into Colgate's Taylor Lake, Colgate students responded by renting a plane to drop red paint onto Archbold Stadium. By the late 1950s, Syracuse had established itself as a major power in Eastern college football, while Colgate continued to lag behind and the games became increasingly one-sided. Following the 1961 contest, Colgate terminated the series, in order to focus on playing smaller, peer institutions. Following the NCAA's I-A/I-AA split in 1978, the rivalry was intermittently renewed in the 1980s, with Syracuse comfortably winning all three games played in the decade. In 2010, the rivalry was renewed again after a 23-year absence, with Syracuse recording a 42–7 victory. The series resumed again in 2016, when Syracuse hosted Colgate in a game played in the Carrier Dome, which Syracuse won 33–7.

#### Notable games in Colgate-Syracuse rivalry

1891: The first ever meeting between the two schools resulted in a 22–16 Colgate victory.

1897 – The Tackle: Colgate was hosting the game in Hamilton. With the game tied, a Colgate alumnus who was working as a newspaper reporter covering the game, ran out onto the field and tackled a Syracuse player who had broken away and was about to score the go-ahead touchdown. The game eventually ended in a 6–6 tie. The series would be suspended until 1902, at which point every subsequent game in the series would be played in Syracuse.

1916: Colgate defeats Syracuse 15–0 enroute to the program's first national championship season.

1932: Colgate went into Archbold Stadium and shut out the Orangemen 16–0 enroute to a perfect season and the program's second national championship season.



1950 – Colgate's Last Stand: Colgate pulls out a 19–14 victory over Syracuse in Archbold Stadium, Colgate's last victory in the series to date.

1956: Jim Brown scores an NCAA-record 43 points in Syracuse's 61–7 victory over Colgate.

1959: #1 ranked Syracuse hosted Colgate in front of 31,000 fans at Archbold Stadium and dominated the Red Raiders 71–0 enroute to a perfect season and only national championship season to date.

1961 – The End: Syracuse records a 51–8 victory over Colgate in the last regularly scheduled annual meeting between the two schools. Colgate and Syracuse would not play again in football for the next 20 years.

2010: Colgate and Syracuse met on the gridiron for the first time since 1987, a 42–7 Syracuse victory in the Carrier Dome.

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## Chapter Four - NCAA Division II

### Commemorative Classic {Johnson C. Smith-Livingstone}

Commemorative Classic: "The Birth of Black College Football". On December 27 of 1892, Livingstone College and Biddle College, (Johnson C. Smith) University played in the snows of Salisbury, North Carolina, just two days after Christmas. A writer of a story in the 1930 year-book of Livingstone College provided a glimpse of that December experience when the team from Biddle Institute traveled to Livingstone's Old Delta Grove campus in Salisbury to play while writers recorded the results of a historic moment in sports history.



According to historian T.M. Martin, the men of Biddle spent two years studying and practicing the sport of football. In 1892, they challenged the men of Livingstone, whose team was formally organized in the fall of that year. "It is doubtful that when Biddle University and Livingstone College teed it up on Dec. 27, 1892, in what was described as little more than a cow pasture, no less, if the contestants in this momentous occasion had the slightest inkling of the legacy they were about to give birth to. Games of monumental historical significance, coaches of legendary proportions and players of extraordinary brilliance ultimately emerged from the mother lode that was to become known as the historically Black colleges and universities.

The teams played two 45-minute halves on Livingstone's front lawn. W.J. Trent scored Livingstone's only touchdown on a fumble recovery. By then snow had covered the field's markings and Biddle argued that the fumble was recovered out of bounds. The official ruled in Biddle's favor, allowing them to keep the 5-0 lead that they had established early on and giving JCSU the historic 1st victory! And the rivalry continues."

#### Notable games in the Johnson C. Smith-Livingstone rivalry

**2009 - Johnson C. Smith at Livingstone - Alumni Memorial Stadium - Salisbury, North Carolina {Johnson C. Smith 30 Livingstone 15}**

{bluebearathletics.com} Despite a career high in rushing yards by senior Linwood Jenkins, the Livingstone Blue Bear football team fell the Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls 30-15 Saturday in the inaugural Commemorative Classic at Alumni Memorial Stadium. With the loss, the Blue Bears remain winless with an overall record of 0-6 and a 0-3 record in the CIAA. JCSU improved to 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the conference. Jenkins had his best rushing performance of his time at Livingstone as he rushed for 167 total yards on 25 carries and scored one touchdown. Senior quarterback Steven Williams threw for 134 yards and one score. Defensively, junior defensive back Alkeem Deloatch totaled 10 tackles. Sophomore Devonta Harmon and junior Jamar Graham both had one interception. Livingstone started the game the best they had all season. The Blue Bears forced the Bulls to punt after only three plays and 59 seconds. The Blue Bears marched down the field for 55 yards on seven plays behind 40 rushing yards from Jenkins. Williams found sophomore Christopher Peoples in the end zone for a 10-yard connection. The extra point attempt failed and Livingstone led 6-0. The touchdown was the first points that Livingstone had scored in the first quarter on the season. Each team then traded three and outs and Johnson C. Smith got on the board with 24 seconds left in the first quarter as kicker Julius Wright connected on a 34-yard field goal to cut the Blue Bear lead to 6-3. Livingstone responded on its next possession as it added a field goal of its own to go back up six at 9-3. With less than two minutes left in the half, the Golden Bulls put together a five-play, 63-yard drive, but quarterback Ryan Carter fumbled the ball at the two-yard line. The ball was recovered in the end zone by the Blue Bears for a touchback. Livingstone took a knee on their first snap to end the half. The halftime score was 9-3. Livingstone got the opening kickoff of the second half, but punted after three rushes by Jenkins. On the ensuing punt, JCSU's Jeremy Franklin brought the punt back 47 yards to the Livingstone 27. The Golden Bulls went 27 yards on four plays in 1:32 to go up 10-9. On the Blue Bears' next possession they were again forced to punt after only three plays. Johnson C. Smith was given good field position after the kickoff due to a personal foul on

