


# Game-by-Game Recaps

**N** **Nebraska** **21**  
**LSU** **20**

January 1, 1983  
Orange Bowl Stadium



## Fumblin' Nebraska Holds On



LSU came within one point of upsetting No. 3 Nebraska, but the Huskers held on to win 21-20.

Despite four fumbles and a pair of interceptions, the Big Red Machine was able to come back from a 17-7 deficit to win. Two Dalton Hilliard scores for LSU came as the result of Nebraska fumbles and a third-quarter Louisiana State field goal was also the result of a fumble.

Finally, the Husker offense came alive, scoring twice thanks to drives engineered by quarterback Turner Gill. Gill found Mike Rozier with an 11-yard pass and then scored the second touchdown himself, giving the Huskers a 21-17 lead.

Louisiana State cut it to one with a fourth-quarter field goal by Juan Betanzos.

|                  | Nebraska | LSU    |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| First Downs      | 22       | 12     |
| Rushing Attempts | 58       | 31     |
| Rushing Yards    | 237      | 63     |
| Passes Attempted | 22       | 30     |
| Passes Completed | 13       | 14     |
| Had Intercepted  | 2        | 2      |
| Passing Yards    | 184      | 173    |
| Total Offense    | 403      | 211    |
| Punting/Avg.     | 1/31.0   | 6/39.2 |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 4/4      | 1/0    |
| Penalties/Yards  | 4/25     | 8/54   |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|          |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Nebraska | 7 | 0 | 7 | 7 | - | 21 |
| LSU      | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | - | 20 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

NE: Schellen 5-yard run (Seibel kick); LSU: Hilliard 1-yard run (Betanzos kick); LSU: Hilliard 1-yard run (Betanzos kick); LSU: Betanzos 28-yard FG; NE: Rozier 11-yard pass from Gill (Seibel kick); NE: Gill 1-yard run (Seibel kick); LSU: Betanzos 49-yard FG...**MOPs: Turner Gill and Dave Rimington (Nebraska)**

Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne  
LSU Head Coach Jerry Stovall



After LSU went up 17-7 in the third quarter, Nebraska roared back with two scores late to move ahead. The Husker defense stifled LSU the remainder of the contest.

**U** **Miami (FL)** **31**  
**Nebraska** **30**

January 2, 1984  
Orange Bowl Stadium  
~NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP~



## Golden Game for Hurricanes



In arguably the greatest college football bowl game ever played, Miami (FL) won its first national championship, 31-30, after Nebraska missed a two-point conversion attempt in the 50th anniversary Orange Bowl Classic.

The Huskers had pulled within one with 48 seconds to play, but Miami strong safety Ken Calhoun stepped in front of a Turner Gill attempted two-point conversion pass to preserve the win. Coming into the game, the 11-0 top-ranked Huskers were the favorites, but they quickly found themselves on the short end of a 17-0 score after UM freshman quarterback Bernie Kosar, who passed for 300-yards threw two touchdowns to his tight end Glenn Dennison.

The first Husker points came on a second period Dean Steinkuhler's controversial 19-yard "fumblerooskie" play. Gill took the snap from center and dropped the ball on the ground, an intentional fumble. The offensive line went to the right except for Steinkuhler, who pulled to his left, picked up the ball and rambled around left end for the score. The Huskers added a 1-yard Gill run to close the gap to 17-14.

A Nebraska field goal tied it at 17 in the third, but Alonzo Highsmith and Albert Bentley scored touchdowns at the end of long Kosar-led drives. Nebraska responded at the close of the third with a Jeff Smith 1-yard run and, after UM missed a field goal in the fourth, Smith ran it in from the 24 with :48 on the clock. Then, the Nebraska comeback hopes were dashed when the conversion pass was batted away.

|                  | Miami (FL) | Nebraska |
|------------------|------------|----------|
| First Downs      | 22         | 24       |
| Rushing Plays    | 28         | 56       |
| Rushing Yards    | 130        | 287      |
| Passes Attempted | 35         | 30       |
| Passes Completed | 19         | 16       |
| Had Intercepted  | 1          | 1        |
| Passing Yards    | 300        | 172      |
| Total Offense    | 430        | 459      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 4/41.8     | 3/37.3   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 1/1        | 6/1      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 13/101     | 4/51     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |    |    |    |    |   |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Miami (FL) | 17 | 0  | 14 | 0  | - | 31 |
| Nebraska   | 0  | 14 | 3  | 13 | - | 30 |


### SCORING SUMMARY

UM: Dennison 2-yard pass from Kosar (Davis kick); UM: Davis 45-yard FG; UM: Dennison 22-yard pass from Kosar (Davis kick); NE: Steinkuhler 19-yard run (Livingston kick); NE: Gill 1-yard run (Livingston kick); NE: Livingston 34-yard FG; UM: Highsmith 1-yard run (Davis kick); UM: Bentley 7-yard run (Davis kick); NE: Smith 1-yard run (Livingston kick); NE: Smith 24-yard run (pass failed)...**MOPs: Bernie Kosar and Jack Fernandez (Miami, FL)**

Miami (FL) Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger  
Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne

**W** **Washington** **28**  
**Oklahoma** **17**

January 1, 1985  
Orange Bowl Stadium



## Huskies Beat Sooners, Finish #2



Washington, the first Pac-10 team to be invited to the Orange Bowl, rallied to beat No. 2 Oklahoma, 28-17.

Backup quarterback Hugh Millen came off the bench in relief of Paul Sicuro to lead Washington to a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns. The Huskies had jumped out to a surprising 14-0 lead early when Sicuro connected with Danny Greene on a 29-yard touchdown pass and Jacque Robinson later scored from the one.

Oklahoma cut the lead to 14-7 on Danny Bradley's one-yard run and then tied the game just before intermission when Derrick Shepard caught a Bradley pass at the 47 and raced in.