Livingstone. The Blue Bears were penalized 65 yards on seven penalties. The Golden Bulls to 2:11 to go 62 yards on five plays for a touchdown to go up 16-9. Livingstone started its next scoring drive with one minute left in the third quarter on the one yard line. After three plays and only gaining five yards, the Blue Bears were forced to punt. Bryan Aycoth's punt went only 24 yards, but the play was called back due to a running into the kicker penalty on the Golden Bulls. The penalty gave the Blue Bears a first down and new life. On the second play after the penalty, Jenkins ripped off a 52-yard run down the right sideline and was tackled at the JCSU 33 yard line. After five more plays got the Blue Bears down to the six yard line, Jenkins took a pitch from junior Marcel Roberson to the right side and took it into the end zone. Freshman kicker Jordan Beckham missed the extra point and Livingstone trailed 16-15. Johnson C. Smith put another touchdown on the board with just under five minutes remaining when Quinton Toomer rushed for a 60-yard touchdown. Johnson C. Smith went up 23-15. On Livingstone's next drive it moved the ball 20 yards on four plays, but was then forced to punt. After the punt, the Golden Bulls went 98 yards on 4 plays with a 73-yard rush by Toomer for a touchdown to go up 30-15 which ended up being the final score. Each team had a Most Valuable Player named. Linwood Jenkins took the award for Livingstone while Quinton Toomer took the award for Johnson C. Smith. Livingstone had 298 offensive yards, which was their highest offensive output of the season. Livingstone rushed for 164 yard and passed for 134 more.

**2015 - Johnson C. Smith at Livingstone - Alumni Memorial Stadium - Salisbury, North Carolina {Livingstone 35 Johnson C. Smith 12}**

{bluebearathletics.com} that pesky monkey is finally off the backs of the Blue Bears. That's right, Livingstone's football team achieved its first winning season since 1998 with a convincing 35-12 victory over Johnson C. Smith at Alumni Memorial Stadium on Saturday afternoon. And the game wasn't even as close as the score indicates. In very muddy conditions after Salisbury's week of rain, the Golden Bulls managed just 67 total yards and four first downs. Livingstone may have been looking at a shutout had it not been for two electrifying kick returns by the Bulls' Fred Scott. To celebrate the first football game between two historically black colleges in 1892, the Commemorative Classic began in 2009 and J.C. Smith had won the previous six games. The Blue Bears' victory yesterday keeps the trophy in Salisbury for the first time. Livingstone ends its season at 5-3 overall and 4-3 in the CIAA. J.C. Smith fell to 4-6 and 3-4. The Blue Bears also had two wins against NCAA-deemed "non-counting" schools. "I couldn't be more happy and proud of these guys," said Livingstone coach Daryl Williams. "Winning this game was big because 17 years of losing is finally over. We started on a high note (season opener at Benedict) and ended on a high note. "I've coached for 18 years and this is one of the finer moments," continued Williams, in his third year at Livingstone. "From where we've come from to now, it is special. It was a total team effort. Everybody's bought into the process and we've got great support from our administration, which has given us everything that we need to be successful." While the Livingstone defense was shutting down the Golden Bulls at every turn, the offense almost appeared to be playing on a dry field on a sunny day. Drew Powell, the Blue Bears' decorated four-year starter at quarterback, went out "on top" by completing 21 of 33 passes for 269 yards and two scores. Sure, a few passes slipped out of his hand, one of which he caught himself, but for the most part, he was Powell being Powell. Powell's rushing yards were only 27, but some of that was from losses when he slipped down in the muddy backfield. He connected with fellow seniors, receivers Jalen Hendricks, Will Tatum and Arthur Bowden, on big plays as usual. Powell found Hendricks six times for 79 yards, Bowden once for 16 yards and Tatum four times for a game-high 109 yards. "To avenge our rival that we haven't beaten since I've been here and go out on top, it's a great feeling," said Powell. "I'm proud of my teammates, the way they played today in these conditions." Both Powell and Williams said that they learned from the Elizabeth City State loss on Oct. 3, played during a driving rainstorm. Williams said that he brought out nine new footballs for Saturday's game which had more grip. "That earlier game in bad conditions, we had a tough time," said Powell, remembering the team's nine turnovers that day. "But this time, we just put that behind us and said, 'we've got to do whatever it takes to win this game.'" It was J.C. Smith which had trouble with turnovers on Saturday. The Golden Bulls fumbled six times in the mud, and was lucky to lose only three of them. And quarterback Harold Herbin came off the bench in the third quarter to throw two interceptions. "The defense gave us the ball in great field position and we just made the plays to capitalize," said Powell. "In the third quarter, we seniors knew that we had just 30 more minutes on this field and we were not going to be denied today." Livingstone outscored the Bulls in the third period, 22-0, salting the game away. The game's first 12 minutes was a slipping and sliding punt-fest. Then 19 points came in a hurry. On Livingstone's third possession, Leo Manzo's strong 51-yard punt to J.C. Smith's 40-yard line quickly came back the other way as Scott returned it to the Blue Bears' 7. After a running play lost two yards, starting QB Jordan Lane found Eugene Holmes for a nine-yard TD pass with 2:47 left in the first period. J.C. Smith, which would complete only one more pass all day, botched the extra point for a 6-0 lead. The Blue Bears then quickly went 72 yards on five plays, with Powell capping the drive with a nine-yard scoring romp around the left end. Manzo's kick made it 7-6. The key to the drive was a 52-yard pass from Powell to Tatum that ended up at the JCSU 19-yard line. The lead lasted just 14 seconds as Scott took Manzo's ensuing kickoff and went 89 yards to the end zone. Again the extra point was missed, but the Bulls, with almost no offensive yardage, led 12-7 with 48 seconds left in the first quarter. As the game moved into the second period, Livingstone went on a seven-play, 54-yard drive that reclaimed the lead at 13-12. Powell connected with Hendricks on consecutive plays of 17 and eight yards, the latter for the touchdown. The third quarter was all Livingstone. Powell hit Hendricks for a 28-yard scoring pass midway through the period and then two interception returns broke the game open for the Blue

Bears. First, cornerback Kovarius Williams had a 37-yard return of an interception to the Bulls' 13-yard line. On the next play, running back Marcus Baisey avoided pursuit deep in the backfield, got a great block from Latrell Flowers and sprinted into the end zone. Manzo's PAT put the Blue Bears ahead, 28-12. Two series later, Herbin was picked off by linebacker DeMarcus Nolan, who went the distance, 55 yards, for another touchdown and a 35-12 lead. Suddenly, the game was pretty much over. "I saw Freddy (Scott) come out and I knew that he was their go-to receiver," said Nolan, a junior who was the CIAA's Linebacker of the Week for his performance against Fayetteville State. "I just jumped the route and 'housed' it. I just did my job and made a play. I bobbled it a little, but recovered ... I had to get it." The fourth quarter was more of a victory lap than anything else for the Blue Bears. Williams allowed Powell to even return a punt, which he did for 34 yards, and got some linemen some carries at running back. Eric Horne, a 330-pound senior defensive tackle, had an eight-yard carry that had the entire Livingstone sideline jumping up and down. "That was fun," said a smiling Horne later, "but shutting down J.C. Smith's run all day was even better." JCSU's 67 total yards paled in comparison to Livingstone's 403, but the Blue Bears also had three turnovers which kept the game close until the explosive third quarter. "Not good enough," said JCSU coach Kermit Blount. "We turned it over too many times and in these field conditions, you can't afford to do that because you're not going to get that many opportunities to make something good happen. We generated no offense today. We've got to get better up front and we will. We're going to turn this JCSU program around."

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## Chapter Five - NCAA Division III

### Biggest Little Game In America {Amherst-Williams}

The Biggest Little Game in America is between Amherst College and Williams College. Both programs play in the Division III New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC). With the exception of a few hiatuses, the series has been played annually since 1884, making it the most played Division III rivalry game, and the fourth most played NCAA game at any level. Williams leads the all-time series 72–55–5.



The rivalry between Amherst College and Williams College predates football. It began with the founding of Amherst in 1821. Zephaniah Swift Moore, the president of Williams, had long determined that Williamstown was too remote. Unable to ensure the relocation of the college, he instead set out with a portion of the professors and student body to found a new school in Amherst, MA. Relations between the two schools have been heated ever since. The two schools, in addition to Wesleyan University, also compete in a series known as the "Little Three," a play on the term "Big Three" traditionally referring to Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. The November 10, 2007 contest between the two schools in Williamstown, MA was selected as the location for ESPN's College GameDay. This was the first time the program had been hosted by a Division III school.

#### Notable games in the Amherst-Williams rivalry

##### **2001 - Amherst at Williams - Weston Field - Williamstown, Massachusetts {Williams 23 Amherst 20}**

{[amherst.edu](http://amherst.edu)} The previously undefeated Amherst College football team took a 17-10 lead at the half but couldn't hold on, as host Williams College rebounded for a 23-30 overtime victory Saturday in Williamstown, claiming the outright Little Three and NESCAC Championships and finishing their season with a perfect 8-0 record. Williams sophomore fullback Tyler Shea rumbled one yard up the middle to seal the win in overtime, answering a 23-yard field goal by Amherst first-year David Bodner that gave the Jeffs a short-lived 20-17 lead at the start of the extra session. With the win, the Ephs recorded their fifth-ever perfect season - all under current head coach Dick Farley - marking the seventh time Williams has denied Amherst an undefeated campaign. After both teams went three-and-out on their opening possessions, Williams sophomore signal caller Joe Reardon completed five straight passes, including a 27-yard dart to junior wide out Ryan Friend that brought the ball all the way to the Amherst 11-yard line. From there, Shea covered the remaining real estate on three carries, capped by a one-yard touchdown run, giving the Ephs an early 7-0 lead. Amherst clawed back two series later. With the ball at the Lord Jeff 34, Williams lined up for a field goal attempt but instead direct-snapped the ball to junior place kicker Scott Farley, who lofted a pooch-punt to the 17-yard line where senior return-man Derrell Wright called for a fair catch. The Jeffs proceeded to march 83 yards on seven plays, marked by two spectacular pass plays from first-year quarterback Marsh Moseley to Wright, knotting the score at 7-7 with 1:20 left in the first quarter. Both of Wright's catches came on third-down plays under double coverage; the first a 24 yard grab right in front of the Amherst bench, and the second a 55-yard completion in which Wright caught the ball at the Williams 15, cut back toward the middle of the field and cut back again toward the sideline before being dragged down by junior cornerback Johnny Kelly at the one-yard line. Moseley punched it in from there as the momentum clearly shifted toward the visitors. On the Jeffs' next possession, Wright elevated for a seemingly impossible 31-yard reception over a trio of Williams defenders (who were whistled for pass interference on the play), and Moseley hit junior fullback Jeff Ryan for a 16-yard completion, setting up a 39-yard field goal by first year David Bodner to put Amherst on top 10-7 at the start of the second quarter. Amherst fifth-year head coach E.J. Mills then reached into his bag of tricks as Bodner lobbed the ensuing onside kick short and high - recovered by senior defensive back Geoff Dewire - giving the Jeffs possession at the Williams 38. The play went for naught, however, as Moseley was intercepted by Farley 46 seconds later. Amherst senior linebacker Gregg Stankewicz responded with a vicious hit on Ephs' backup quarterback Jake Moore, knocking the ball loose and recovering it at the Williams 33, once again shifting momentum toward the Jeffs. Amherst's ensuing drive was unsuccessful, but junior Geoff Bough pinned the Ephs at their own three yard line with a

beautifully placed 27-yard punt, ensuring the Jeffs would get the ball back in stellar field possession. Sure enough, Williams went three-and-out and punted. Amherst's offensive line - led by senior Josh Ahearn, Colin Renz and junior Rob Vernicek - proceeded to push the offense 44-yards on the next four plays, capped by an 18-yard touchdown run by sophomore tailback Fletcher Ladd for a commanding 17-7 lead at the break. Unfortunately, it was all Williams from there as the Ephs rebounded with 10 unanswered points in the second half to knot the score 17-17. Farley sliced three points off the lead with a 20-yard field goal with 10:14 remaining in the third quarter. At the start of the fourth, Williams sophomore linebacker Graham Goldwasser victimized Moseley with a diving interception at the Amherst 22 on third-and-12. Sophomore tailback Mike Hackett then pierced the end zone from four yards out to send the game into overtime. Amherst won the coin toss and had the first crack. Ladd rumbled eight yard to the Williams' nine yard line for a first down, but the drive stalled at the four-yard line and the Jeffs had to settle for a 23-yard Bodner field goal. Williams took over and, on second down, Reardon completed a 21-yard pass to Friend down the right sideline to give the Ephs first-and-goal from the Amherst four-yard line. Shea broke through two plays later to give Williams the 23-20 victory - the first overtime game in the 116-year history of the rivalry. Amherst has not won on Weston Field since 1985. For Williams, Reardon finished 23-for-43 with 224 yards and an interception. Senior wide out Colin Brooks was the major beneficiary with eight catches for 53 yards, while Friend added seven catches for 98 yards, including the game-breaking 21-yard play in overtime. Amherst held Williams to just 117 yards rushing, highlighted by Hackett's 76 yards on 18 carries. Shea rushed 10 times for 25 yards with a pair of touchdown runs. For the Jeffs, Moseley finished nine-for-22 for 158 yards and three interceptions. Wright was impressive with four catches for 117 yards, all in the first half. Meanwhile, Ladd posted his third consecutive 100-yard rushing performance with 105 yards and a touchdowns on 25 carries. Senior tailback Okey Ugwonalu added 70 yards on 17 carries. Defensively, seniors Brian Landolfi and Dan Lalli paced Amherst with 10 tackles each, while classmate Jay Hutchins finished with nine. Amherst and Williams entered the game undefeated for just the third time in 116 meetings. The Jeffs won both previous matchups in Amherst - the first a 12-6 victory in 1942 and the second a 20-7 win in 1964. Amherst's last perfect season came in 1984 under legendary head coach Jim Ostendarp. Individually, Wright needed just nine receptions to equal College Football Hall of Famer and 11-year NFL veteran Freddie Scott '74's Amherst career record of 143, and just 197 yards to break Scott's all-time mark for career receiving yards - 2,336. He fell just short but capped an impressive four-year career nonetheless.