The Sooners broke the deadlock in the third quarter on a 35-yard Tim Lashar field goal, but with 8:39 to play, Millen tossed a 12-yard touchdown pass to Mark Pattison that gave Washington the 21-17 advantage. Washington then intercepted a Sooner pass to set up its final score.

|                  | Washington | Oklahoma |
|------------------|------------|----------|
| First Downs      | 17         | 17       |
| Rushing Attempts | 43         | 54       |
| Rushing Yards    | 192        | 162      |
| Passes Attempted | 21         | 21       |
| Passes Completed | 9          | 6        |
| Had Intercepted  | 3          | 1        |
| Passing Yards    | 119        | 124      |
| Total Offense    | 311        | 286      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 6/37.7     | 7/34.6   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 3/1        | 6/2      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 5/25       | 8/60     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |    |    |   |    |   |    |
|------------|----|----|---|----|---|----|
| Washington | 14 | 0  | 0 | 14 | - | 28 |
| Oklahoma   | 0  | 14 | 0 | 3  | - | 17 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

WA: Greene 29-yard pass from Sicuro (Jaeger kick); WA: Robinson 1-yard run (Jaeger kick); OU: Bradley 1-yard run (Lashar kick); OU: Shepard 61-yard pass from Bradley (Lashar kick); OU: Lashar 35-yard FG; WA: Pattison 12-yard pass from Millen (Jaeger kick); WA: Fenney 6-yard run (Jaeger kick) ... **MOPs: Jacque Robinson and Ron Holmes (Washington)**

Washington Head Coach Don James  
Oklahoma Head Coach Barry Switzer

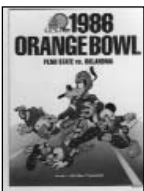
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**Oklahoma Penn State** **25**  
**10**  
 January 1, 1988  
 Orange Bowl Stadium  
 ~NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP~

**Oklahoma Arkansas** **42**  
**8**  
 January 1, 1987  
 Orange Bowl Stadium

**Miami (FL) Oklahoma** **20**  
**14**  
 January 1, 1988  
 Orange Bowl Stadium  
 ~NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP~

## Holieway Steers Sooners to Title



Oklahoma scored 16 second-quarter points and shut out top-ranked Penn State in the second half as it won its third national championship in the Orange Bowl.

After giving up seven on the Lions' opening drive on a short Tim Manoa run, the Sooner defense shut down Penn State.

Tim Lashar kicked the first of his four field goals early in the second period to make it 7-3 and swung the momentum to Oklahoma. Jamelle Holieway, who would engineer six scoring drives, found All-America tight end Keith Jackson for a 71-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-24 play.

Lashar added a pair of field goals before State's Massimo Manca kicked a 27-yarder with one second left in the half that made it 16-10.

The Sooners' top-ranked defense took over in the second half and fullback Lydell Carr scampered 61 yards to make the final 25-10. Oklahoma's defense was lead Brian Bosworth (13 solo tackles) and picked off four passes.

|                  | Oklahoma | PSU    |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| First Downs      | 12       | 14     |
| Rushing Plays    | 52       | 36     |
| Rushing Yards    | 228      | 103    |
| Passes Attempted | 6        | 34     |
| Passes Completed | 3        | 18     |
| Had Intercepted  | 0        | 4      |
| Passing Yards    | 91       | 164    |
| Total Offense    | 319      | 267    |
| Punting/Avg.     | 5/42.6   | 6/46.3 |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 5/1      | 2/1    |
| Penalties/Yards  | 7/45     | 6/49   |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |   |    |   |   |   |    |
|------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Oklahoma   | 0 | 16 | 3 | 6 | - | 25 |
| Penn State | 7 | 3  | 0 | 0 | - | 10 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

PS: Manoa 1-yard run (Manca kick); OU: Lashar 26-yard FG; OU: Jackson 71-yard pass from Holieway (Lashar kick); OU: Lashar 31-yard FG; OU: Lashar 21-yard FG; PS: Manca 27-yard FG; OU: Lashar 22-yard FG; OU: Carr 61-yard run (kick failed) ... **MOPs: Sonny Brown and Tim Lashar (Oklahoma)**

Oklahoma Head Coach Barry Switzer  
 Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno

## Sooners Steamroll Razorbacks



The University of Oklahoma capped its third consecutive season as Big 8 Champions with a 42-8 rout of the Arkansas Razorbacks in the Orange Bowl.

The first quarter of the 53rd annual Orange Bowl saw both teams fail to put any points on the scoreboard, but that would soon change for the Sooners as they began their offensive assault early in the second quarter with a Spencer Tillman 77-yard touchdown run. Tillman wasn't done. After a second Arkansas interception in as many possessions, Tillman found his way into the endzone on 21-yards out, putting the Sooners up 14-0 at the half.

Oklahoma only attempted one pass in the first half, but their ground attack proved to be more than enough behind the senior Tillman, who rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns in the first half.

To start the second half, Oklahoma's defense sacked the Razorbacks' Greg Thomas twice forcing a three and out situation for the scoreless Hogs. On the Sooners next possession quarterback Jamelle Holieway called his own number and scored on a 2-yard run.

With OU leading 28-0, the Razorbacks continued to self-destruct as Thomas threw two more interceptions in the fourth quarter. Although neither turnover resulted in a Sooner score, Oklahoma still put more points on the board with two more touchdowns in the fourth.

Arkansas did manage to avoid a shutout with less than 25 seconds left in the game on a 1-yard touchdown run by senior fullback Derrick Thomas. Unfortunately for the Razorbacks it was too little too late as the Sooners won convincingly 42-8.

|                  | Oklahoma | Arkansas |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| First Downs      | 11       | 17       |
| Rushing Attempts | 48       | 45       |
| Rushing Yards    | 366      | 48       |
| Passes Attempted | 5        | 33       |
| Passes Completed | 2        | 16       |
| Had Intercepted  | 0        | 5        |
| Passing Yards    | 47       | 192      |
| Total Offense    | 413      | 240      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 5/47.6   | 9/41.1   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 3/2      | 2/0      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 4/40     | 3/25     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

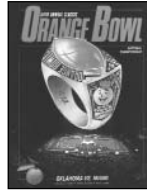
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|----------|---|----|----|----|---|----|
| Oklahoma | 0 | 14 | 14 | 14 | - | 42 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0  | 0  | 8  | - | 8  |

### SCORING SUMMARY

OU: Tillman 77-yard run (Lashar kick); OU: Tillman 21-yard run (Lashar kick); OU: Holieway 2-yard run (Lashar kick); OU: Holieway 4-yard run (Lashar kick); OU: Stafford 13-yard run (Lashar kick); OU: Parham 49-yard run (Lashar kick); AR: Thomas 2-yard run (Shibest pass from Bland) ... **MOPs: Spencer Tillman and Dante Jones (Oklahoma)**

Oklahoma Head Coach Barry Switzer  
 Arkansas Head Coach Ken Hatfield

## Miami Earns Championship Ring



For the second time in five years, Miami (FL) became the national champion in the Orange Bowl, this time knocking off Oklahoma, 20-14.