#### **2002 - Williams at Amherst - Pratt Field - Amherst, Massachusetts {Amherst 45 Williams 35}**

{amherst.edu} they say new goal posts can cost as much as \$8,000. Amherst College will have to find room in its budget. The Jeffs pulled one of their most stunning upsets in recent memory on Saturday, shocking previously undefeated Williams College 45-35 in front of a Homecoming crowd over 8,000 strong, after which the student body uprooted the goal post from Pratt Field's west end zone and marched triumphantly through campus. The victory marked the fourth time Amherst - which finishes its season at 6-2 - has denied Williams a perfect season, having pulled the trick in 1942 (12-6 Amherst), 1964 (20-7 Amherst), 1995 (0-0 tie) and now in 2002. Plenty of heroes were anointed on Saturday, not the least of which was Amherst senior wide out J.P. Zito, who posted a career-high seven catches for 179 yards, with touchdown strikes of 33, three and 69 yards from sophomore quarterback Marsh Moseley. First-year tailback Ngai Otieno came out of nowhere to rush for 97 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, many of which served to wear down an embattled Ephs defense late in the fourth quarter. And then there was senior cornerback Joe Rubbone, who torched Williams for 11 tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception in his final collegiate game, while junior linebacker Ed Sylvester and sophomore David Borgonzi tallied team-highs of 13 and 12 takedowns, respectively. Things didn't look so good early on, however, as Williams took the opening kickoff and marched 77 yards on 10 plays for a 7-0 lead that seemed to come all too easy. Undaunted, Amherst erupted with the game's next 17 points. Zito ignited the barrage with the afternoon's first touchdown grab - a 33-yard scud from Moseley - followed by a record-breaking 30-yard field goal by sophomore place kicker David Bodner and a one-yard touchdown run by junior tailback Fletcher Ladd. Ten of the tide-turning points came off of Williams turnovers, as Rubbone fell on a Mike Hackett fumble to set up Bodner's field goal, and Amherst sophomore Matt Birmingham recovered yet another Williams miscue on the ensuing kickoff to set the stage for Ladd's one-yard rumble. Williams would close the gap to 17-14 at the half, countering with a marathon seven-minute, 16-play, 65-yard, second-quarter drive that Tyler Shea capped with a one-yard touchdown plunge, the first of three scoring runs for the hulking junior fullback. That was as close as the Ephs would get. Inspired by its stellar play in the first half, Amherst posted a trio of game-breaking touchdowns in the third quarter enroute to an imposing 38-21 lead. Otieno found the end zone with a one-yard TD run before Zito and Moseley found pay dirt with respective three- and 69-yard hookups, sandwiched around a two-yard TD run by Williams' Shea. The Ephs countered in the fourth quarter with a five-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Joe Reardon to classmate Jamaal Mobley and, all of a sudden, it was a 10-point game with 9:59 left in regulation. That was when Otieno iced the game for the Jeffs. After going three-and-out and punting on its next drive, Amherst regained possession with a clutch interception by senior strong safety Paul Miceli and seemed content to chew time off the clock with a series of handoffs. Otieno seized the opportunity with a 12-yard run, followed by a one-yard dive, before bursting up the middle with a tackle-breaking, zigzagging, 43-yard monster of a touchdown run, his second of the game and just the second of his young career. Williams would find the end zone once more in the fourth quarter with an 18-yard touchdown pass from Reardon to

senior wide out Ryan Friend, but it was too little, too late for the Ephs, who watched sole possession of the unofficial NESCAC Championship and the coveted Little Three title fall by the wayside with the loss. Aside from coughing up five turnovers, Williams' offense was, as advertised, impressive. Hackett led the way with 119 yards on 26 carries, and Shea's four carries for eight yards accounted for three Eph touchdowns. Reardon had a busy afternoon as well, throwing 41 times with 27 completions for 301 yards, two touchdowns and a pair of interceptions. Mobley was the chief beneficiary with 10 catches for 93 yards and a touchdown. Junior linebacker Graham Goldwasser had a strong game on defense, tallying a game-high 14 tackles, including 1.5 for loss and a sack. Amherst's historic day was marked by several historic performances. Having already snapped a single-season school record, Bodner shattered a conference record with his eighth field goal of the season. Meanwhile, with 56 rushing yards on Saturday, Ladd fell just 72 yards shy of Josh Mason's single-season school record of 1,220 rushing yards, set in 1994, and 145 yards shy of the NESCAC single-season record of 1,293 yards, set by Jamall Pollock of Williams in 1995.