The Miami offense broke quickly from the starting gate and took the first possession 65 yards for a score as Steve Walsh lofted a 30-yard pass to Melvin Bratton. The Hurricane defense, led by linebacker Bernard Clark, set the tone for the day when it forced Oklahoma to punt on its first five possessions.

The Hurricanes' first two drives of the second half produced a Greg Cox' Orange Bowl-record 56-yard field goal and then a Walsh-to-Michael Irvin 23-yard touchdown pass. At 11:19 of the fourth, Cox came up with another field goal from 48-yards out. With 2:05 left in the fourth quarter, the Sooners scored on a 29-yard fumblerooski which gave the Oklahoma faithful a flicker of hope. When the Sooners regained possession, the Hurricane defenders blew it out when they sacked quarterback Charles Thompson and caused a fumble to ensure the victory.

|                  | Miami (FL) | Oklahoma |
|------------------|------------|----------|
| First Downs      | 15         | 13       |
| Rushing Plays    | 38         | 53       |
| Rushing Yards    | 72         | 179      |
| Passes Attempted | 30         | 13       |
| Passes Completed | 18         | 5        |
| Had Intercepted  | 1          | 0        |
| Passing Yards    | 209        | 1760     |
| Total Offense    | 281        | 255      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 6/44.7     | 8/39.0   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 0/0        | 4/2      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 8/85       | 5/39     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |   |   |    |   |   |    |
|------------|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| Miami (FL) | 7 | 0 | 10 | 3 | - | 20 |
| Oklahoma   | 0 | 7 | 0  | 7 | - | 14 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

UM: Bratton 30-yard pass from Walsh (Cox kick); OU: Stafford 1-yard run (Lashar kick); UM: Cox 56-yard FG; UM: Irvin 23-yard pass from Walsh (Cox kick); UM: Cox 48-yard FG; OU: Hutson 29-yard run (Lashar kick) ... **MOPs: Bernard Clark (Miami, FL) and Darrell Reed (Oklahoma)**

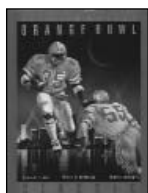
Miami (FL) Head Coach Jimmy Johnson  
 Oklahoma Head Coach Barry Switzer

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**Miami (FL) 23**  
**Nebraska 3**

January 2, 1989  
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## Canes Pass Test, Finish #2



Second-ranked Miami, with no chance to repeat as national champion after undefeated Notre Dame won earlier in the day, overwhelmed Nebraska 23-3 in the 55th annual Orange Bowl.

On Miami's second possession, quarterback Steve Walsh found halfback Leonard Conley down the middle for a 22-yard touchdown pass.

Conley scored again in the second quarter, catching a 42-yard run from Walsh, and Carlos Huerta added a pair of field goals to give the Hurricanes a comfortable 20-0 halftime lead. The Miami defense held Nebraska's No. 1 rushing offense to just 31 yards in the first half.

Walsh set an Orange Bowl record for passes attempted with 44. It was Head Coach Jimmy Johnson's last game at Miami before moving on to the NFL.

|                  | Miami (FL) | Nebraska |
|------------------|------------|----------|
| First Downs      | 20         | 10       |
| Rushing Attempts | 28         | 38       |
| Rushing Yards    | 69         | 90       |
| Passes Attempted | 48         | 22       |
| Passes Completed | 23         | 8        |
| Had Intercepted  | 3          | 3        |
| Passing Yards    | 285        | 55       |
| Total Offense    | 354        | 135      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 4/39.5     | 9/37.2   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 0/0        | 0/0      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 7/60       | 5/45     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |   |    |   |   |   |    |
|------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Miami (FL) | 7 | 13 | 0 | 3 | - | 23 |
| Nebraska   | 0 | 0  | 3 | 0 | - | 3  |

### SCORING SUMMARY

UM: Conley 22-yard pass from Walsh (Huerta kick); UM: Huerta 18-yard FG; UM: Conley 42-yard pass from Walsh (Huerta kick); UM: Huerta 37-yard FG; NU: Barrios 50-yard FG; UM: Huerta 37-yard FG ... **MOPs: Steve Walsh (Miami, FL) and Charles Fryar (Nebraska)**

Miami (FL) Head Coach Jimmy Johnson  
 Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne



The Miami Hurricanes rejoice on the field post-game after claiming a 23-3 victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the 1984 OB rematch.

**Notre Dame 21**  
**Colorado 6**

January 1, 1990  
 Orange Bowl Stadium

## Irish Stampede Buffaloes



Notre Dame took advantage of three first-half missed scoring opportunities by Colorado and handed the 11-0 top-ranked Buffs a 21-6 defeat.

The game was barely five minutes old when tailback Eric Bieniemy fumbled at the Notre Dame 19. In the second period, Ken Culbertson missed a 23-yard field goal and Notre Dame foiled a fake field goal attempt on a fourth-and-goal on its three-yard line.

Billy Hackett's 27-yard field goal attempt just before the half was blocked by Colorado's Garry Howe, leaving the game scoreless.

Notre Dame scored two quick touchdowns in the third quarter. Anthony Johnson's 2-yard touchdown run was followed by Raghib Ismail's 35-yard reverse for a touchdown after Ned Bolcar intercepted Buffalo quarterback Darian Hagan.

Hagan's 39-yard touchdown run cut it to 14-6 at the close of the quarter, but Culbertson missed the PAT.

Notre Dame marched 82 yards in 17 plays, eating nearly nine minutes of clock time, to put the game out of reach. Johnson's second touchdown made it 21-6.

|                  | ND     | Colorado |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| First Downs      | 18     | 16       |
| Rushing Plays    | 62     | 46       |
| Rushing Yards    | 295    | 239      |
| Passes Attempted | 9      | 13       |
| Passes Completed | 5      | 4        |
| Had Intercepted  | 0      | 2        |
| Passing Yards    | 99     | 65       |
| Total Offense    | 378    | 282      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 5/40.1 | 3/39.3   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 0/0    | 1/1      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 3/35   | 3/35     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |   |   |    |   |   |    |
|------------|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| Notre Dame | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 | - | 21 |
| Colorado   | 0 | 0 | 6  | 0 | - | 6  |

### SCORING SUMMARY

ND: Johnson 2-yard run (Hentrich kick); ND: Ismail 35-yard reverse (Hentrich kick); CU: Hagan 39-yard run (kick failed); ND: Johnson 7-yard run (Hentrich kick) ... **MOPs: Raghib Ismail (Notre Dame) and Darian Hagan (Colorado)**

Colorado Head Coach Bill McCartney  
 Notre Dame Head Coach Lou Holtz

**Colorado 10**  
**Notre Dame 9**

January 1, 1991  
 Orange Bowl Stadium  
 ~NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP~

## Buffs Hang On To Win Title



The 1991 Colorado Buffaloes, a team of come-backs and controversy, overcame the loss of top quarterback Darian Hagan to earn their first national championship with a 10-9 victory over Notre Dame.

Colorado's Eric Bieniemy led both teams as he gained 86 tough yards on the ground and 19 yards through the air and scored the Buffaloes lone touchdown. But the MOP was back-up quarterback Charles S. Johnson, who completed all three of his passes for 32 yards in a third-quarter drive that led to Bieniemy's one-yard dive into the end zone-the eventual winning score.

The most exciting part of the game was still to come, however. Trailing 10-9 with 43 seconds remaining, Notre Dame's Raghib "Rocket" Ismail broke the Colorado punt coverage and ran 91 yards for the winning score - only to have it nullified by a late clipping penalty.

Five plays later, frustrated Notre Dame quarterback Rick Mirer threw his third interception of the day. Colorado defensive back Deon Figures grabbed the ball to seal the Colorado victory.

The Buffs took an early 3-0 advantage on a 33-yard Jim Harper field goal, but a Ricky Watters 2-yard run gave Notre Dame a 6-3 lead before halftime.

Notre Dame running backs Tony Brooks and Watters, who ran for 46 and 44 yards, respectively, each fumbled on consecutive third-quarter possessions. From there, the Colorado defense took over and kept the Fighting Irish out of scoring range the rest of the way.

|                  | Colorado | Notre Dame |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| First Downs      | 19       | 18         |
| Rushing Attempts | 54       | 35         |
| Rushing Yards    | 186      | 123        |
| Passes Attempted | 19       | 31         |
| Passes Completed | 9        | 13         |
| Had Intercepted  | 0        | 3          |
| Passing Yards    | 109      | 141        |
| Total Offense    | 295      | 264        |
| Punting/Avg.     | 7/40.4   | 3/51.0     |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 2/1      | 2/2        |
| Penalties/Yards  | 6/50     | 3/45       |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Colorado   | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | - | 10 |
| Notre Dame | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | - | 9  |

### SCORING SUMMARY

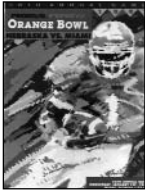
CU: Harper 22-yard FG; ND: Watters 2-yard run (kick blocked); ND: Hentrich 24-yard FG; CU: Bieniemy 1-yard run (Harper kick) ... **MOPs: Charles S. Johnson (Colorado) and Chris Zorich (Notre Dame)**

Colorado Head Coach Bill McCartney  
 Notre Dame Head Coach Lou Holtz

# Game-by-Game Recaps

**U** **Miami (FL) 22**  
**Nebraska 0**  
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-NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP- **N**

## Shutout Gives 'Canes Third Title



For the third time in five years, the Federal Express Orange Bowl was the cream of the proverbial crop of New Year's Day bowl games as Miami (FL) soundly defeated Nebraska, 22-0, to take a share of the national championship.

Hurricane fullback and game MOP Larry Jones ran for 144 yards and a touchdown on 30 carries while quarterback Gino Torretta completed 19 of 41 passes for 257 yards and a touchdown.

The Huskers, leaders in NCAA offense going into the game, didn't earn a rushing yard in the first quarter and netted just one yard on one completed pass. Miami became the first team in 221 games to hold the Cornhuskers scoreless.

Nebraska starting I-back Derek Brown gained only 10 yards on five carries, and the Huskers pass attack was stifled by a Miami defensive front that got to quarterback Keithen McCant five times for losses of 32 yards. The defensive stoppers for the 'Canes were tackle Rusty Medearis, who had four sacks, and Micheall Barrow, who contributed 10 tackles.

Miami made a defensive stance early, holding Nebraska to a three-and-out on its first possession and sacking McCant for a loss of seven yards.

Miami's defense dominated while the offense followed Torretta's 8-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Williams with two Carlos Huerta field goals for a 13-0 cushion.

The third quarter proved no more fruitful for Nebraska. Needing a stronger defensive showing, the 'Huskies failed to hinder Miami from marching 66 yards on its opening drive, culminating in a 1-yard Jones run and a 19-0 lead. Huerta added a 54-yard field goal, second-longest in Orange Bowl history, to go up 22-0.

Miami finished No. 1 in the Associated Press poll while the University of Washington got the nod from the coaches' poll.

|                  | Miami (FL) | Nebraska |
|------------------|------------|----------|
| First Downs      | 25         | 9        |
| Rushing Plays    | 44         | 38       |
| Rushing Yards    | 192        | 122      |
| Passes Attempted | 41         | 19       |
| Passes Completed | 19         | 7        |
| Had Intercepted  | 2          | 2        |
| Passing Yards    | 257        | 89       |
| Total Offense    | 439        | 171      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 5/33.0     | 8/36.6   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 3/0        | 3/2      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 12/143     | 6/36     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |    |   |   |   |   |    |
|------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| Miami (FL) | 13 | 0 | 9 | 0 | - | 22 |
| Nebraska   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0  |

### SCORING SUMMARY

UM: Williams 8-yard pass from Torretta (Huerta kick); UM: Huerta 24-yard FG; UM: Huerta 24-yard FG; UM: Jones 1-yard run (pass failed); UM: Huerta 54-yard FG ... **MOPs: Tyrone Legette (Nebraska) and Larry Jones (Miami, FL)**

Miami (FL) Head Coach Dennis Erickson  
Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne

**Florida State 27**  
**Nebraska 14**  
January 1, 1993  
Orange Bowl Stadium **N**

## Seminoles Capture First OB Win



Florida State won its first Orange Bowl game, 27-14, with a 13-point second quarter that proved too much for Nebraska.