#### **2003 - Amherst at Williams - Weston Field - Williamstown, Massachusetts {Amherst 14 Williams 10}**

{amherst.edu} The Amherst College football team rebounded from a 14-0 first-quarter deficit with 10 points in the second quarter but fell just short in a season-ending 14-10 loss at Little Three rival Williams College in the 118th meeting of the "Biggest Little Game in America" on Saturday. Both teams put up zeros in the second half, and Amherst had a chance to win the game in the waning seconds, but a 50-yard Hail Mary pass fell incomplete, sealing the victory for the Ephs. Rookie quarterback Nick Kehoe, playing in place of injured quarterback Marsh Moseley, came off the bench to guide Amherst on both of its scoring drives, throwing a 12-yard touchdown pass to senior wide out Jim Devine and completing 14 passes for 123 yards on the day. Junior tailback Fletcher Ladd paced the ground attack with a game-high 135 yards on a workmanlike 27 carries. Junior placekicker David Bonder drilled a 32-yard field goal to put Amherst on the board midway through the second quarter. On defense, Amherst seniors Ed Sylvester and Dan McNamara had career games with 15 and 12 tackles, respectively. Senior Paul Whiting and junior Rob Walsh each posted interceptions in the loss. Whiting played the entire game with a cast on his broken left wrist. Williams jumped out to its early 14-0 lead with a five-yard touchdown run by Tim Crawley and a four-yard scoring plunge by Mike Hackett. The first touchdown was set up by a blocked punt, which Williams recovered on the Amherst five-yard line. The Jeffs managed the blank the Ephs the rest of the way, despite missing a host of key players with injuries on both sides of the ball. Amherst finishes its season at an even 4-4, while Williams improves to 6-2 and clinches the outright Little Three Championship.

#### **2004 - Williams at Amherst - Pratt Field - Amherst, Massachusetts {Amherst 13 Williams 10}**

{amherst.edu} sophomore wide out Justin Macione hauled in a spectacular 39-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Marsh Moseley with 11:46 left in regulation to lead the Amherst College football team to a 13-10 victory over visiting archrival Williams College in the 119th edition of "The Biggest Little Game in America" on Saturday. With its third win over Williams (6-2) in the last five years and third straight home victory over the Ephs, Amherst claims sole possession of the coveted Little Three title and finishes its season at 6-2. Amherst senior tailback Fletcher Ladd rushed 34 times for 179 yards and a touchdown in the win, while senior linebacker Mike Salvatore had the afternoon of his life on defense, leading the Jeffs with a game-high 16 tackles, including 2.5 for loss. Trailing 10-6 early in the fourth quarter after Williams sophomore Cory Catelli connected on a 10-yard touchdown run, Amherst found itself at the Eph 39-yard line in desperate need of a momentum change. They found it in the form of Macione, who raced Williams sophomore Elliott Moffie to the goal line and won a jump ball in the back of the end zone in front of an Amherst Homecoming crowd over 11,000 strong. With a tenuous three-point lead in hand, the game was far from over, and the Jeffs came up with three huge defensive plays down the stretch. The first was an interception and 14-yard return by senior defensive back Bob Sargent - his second of the game and fourth of the season. The second was a bone-jarring hit for a three-yard loss by Amherst senior linebacker Dave Borgonzi on a Williams fake field goal attempt on fourth-and-two. Finally, with the Ephs driving in Lord Jeff territory in the final minute, Amherst senior defensive back Rob Walsh delivered the game's deathblow, popping Williams senior tailback Tim Crawley and forcing a game-sealing fumble that Lord Jeff senior Chris Scarpelli recovered at the Amherst 41 with just 33 ticks on the clock. Crawley had an otherwise outstanding game for Williams, matching Ladd with 179 rushing yards on 39 carries. He also had a 36-yard kickoff return to setup Williams' only touchdown. Amherst trailed 3-0 at the break and was more than fortunate to be down by just a field goal after turning the ball over twice in the opening half. Williams blew a golden opportunity to extend its lead with 1:23 left in the second quarter, choosing to go for it on fourth-and-goal from the Amherst one-yard line. Crawley took the handoff but was stuffed at the line of scrimmage by Borgonzi and junior linebacker Justin Roemer, who finished the game with 12 and 10 tackles, respectively. Amherst took the lead for the first time at the end of the third quarter, thanks in part to favorable field position after a 21-yard punt return by senior Jay Wagstaff. Moseley then found Wagstaff on a 21-yard fade route, and Ladd punched it in from five yards out on the following play. A missed extra point left the door open for the Ephs, however, and Williams reclaimed the lead on the ensuing possession on Catelli's 10-yard run. Moseley had only three completions on the day, but he made them count on what turned out to be a cold, clear afternoon. Senior tailback Matt Monteith shored up the Amherst rushing attack with 39 yards on 11 carries. The Jeffs also boasted 11 defenders with five or more tackles, including Sargent, Walsh, Scarpelli, sophomore Brendan McKee and juniors Nick Zieler, Dan Kovolisky, L.J. Spinnato and Kelvin Coker.