The Huskers, meanwhile, missed a pair of field goals and fumbled the ball away on its own two-yard line in the quarter.

The FSU out gained Nebraska in this rain-soaked contest, 436 to 290, and the defensive unit held the highly-heralded Huskers "We Back" attack to 89 yards. Calvin Jones and Derek Brown had both rushed for more than 1,000 yards during the regular season.

Florida State jumped out to a 7-0 lead thanks to a 75-yard drive engineered by quarterback Charlie Ward that culminated with a 25-yard scoring toss to freshman Tamarick Vanover.

On the game's next play, Florida State defensive end Dan Footman recovered a wild Tommie Frazier pitch-out at the Nebraska two. The ACC champs led 17-0 three plays later on a Ward-to-Kez McCorvey 4-yard pass.

The Huskers wasted an ensuing 48-yard kickoff return by Barron Miles when Bryon Bennett missed again for 39 yards. Florida State, however, cashed in on a Mowrey 24-yard field goal after a 70-yard drive to make it 20-0. A 41-yard Frazier-to-Corey Dixon touchdown pass cut it to 20-7 just before halftime.

FSU continued its ground attack in the third quarter, going 85 yards in 16 plays for a 27-7 lead on Sean Jackson's 11-yard touchdown run. Early in the fourth, Frazier hit tight end Gerald Armstrong for a 1-yard touchdown to go up 27-14.

FSU finished second in the AP Poll for the fourth time since 1987 while Nebraska dropped to 14. The halftime show was cancelled for the first time in history due to flooding prior to the game.

|                  | FSU    | Nebraska |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| First Downs      | 23     | 13       |
| Rushing Attempts | 48     | 34       |
| Rushing Yards    | 221    | 144      |
| Passes Attempted | 31     | 22       |
| Passes Completed | 16     | 10       |
| Had Intercepted  | 1      | 2        |
| Passing Yards    | 215    | 146      |
| Total Offense    | 436    | 290      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 6/35.8 | 4/44.8   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 3/0    | 5/1      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 6/71   | 6/50     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               |   |    |   |   |   |    |
|---------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Florida State | 7 | 13 | 0 | 7 | - | 27 |
| Nebraska      | 0 | 7  | 7 | 0 | - | 14 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

FSU: Vanover 25-yard pass from Ward (Mowrey kick); FSU: McCorvey 4-yard pass from Ward (Mowrey kick); FSU: Mowrey 24-yard FG; NEB: Dixon 41-yard pass from Frazier (Bennett kick); FSU: Jackson 11-yard run (Mowrey kick); NEB: Armstrong 1-yard pass from Frazier (Bennett kick) ... **MOPs: Charlie Ward (Florida State) and Corey Dixon (Nebraska)**

Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden  
Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne

**Florida State 18**  
**Nebraska 16**  
January 1, 1994  
Orange Bowl Stadium  
-NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP- **N**

## FSU Wins First National Title



Led by Charlie Ward, Florida State came from behind to defeat Nebraska 18-16 to secure the school's first-ever national crown.

In a game that had two climactic finishes, the Seminoles true freshman place kicker Scott Bentley's 22-yard field goal his fourth of the day, put FSU on top with: 21 left to all but seal a victory.

The game seemed to end after Husker quarterback Tommie Frazier hit tight end Trumane Bell with a 29-yard pass as time expired. But officials concurred that: 01 had to be placed back on the clock and the field was cleared for another finish. This time it was Nebraska's 45-yard try that sailed wide left, giving FSU its ninth-straight bowl victory.

An Orange Bowl-record crowd of 81,536 saw just the 11th meeting ever between the No. 1 and No. 2-ranked teams and just the third ever in the Orange Bowl.

|                  | FSU    | Nebraska |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| First Downs      | 22     | 20       |
| Rushing Plays    | 24     | 44       |
| Rushing Yards    | 47     | 183      |
| Passes Attempted | 43     | 25       |
| Passes Completed | 24     | 13       |
| Had Intercepted  | 0      | 2        |
| Passing Yards    | 286    | 206      |
| Total Offense    | 333    | 389      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 6/45.2 | 7/38.4   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 0/0    | 2/0      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 10/69  | 11/115   |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               |   |   |   |    |   |    |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| Florida State | 3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | - | 18 |
| Nebraska      | 0 | 7 | 0 | 9  | - | 16 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

FSU: Bentley 34-yard FG; NEB: Baul 34-yard pass from Frazier (Bennett kick); FSU: Bentley 25-yard FG; FSU: Floyd 1-yard run (pass failed); FSU: Bentley 39-yard FG; NEB: Phillips 12-yard run (run failed); NEB: Bennett 27-yard FG; FSU: Bentley 22-yard FG... **MOPs: Charlie Ward (Florida State) and Tommie Frazier (Nebraska)**

Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden  
Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne



Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Charlie Ward led the 'Noles "fast-break" offense en-route to Florida State's first National Title.

# Game-by-Game Recaps

**N** **Nebraska** **24**  
**Miami (FL)** **17**  
January 1, 1995  
Orange Bowl Stadium  
~NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP~

## Osborne Wins First Title



Two fourth-quarter touchdowns helped No. 1 Nebraska overcome a 17-9 deficit, giving Coach Tom Osborne a 24-17 win over the University of Miami (FL) and his first national championship as a head coach.

The game began for Nebraska like most Osborne-led experiences in the Orange Bowl. Miami took the opening kickoff 32 yards in 10 plays and a 44-yard Dane Prewitt field goal made it 3-0. The Huskers drove to the Miami 41, but quarterback Tommie Frazier, who had sat out most of the season, was intercepted.

The 'Canes pushed it to 10-0 after three Frank Costa passes moved the third-ranked Hurricanes down the field, culminating in a Costa-to-Trent Jones 35-yard touchdown play.

Brook Berringer, who led Nebraska to an 11-0 regular season record, replaced Frazier. The senior hooked up with tight end Mark Gilman on a 19-yard TD pass play that made it 10-7 at the intermission.

On his second series back, Frazier pitched to sophomore I-Back Lawrence Phillips, who galloped 25 yards to the Miami 15. On the next play, fullback Cory Schlesinger bolted up the middle on a trap play for the 15-yard touchdown. Frazier hit tight end Eric Alford with the two-point conversion that tied the game at 17.

The Huskers out-rushed the Hurricanes, 199 to 29, and had a slight edge in total offense, 305 to 277. Phillips rushed for 96 yards, but it was Frazier who was named MOP. Despite completing just three of five passes for 25 yards and rushing for 31 yards, it was the seniors' fourth-quarter spark that led to the Husker win.

|                  | Nebraska | Miami (FL) |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| First Downs      | 20       | 14         |
| Rushing Attempts | 46       | 28         |
| Rushing Yards    | 199      | 29         |
| Passes Attempted | 20       | 35         |
| Passes Completed | 11       | 18         |
| Had Intercepted  | 2        | 1          |
| Passing Yards    | 106      | 248        |
| Total Offense    | 305      | 277        |
| Punting/Avg.     | 7/41.1   | 7/39.7     |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 2/1      | 2/0        |
| Penalties/Yards  | 3/20     | 11/32      |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|            |    |   |   |    |   |    |
|------------|----|---|---|----|---|----|
| Nebraska   | 0  | 7 | 2 | 15 | - | 24 |
| Miami (FL) | 10 | 0 | 7 | 0  | - | 17 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

UM: Prewitt 44-yard FG; UM: Jones 35-yard pass from Costa (Prewitt kick); NEB: Gilman 19-yard pass from Berringer (Sieler kick); UM: Harris 44-yard pass from Costa (Prewitt kick); NEB: Harris tackles Costa in endzone for safety; NEB: Schlesinger 15-yard run (Alford pass from Frazier); NEB: Schlesinger 14-yard run (Sieler kick)...**MOPs: Tommie Frazier (Nebraska) and Chris T. Jones (Miami, FL)**

Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne  
Miami (FL) Head Coach Dennis Erickson

**Florida State** **31**  
**Notre Dame** **26**  
January 1, 1996  
Orange Bowl Stadium

## Last Game Played at OB Stadium



Florida State rallied to score 17 late fourth-quarter points in Orange Bowl Stadium, beating Notre Dame, 31-26.

With quarterback Danny Kanell tossing four touchdown passes—three to Florida State MOP Andre Cooper—Florida State won its NCAA-record 11th consecutive bowl and finished an unprecedented ninth consecutive season with 10 or more victories.

Kanell, who threw for 290 yards on the night, closed the gap to 26-21 on an 11-yard touchdown pass to wide out E.G. Green. The drive covered 73 yards and included a pair of runs by Warrick Dunn that netted 17 yards.

Notre Dame punted on its next series, and the Seminoles Dee Feaster returned it 41 yards to the Fighting Irish 30. It took Kanell just 1:39 to get into the end zone on a three-yard touchdown to Cooper. Kanell and Cooper hooked up again on the two-point conversion and the Seminoles were suddenly out in front, 29-26, with 6:09 left. A Notre Dame fumble and a Krug safety made the final score 31-26.

|                  | FSU    | ND     |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs      | 26     | 17     |
| Rushing Plays    | 37     | 45     |
| Rushing Yards    | 221    | 256    |
| Passes Attempted | 33     | 26     |
| Passes Completed | 20     | 15     |
| Had Intercepted  | 2      | 1      |
| Passing Yards    | 290    | 169    |
| Total Offense    | 478    | 425    |
| Punting/Avg.     | 3/44.0 | 5/42.4 |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 8/1/0  | 2/1    |
| Penalties/Yards  | 7/59   | 7/55   |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               |    |   |   |    |   |    |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|---|----|
| Florida State | 7  | 7 | 0 | 17 | - | 31 |
| Notre Dame    | 10 | 0 | 7 | 9  | - | 26 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

ND: Mayes 39-yard pass from Krug (Cengia kick); FS: Cooper 15-yard pass from Kanell (Bentley kick); ND: Cengia 20-yard FG; FS: Cooper 10-yard pass from Kanell (Bentley kick); ND: Mayes 33-yard pass from Krug (Cengia kick); ND: Safety, Kanell steps out of endzone; ND: Chruplewicz 5-yard pass from Krug (Cengia kick); FS: Green 11-yard pass from Kanell (Bentley kick); FS: Cooper 3-yard pass from Kanell (Cooper pass from Kanell); FS: Safety, Krug intentional grounding in the endzone ... **MOPs: Andre Cooper (Florida State) and Derrick Mayes (Notre Dame)**

Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden  
Notre Dame Head Coach Lou Holtz

**N** **Nebraska** **41**  
**Virginia Tech** **21**  
December 31, 1996  
Pro Player Stadium

## OB Game Moves To Pro Player



The 63rd annual FedEx Orange Bowl, played for the first time in Pro Player Stadium, saw the Nebraska Cornhuskers defeat the Hokies of Virginia Tech, 41-21, on New Year's Eve.

The tenth-ranked Hokies jumped out to an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter thanks to a 19-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Jim Druckenmiller to Marcus Parker. However, it was short lived, as the No. 6 Huskers posted a 17-point second quarter and a 14-point third quarter on their way to their third consecutive bowl victory.