## 2008 - Williams at Amherst - Pratt Field - Amherst, Massachusetts {Williams 24 Amherst 23}

{amherst.edu} The 123rd meeting between the Amherst College and Williams College football teams was one for the books, as the visiting Ephs spoiled the Lord Jeffs' Homecoming festivities with a 24-23 victory on Pratt Field. Williams ends its season at 6-2 and in sole possession of second place in the NESCAC standings, while Amherst finishes at 5-3 in a tie with Middlebury for third place. Despite overcast skies, rain and a sloppy playing field, both teams took to the air and combined for 419 passing yards on the day, with Amherst holding a slim 212-207 edge. The Ephs out-gained the Jeffs on the ground, 94-76, racking up 301 yards of total offense compared to Amherst's 288. The archrivals were similar in several other statistical categories as well, with each team picking up 16 first downs, intercepting two passes, sacking the opposing quarterback once, scoring three touchdowns, and converting on one field goal. Williams held possession for 30 minutes and 30 seconds, with Amherst possessing the ball for 29:30. With the teams so identical on paper, it was no surprise that the game came down to something as minor as an extra point. With just 1:08 remaining in the third quarter, after the Jeffs took a 23-17 lead on a 6-yard rushing touchdown by senior Eric NeSmith, the ensuing kick by junior Matt Eberhart was blocked by the Williams defense at the line of scrimmage. The Ephs capitalized with a touchdown early in the fourth quarter, and their converted extra point attempt proved to be the game-winning score. Eberhart kicked a 28-yard field goal to put the Lord Jeffs on the board midway through the opening quarter. The play in the defensive backfield for both teams was exceptional early on, as junior safety Fred Argir helped the Amherst defensive efforts by picking off a pass deflected by senior Fran Florio with 8:06 to go in the first quarter, just eight seconds after Eberhart's first field goal attempt split the uprights. Sophomore quarterback Alex Vetras opened the second quarter with a 27-yard completion to wideout Andre Gary, igniting a scoring drive that was capped off by NeSmith's first of two rushing touchdowns on the day, as Amherst held a 10-0 lead just 26 seconds into the second frame. Williams scored its first points of the day on a 7-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Patrick Moffit to senior Stew Buck with 5:55 to go in the half. Junior Scott Sobololewski tied things up by kicking a 43-yard field goal with four seconds left in the first half, with the clock showing 00:00 as the ball split the uprights. The teams headed into the locker room tied at 10-10, as the much anticipated matchup had lived up to its hype after 30 minutes of play. Junior Mike Taylor picked off Moffit with 10:05 to go in the third quarter, and the interception set up a 29-yard touchdown pass from Vetras to Gary, as the hosts took a 17-10 lead with 7:54 to play in the third quarter. Prior to Gary's touchdown reception, the Ephs had stopped the Jeffs on 3rd-and-11, but an offsides penalty against Williams on the ensuing punt set the Jeffs up for a much more feasible 4th-and-6. With the down and distance adjusting in the Lord Jeffs' favor, head coach E.J. Mills took the kicking unit off the field and made the decision to take another shot at the first down, and Vetras connected with Gary on the ensuing play. Late in the third quarter Sean Milano picked off a Vetras pass attempt and returned it 22 yards to the Amherst 14-yard line. The interception set up a 13-yard touchdown pass from Moffit to senior wide out Ryan Powell, who led all receivers on the afternoon with nine catches for 119 yards. The Powell touchdown grab notched things up at 17-17 with less than two minutes to play in the third quarter, but the Lord Jeffs answered with a 74-yard kickoff return by sophomore Femi Oyalowo. Two plays later, Nesmith capped off the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run for his second score of the day. The Jeffs carried a 23-17 lead into the fourth quarter and had taken back all of the game's momentum, but the ensuing blocked extra point attempt would come back to haunt them. Williams got right back to work in the final quarter and put together a nine-play, 76-yard scoring drive that ended with senior running back Brian Morrissey finding the end zone with 12:54 to play. Sobolewski's extra point was good, giving the Ephs a 24-23 advantage. The Jeffs responded with a 14-play drive on their next possession and set Eberhart up for a 38-yard field goal attempt, but the ball sailed just wide right, as Williams held onto its one-point lead with 5:08 showing on the clock. Amherst had only 43 seconds to work with in its final push of the game, but junior Ikenna Iheoma decided he could not wait that long for the game to be over, as he picked off Vetras on the Jeffs' first play of the drive, allowing Williams to run out the clock and hang on for the dramatic 24-23 win. Morrissey's game-high 87 rushing yards bumped him into first place on Williams' Division III all-time list, while NeSmith had a team-high 53 yards on 15 carries to finish his impressive career with 1,576 yards on the ground. Vetras completed 26 of 45 pass attempts for 212 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions, while Moffitt was 19-of-36 for 207 yards. Gary caught eight passes for 109 yards and a score in what was a breakout game for the promising sophomore, with senior Jim Eckenrode adding 41 yards on eight catches to finish his career with 589 receiving yards and four touchdowns. Taylor led the Amherst defense with 14 tackles (six solo), three pass breakups and an interception to finish the season as the team leader in total tackles (59), interceptions (three) and pass breakups (six). Finishing behind Taylor in tackles for the year were junior Eric Pender and senior Jake Spadafora, who each had 48. Spadafora led the Jeffs with 8.0 tackles-for-loss and had 3.5 sacks in his final season, with five of his tackles coming Saturday against Williams. Also shining on defense Saturday to wrap up their careers were seniors Florio and A.J. Scola. While Scola had five solo tackles and broke up a pair of passes, Florio matched Taylor with three breakups and added four tackles. Scola totaled eight interceptions in his decorated career, with Florio picking off three passes during his senior campaign. Senior co-captain Trevor Powers led all players with 15 tackles, with Milano adding 12 (eight solo) to go along with his interception.

## 2009 - Amherst at Williams - Weston Field - Williamstown, Massachusetts {Amherst 26 Williams 21}

{amherst.edu} Hundreds of alumni gathered around the world to witness on live television the Amherst College football team win the 2009 NESCAC title with a 26-21 win over archrival Williams College Saturday afternoon at Weston Field.