The Cornhuskers would score the final 17 points of the game. They answered with 20 seconds remaining in the third quarter to increase their lead back to 10 on Benning's 6-yard touchdown run. Benning, Nebraska's game MOP finished with 95 yards rushing on 15 carries.

|                  | Nebraska | VT     |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| First Downs      | 25       | 22     |
| Rushing Attempts | 49       | 39     |
| Rushing Yards    | 288      | 193    |
| Passes Attempted | 22       | 33     |
| Passes Completed | 11       | 16     |
| Had Intercepted  | 0        | 0      |
| Passing Yards    | 136      | 214    |
| Total Offense    | 415      | 407    |
| Punting/Avg.     | 2/44.5   | 5/34.2 |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 1/0      | 1/1    |
| Penalties/Yards  | 3/16     | 5/89   |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               |   |    |    |    |   |    |
|---------------|---|----|----|----|---|----|
| Nebraska      | 0 | 14 | 14 | 10 | - | 41 |
| Virginia Tech | 7 | 7  | 7  | 0  | - | 21 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

VT: Parker 19-yard pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick); NU: Brown 25-yard FG; NU: Frost 5-yard run (Brown kick); NU: Peter 31-yard fumble recovery (Brown kick); VT: Scales 6-yard pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick); NU: Benning 33-yard run (Brown kick); VT: White 33-yard pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick); NU: Benning 6-yard run (Brown kick); NU: Brown 37-yard FG; NU: Frost 22-yard run (Brown kick)...**MOPs: Ken Oxendine (Virginia Tech) and Damon Benning (Nebraska)**

Nebraska Head Tom Osborne  
Virginia Tech Head Coach Frank Beamer

# Game-by-Game Recaps

**N** **Nebraska** **42**  
**Tennessee** **17** **T**  
January 2, 1998  
Pro Player Stadium  
~NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP~

## Osborne Ends Career On-Top



The Cornhuskers rolled up 534 yards of offense, including 409 on the ground, to send legendary head coach Tom Osborne into retirement with his third national title.

The Huskers 42-17 domination of third-ranked Tennessee would vault Nebraska to the top spot in the USA Today/Coaches poll. The win gave Nebraska its fifth national title, four of which have been claimed in the Orange Bowl.

Senior Terry Fair fumbled a Nebraska punt and it was quickly pounced on by Lance Brown at the Tennessee 15-yard line. Five plays later, Shevin Wiggins scampered in from 10 yards out to give Nebraska a 14-0 lead with 11:28 remaining in the first half.

Tennessee, however, refused to surrender. The Volunteers threatened when Lewis, who broke the Tennessee freshman rushing record with 1,364 yards on the year, ripped off a 23-yard gain down to the Husker five-yard line. On the next play, Manning hit wide out Peerless Price with a touchdown strike to cut the deficit to 28-9.

Nebraska closed things out with a touchdown drive consisting of nine consecutive running plays. The victory closed out the Osborne era in grand style.

|                  | Nebraska | Tennessee |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| First Downs      | 30       | 16        |
| Rushing Plays    | 68       | 21        |
| Rushing Yards    | 409      | 128       |
| Passes Attempted | 12       | 35        |
| Passes Completed | 9        | 35        |
| Had Intercepted  | 0        | 1         |
| Passing Yards    | 125      | 187       |
| Total Offense    | 534      | 315       |
| Punting/Avg.     | 4/39.0   | 6/52.3    |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 3/2      | 2/2       |
| Penalties/Yards  | 8/63     | 5/37      |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|           |   |   |    |   |   |    |
|-----------|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| Nebraska  | 7 | 7 | 21 | 7 | - | 42 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 3 | 6  | 8 | - | 17 |

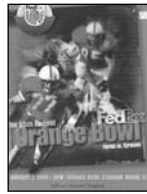
### SCORING SUMMARY

NEB: Green 1-yard run (Brown kick); NEB: Wiggins 10-yard run (Brown kick); TEN: Hall 44-yard FG; NEB: Frost 1-yard run (Brown kick); NEB: Frost 11-yard run (Brown kick); TEN: Price 5-yard pass from Manning (Manning pass failed); NEB: Green 22-yard run (Brown kick); NEB: Frost 9-yard run (Brown kick); TEN: McCullough 3-yard pass from Martin (Stephens pass)...**MOPs: Jamal Lewis (Tennessee) and Ahman Green (Nebraska)**

Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne  
Tennessee Head Coach Phillip Fulmer

**Florida** **31**  
**Syracuse** **10** **S**  
January 2, 1999  
Orange Bowl Stadium

## Game Returns to OB Stadium



Returning to the Classic for the first time since 1967, the Florida Gators used a 28-point first half and a stingy defense to put the finishing touches on the Orangemen 31-10.

The 65th annual FedEx Orange Bowl also made a curtain call to the stadium it called home for more than 60 years, Orange Bowl Stadium.

The Gators gave the heavily partisan Gator crowd of 67,919 a show in the first quarter, using the quick strike to score on drives that totaled 39 and 40 seconds, respectively. Florida's quarterback duo of Johnson and Jesse Palmer finished 22-of-31 for 308 yards. Palmer finished 10-of-14 for 113 yards with one rushing and one passing touchdown, while Johnson finished 12-of-17 with 195 yards and two touchdown strikes.

Syracuse All-American quarterback Donovan McNabb was held to 14-of-30 passing for 192 yards.

|                  | Florida | Syracuse |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| First Downs      | 18      | 18       |
| Rushing Attempts | 35      | 36       |
| Rushing Yards    | 133     | 129      |
| Passes Attempted | 31      | 30       |
| Passes Completed | 22      | 14       |
| Had Intercepted  | 0       | 1        |
| Passing Yards    | 308     | 192      |
| Total Offense    | 441     | 321      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 7/36.9  | 5/43     |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 0/0     | 3/3      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 11/76   | 2/20     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|          |    |    |   |   |   |    |
|----------|----|----|---|---|---|----|
| Florida  | 14 | 14 | 0 | 3 | - | 31 |
| Syracuse | 0  | 3  | 0 | 7 | - | 10 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

UF-Taylor 51-yard pass from Johnson (Chandler kick); UF-Taylor 26-yard pass from Johnson (Chandler kick); SU-Trout 36-yard FG; UF-Kinney 4-yard pass from Palmer (Chandler kick); UF-Palmer 2-yard run (Chandler kick); UF-Chandler 32-yard FG; SU-M. Jackson 62-yard pass from McNabb (Trout kick)...**MOP: Travis Taylor (Florida)**

Florida Head Coach Steve Spurrier  
Syracuse Head Coach Paul Pasqualoni



MOP Travis Taylor of Florida takes a moment after scoring one of his two touchdowns in the 1999 FedEx Orange Bowl game, held at Orange Bowl Stadium.