The Lord Jeffs wrapped up the third 8-0 season in program history, while the Ephs finished the season at 6-2. Williams jumped out to a 14-3 lead and seemed determined to spoil Amherst's perfect season, but the Lord Jeffs scored the next 23 points of the game and never looked back. Amherst scored in every quarter, while the Ephs put up seven points in the first, second and fourth frames. Saturday was so much more than a win for the Lord Jeffs, who captured their first outright NESCAC title and their first conference championship since they shared the honor with Colby and Middlebury in 2000. The win was Amherst's first over Williams since 2004 and its first at Weston Field since 1985. With his first perfect season, head coach E.J. Mills moved to 74-30 overall and 4-9 against the Ephs. The win also marked Amherst's sixth perfect—and eighth unbeaten—season, with the last coming in 1984. The Lord Jeffs finished at 1-0 in 1877 and 1899, and 7-0 in 1942, while the 1964 and 1984 squads were a perfect 8-0. The 1938 (6-0-1) and 1953 (7-0-1) Amherst teams also finished unbeaten. Williams had spoiled Amherst's perfect season seven times prior to Saturday, with each of the past three occurrences coming in heart wrenching fashion. After scoring the go-ahead touchdown in the final minute of a 19-13 win in 1996, Williams delivered another crushing blow the following year by scoring in the final two seconds of a 48-46 thriller. In 2001, the Jeffs fell to 7-1 after a 23-20 overtime loss. There would be no spoiling this time around, as Lord Jeff Nation got its first taste of perfection in 25 years. The stage for Saturday's game was set as every meeting between rivals should be. In a battle between New England's No. 1 and No. 2 teams, there was no clear favorite. Williams had scored at least 30 points in each of its past five games (5-0), and Amherst had yet to allow more than 13 points in any contest. Neither streak held up Saturday. The 124th meeting between Amherst and Williams featured an unstoppable force going up against an immovable object. It was the NESCAC's top-ranked scoring offense against its top-ranked scoring defense, its best rushing offense versus its best rushing defense, and its most effective red zone offense against its most effective red zone defense. Amherst entered the battle leading all of Division III in rushing defense (44.4 ypg), but junior sensation Ryan Lupo—the NESCAC's top rusher—was able to run the ball 30 times for 126 yards for the Ephs. Lupo's effort wasn't enough, though, as the Amherst defense intercepted three passes and returned a fumble 33 yards for a touchdown in yet another outstanding defensive effort. Junior quarterback Alex Vetras entered the game just one pass attempt shy of tying Amherst's single-season record of 262, which was set by Paul Foye '87 in 1986. Vetras surpassed the record in the opening quarter, finishing the day 20-of-35 for 290 yards, no interceptions and two touchdowns, including a 70-yard connection with sophomore Andrew Reed in the second quarter. Adding a touchdown reception for Amherst was Brian Murphy, whose 10-yard grab made it a 26-14 game in the fourth quarter. Matt Rawson kicked a pair of field goals and sophomore Eric Bunker returned a fumble 33 yards to the end zone in the second quarter to round out the scoring for the Jeffs. Amherst sophomore Femi Oyalowo returned the opening kickoff to the 30-yard line. Vetras completed two short passes and handed the ball off to senior back Aaron Rauh twice early on to move the ball into Williams territory. After an 18-yard completion to senior Brandon Bullock, Vetras found Murphy at the 12-yard line on third down to bring Amherst into field goal range. On fourth down, Rawson put Amherst up 3-0 on a 29-yard field goal with 9:22 to play. The Ephs' first possession started on their own 34-yard line with a pair of hand-offs to Lupo and two completions from quarterback Pat Moffitt to quickly move into Amherst's half of the field. After a loss of one yard, Williams caught the game's first break as Amherst senior defensive back Fred Argir slipped in coverage to spring Eph receiver B.J. Griffin for a 24-yard touchdown pass. After the point-after attempt was converted, Williams held a 7-3 lead with 5:28 to play in the first quarter. Amherst then went three-and-out, leading to a punt from senior Matt Eberhart that handed the ball back to the Ephs at their own 33-yard line. Williams moved the ball 33 yards on just three plays, before Amherst junior Nick Edwards picked off Moffitt at the 18-yard line to shut the door on the fast-moving Williams offense. The Jeffs could not capitalize on the turnover, and went three-and-out once again before Eberhart came on to punt the ball away with just 1:25 to play in the opening quarter. Early in the second quarter, Williams capped another quick-paced, six-play 52-yard drive with a 28-yard touchdown pass from Moffitt to Bryce Bennett. With 13:52 to play in the second frame and the hosts boasting a 14-3 lead, Williams had already scored more points than Amherst had allowed in any game this season. On the ensuing Amherst possession, a pair of consecutive 15-yard personal fouls backed the Jeffs all the way to their 8-yard line before Eberhart took the field for his third punt of the half. Eberhart uncorked a 57-yard punt from his own end zone to give Williams possession at midfield. For the first time in the game, the Lord Jeff defense took charge, holding the Ephs to -13 yards on three plays to force a Williams punt. On the defensive stand, sophomore Kevin Ferber sacked Moffitt for a loss of 11 yards. After taking possession on its 20-yard line, Amherst handed the ball to Oyalowo on first down for an 8-yard scamper. After Oyalowo picked up a first down, Vetras went deep to Reed, who shook a defender after catching the ball and went the distance for Amherst. The 70-yard catch-and-run to paydirt closed the gap to 14-10 in Williams' favor with 9:25 to play in the first half. The two schools traded three-and-outs, but a miscue on a Williams punt proved to be a game changer. The long snap to Will Cronin was too high to handle, and as the ball skipped around on the wet turf, Bunker scooped up the ball and dashed 33 yards into the end zone to put Amherst back on top, 17-14. Neither team scored in the final 4:08 of the first half, as Amherst went to the locker room with a three-point lead. With 6:07 to play in the third quarter, Amherst started a drive at its own 26-yard line. After a short run and an incomplete pass, Vetras hit sophomore wide receiver Kevin Heller for a 39-yard bomb to keep the drive alive. Three plays later, Heller hauled in another 15-yard completion from Vetras to move the ball down to the Williams 15-yard line. The Lord Jeffs were unable to punch the ball into the end zone, but with 2:36 to play in the third Rawson hit a 28-yard field goal to put Amherst ahead, 20-14. Two plays after the Rawson field goal, Edwards snagged his second interception of the day on a first-down pass attempt by Williams quarterback Matt Coyne. The Jeffs moved the ball 20 yards on six plays, but Rawson pulled a 39-yard field goal attempt wide left. After taking

over on downs, Williams was unable to run a play before time expired in the third quarter. Once again early on in a Williams possession, Amherst's secondary made a huge play as Argir pulled a Moffitt pass away from an Eph receiver for his NESCAC-leading sixth interception of the year. On the ensuing drive, Vetras found Andre Gary for a 54-yard completion in double coverage to set up a first-and-goal at the Williams 10. On the next play from scrimmage, Vetras hit Murphy in traffic in the corner of the end zone to put the Jeffs up 26-14. Head coach EJ Mills elected to go for the two-point conversion, but a Vetras pass fell incomplete with 13:34 to play in the fourth quarter. After the Murphy touchdown, Williams moved the ball 63 yards on eight plays to set up a first-and-goal at the Lord Jeff 4-yard line. On the ninth play of the drive, Williams spread the field for Moffitt to scamper through the trenches untouched for an Eph touchdown. With the extra-point tacked on, Amherst's lead shrank to 26-21 with 10:23 to play. With Amherst's lead shrinking, Lord Jeff Nation cringed when an Amherst fumble was recovered by Williams at the Amherst 43-yard line with just 3:44 to play. So many times the Ephs had broken the hearts of Amherst fans in the waning moments of games, and the home team seemed poised to do it again. A heartbreaking loss would not be in the cards this time around, however, as Williams failed to convert on a 4th-and-4 opportunity with 1:18 remaining in regulation. Moffitt hit tight end Jon Carroll on a short pass, but the Ephs were cut short of the first down by one yard thanks to the biggest tackle in the career of senior quad-captain Chris Govey. Govey's stop put a halt to the Williams comeback attempt and handed the ball back to Amherst. Vetras began the ensuing Amherst drive by taking a knee, with Williams using its final timeout with only 1:10 to play. Amherst's quarterback dropped to his knee a second time to inch the Jeffs closer to perfection, and a third time would run the clock to 00:00 with the scoreboard reading 26-21 in Amherst's favor. With the final whistle, Amherst secured its perfect season. First-year Sam Clark led the Amherst defense with nine tackles, while junior Brandon Quinn and senior Mike Taylor added eight and seven, respectively. Rauh and Oyalowo combined for 65 yards on the ground, with Murphy catching seven passes for 57 yards. The teams were virtually identical in nearly every statistical category, with key plays on defense once again proving to be Amherst's savior. The road to 8-0 wasn't easy. The Lord Jeffs trailed at the end of the first quarter in five of their games. They needed a touchdown in the final three minutes to edge Bowdoin, 13-12. They were tied at halftime during a 13-3 win over a gritty Tufts team. NESCAC powerhouse Trinity led 9-0 after the opening quarter and 12-7 at halftime, but the Jeffs scored 16 unanswered points in the second half. Aside from a 23-0 win over Wesleyan—the Jeffs' only victory by more than 11 points—Amherst didn't blow any team out. They didn't score more than 23 points in any game prior to Saturday. No contest was ever a sure thing. But, as Amherst demonstrated, you don't have to lead the league in scoring to go 8-0. You simply need to score more points than the team trying to beat you. And that's what Amherst did. Eight times.

The collegiate football careers of 12 Lord Jeffs came to a close Saturday. The Class of 2010 posted a 21-11 record in four years, with 2009 marking its best season by far. The group earned a combined five All-NESCAC postseason honors, with the 2009 All-Conference Teams set to be released Nov. 18.

### **2012 - Williams at Amherst - Pratt Field - Amherst, Massachusetts {Amherst 23 Williams 20}**

{amherst.edu} Amherst football closed out its 2012 season and 121 years on Pratt Field with a thrilling 23-20 victory over archrival Williams on Saturday afternoon. Playing the last game on their natural turf, the Jeffs improved to 29-27-3 against the Ephs at home to preserve their winning record against Williams on Pratt before the historic site undergoes a major renovation this offseason. The Ephs still hold the series edge, 71-51-5, but Amherst has now won three of the last four showdowns dating back to 2009. Sophomore quarterback Max Lippe completed 12-of-21 passes for 153 yards and a touchdown, while running for two others. Jonathan Pieterse '16 connected on 5-of-8 attempts for 77 yards, while Jake O'Malley '14 hauled in five catches for 87 yards. Brian Ragone '16 added 72 yards on three receptions, while James Durham '13 had 39 yards and a touchdown. Out gaining Williams 407-343, Sean Wilson '16 led all Amherst rushers with 127 yards on 21 carries (6.0 ypc). Steven Jellison '14 added 36 yards on 13 touches (2.8 ypc), as the Jeffs finished with a 177-143 edge on the ground. Wide receiver Darren Hartwell '13 paced the Eph offense, racking up 191 all-purpose yards, including 106 in the return game. Quarterback Tom Murphy '15 completed 13-of-26 for 171 yards, a touchdown and an interception, while Alex Scyocurka '14 led Williams with 135 yards rushing on 25 carries (4.9 ypc). Forcing Amherst into a three-and-out on its first possession, Williams began its second drive on the Jeffs' 39-yard line. Taking a shot downfield, Murphy hit Hartwell in stride, giving the Ephs a 7-0 lead. Answering midway through the first quarter, Amherst pieced together an eight-play, 50-yard scoring drive. Getting the ball back on a Travis Dickenson '13 fumble recovery, the Jeffs ran three-straight running plays to set up a first-and-10 from the Williams 39. Connecting on a pair of passes for 26 yards to O'Malley, Lippe punched it in from two yards out, taking a quarterback keeper off right tackle for his fifth rushing touchdown of the season. Forcing an Amherst punt on its next possession, Hartwell ripped off a 33-yard return up the right sideline to give the Ephs great starting field position on the Jeffs' 28. After a pair of Scyocurka six-yard runs, Murphy tossed it to Marco Hernandez '14, but the running back stopped short of the edge and floated a 16-yard pass to Hartwell to put the Ephs' back on top with 3:05 to go in the opening quarter. After exchanging field goals early in the second to make it 17-10, Williams hoped to take advantage of an illegal substitution on a fourth-and-5 that gave them a new set of downs. Murphy responded with three-straight completions putting the Ephs on the Amherst 32 with under 30 seconds remaining in the half. Looking to his left, the sophomore signal-caller tried to thread a pass to Richie Beaton '14, but Robbie Heflin '13 stepped in front, picking off his fifth of the season to end the Williams threat. Jumping on a Jellison fumble on the Jeffs' first possession in the third quarter, Scyocurka

and Tom Wohlwender '13 combined for 26 yards on consecutive carries to set up a first-and-goal from the Amherst six yard line. Facing third down, Murphy looked to have Hartwell open in the flat, but skipped a pass toward the open receiver forcing the Ephs to settle for a field goal that made it 20-10. Still trailing at the tail end of the third, Amherst strung together an eight-play, 80-yard drive. Staring at a third-and-9 from the Jeff 21, Lippe launched a 30-yard pass down the middle of the field to O'Malley, who fought off an Eph defender to pick up a big first down. Lippe then connected with Durham for an 11-yard strike before Wilson rumbled for 23 yards, dragging a Williams player to the 15-yard-line. Three plays later, Lippe capped off the drive by hitting Durham on a slant in the end zone to trim the deficit to 20-17. With the Ephs going three-and-out on its next possession, Amherst got the ball right back with 13:19 on the clock. On second-and-7, Wilson burst through the hole and into the Williams secondary, reeling off a 26-yard run before fumbling it at the Jeff 41-yard line. Trailing the play, Jack MacLennan '14 pounced on the loose ball to make sure Amherst retained possession. Forced into a fourth-and-9 just three plays later, the Jeffs looked to have to boot it away, but a roughing the kicker penalty gave the home team new life. On third-and-13 from the Williams 41, Lippe took another deep shot down the middle of the field, this time finding a streaking Ragone, who made a nice leaping catch at the two yard line. From there, Lippe kept it on the option, putting the Jeffs ahead with his second rushing TD of the day, but Jake Schmidt '14 missed the ensuing extra point to keep it 23-20. Still down three with just 1:32 to go, Williams picked up 26 yards on a pair of Jeff Brewington '14 receptions. After three-straight incompletions, the Ephs saw another ball fall to the turf, but a pass interference penalty gave the visitors one final shot. Regrouping, the Jeff defense stepped up, as Jaymie Spears '16 picked off substitute quarterback Adam Marske '14 on the very next play to seal the victory. Spears led Amherst with eight tackles, an interception and two pass breakups, while Sam Clark '13 had six stops. Heflin accounted for the Jeffs' other pick, while Dickenson collected six tackles and two forced fumbles. Chris Cameron '13 led Williams with 10 stops, while Antonio Blanco '15 and Emmanuel Whyte '13 each had nine tackles. Today's game also marked the last for the Class of 2013. In four seasons, Amherst's 14 seniors have compiled a 28-4 overall mark, becoming one of the winningest classes in the program's 135-year history.

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