**Michigan** **35**  
**Alabama** **34** **M** **A**  
(OT)  
January 2, 2000  
Pro Player Stadium

## Sooners Get Defensive for Title



The first FedEx Orange Bowl of the new millennium saw an overtime thriller between Alabama and Michigan end with a 35-34 overtime victory for the Wolverines.

This was the first appearance for either team in the FedEx Orange Bowl in almost a quarter century. In only its second Orange Bowl appearance, Michigan trailed in the third quarter 28-14, before Tom Brady tossed a touchdown pass to David Terrell and Anthony Thomas ran for another. Neither team managed to score again in regulation, sending the game into the first overtime in Orange Bowl history.

In the extra period, Michigan scored on a 25-yard Brady pass to Shawn Thompson, and an extra point by Hayden Epstein put the Wolverines on top 35-28. The Tide also scored on their opportunity but came up short when Ryan Pflugner's extra point attempt sailed wide right.

|                  | Michigan | Alabama |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs      | 18       | 12      |
| Rushing Attempts | 23       | 37      |
| Rushing Yards    | 37       | 184     |
| Passes Attempted | 47       | 20      |
| Passes Completed | 35       | 13      |
| Had Intercepted  | 0        | 1       |
| Passing Yards    | 369      | 121     |
| Total Offense    | 406      | 305     |
| Punting/Avg.     | 8/43.4   | 9/34.4  |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 2/1      | 1/0     |
| Penalties/Yards  | 10/115   | 18/132  |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|          |   |    |    |   |   |   |    |
|----------|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|
| Michigan | 0 | 7  | 21 | 0 | 7 | - | 35 |
| Alabama  | 0 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 6 | - | 34 |

### SCORING SUMMARY



UA-Alexander 5-yard run (Pflugner kick); UA-Alexander 6-yard run (Pflugner kick); UM-Terrell 27-yard pass from Brady (Epstein kick); UM-Terrell 57-yard pass from Brady (Epstein kick); UA-Alexander 50-yard run (Pflugner kick); UA-Milons 62-yard punt return (Pflugner kick); UM-Terrell 20-yard pass from Brady (Epstein kick); UM-Thomas 3-yard run (Epstein kick); UM-Thompson 25-yard pass from Brady (Epstein kick); UA-Carter 21-yard pass from Zow (Pflugner kick failed)...**MOP: David Terrell (Michigan)**

Michigan Head Coach Lloyd Carr  
Alabama Head Coach Mike DuBose

# Game-by-Game Recaps

**Oklahoma** 13  
**Florida State** 2

January 3, 2001  
Pro Player Stadium  
~NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP~

## Sooners Earn National Title



Oklahoma entered the game with a perfect 12-0 record, but was still considered the underdog to No. 2 Florida State, two-times the national champs in the '90s.

The Sooners smothered a Florida State team that averaged 42 points and led the nation in total offense.

Only a bad snap over punter Jeff Ferguson's head in the final minute, which resulted in a safety, prevented Oklahoma from handing the Seminoles their first shutout since '88.

Oklahoma led 6-0 when All-American linebacker Rocky Calmus forced Weinke to fumble near the Seminole 20 midway through the fourth quarter. Roy Williams recovered for the Sooners, and Quentin Griffin scored the clinching touchdown on a 10-yard run up the middle with 8:30 to play.

Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke finished just 25-for-51 and threw two interceptions. Oklahoma QB Josh Heupel, the Heisman runner-up, outplayed Weinke by completing 25 of 39 passes for 214 yards.

|                  | Oklahoma | FSU     |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs      | 12       | 14      |
| Rushing Attempts | 36       | 17      |
| Rushing Yards    | 108      | 33      |
| Passes Attempted | 39       | 52      |
| Passes Completed | 25       | 25      |
| Had Intercepted  | 1        | 2       |
| Passing Yards    | 214      | 274     |
| Total Offense    | 27       | 301     |
| Punting/Avg.     | 8/41.1   | 10/44.7 |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 2/2/1    | 3/1     |
| Penalties/Yards  | 7/45     | 6/38    |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Oklahoma      | 3 | 3 | 0 | 7 | - | 13 |
| Florida State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | - | 2  |

### SCORING SUMMARY

OU-Duncan 27-yard FG; OU- Duncan 42-yard FG; OU- Griffin 10-yard run; FSU- team safety...

**MOP: Torrence Marshall (Oklahoma)**

Oklahoma Head Coach Bob Stoops

Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden



*Oklahoma hounded Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke all night in the Sooners' 13-2 win over FSU in the 2001 FedEx Orange Bowl National Championship.*

**Florida** 56  
**Maryland** 23

January 2, 2002  
Pro Player Stadium




## Offensive Showcase for Gators



Heisman runner-up Rex Grossman did not start, but relieved Brock Berlin and completed 20 of 28 passes for 248 yards and four touchdowns to lead Florida to a 56-23 victory over Maryland.

The Gators air attack was led by MOP Taylor Jacobs who turned in a 10-catch, Orange Bowl-record 170-yard, two-touchdown performance. Teammate Jabar Gaffney finished with seven catches for 118 yards.

Grossman entered with 6:03 left in the second quarter and led the Gators to 659 total yards, including 456 through the air.

Maryland's offense struggled as running back Bruce Perry was limited to 22 yards on 11 carries before leaving with an injury late in the third quarter. Florida running back Earnest Graham ran 16 times for 151 yards and two scores.

The teams combined for 79 points, breaking the combined record of 69, and their 1,019 total yards broke the record of 903 set by Florida State and Notre Dame in 1996. Florida's 659 yards surpassed the 596 gained against Syracuse in the 1953 Orange Bowl by Alabama.

Jacobs' 10 catches equaled the record set by David Terrell of Michigan in the 2000 Orange Bowl. The 170 yards were 11 more than the record held by Alabama's Ray Perkins (1966) and Florida's Travis Taylor (1999).

|                  | Florida | Maryland |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| First Downs      | 30      | 19       |
| Rushing Plays    | 25      | 40       |
| Rushing Yards    | 227     | 132      |
| Passes Attempted | 49      | 39       |
| Passes Completed | 33      | 23       |
| Had Intercepted  | 2       | 1        |
| Passing Yards    | 456     | 257      |
| Total Offense    | 659     | 360      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 2/53    | 5/46     |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 2/1     | 0/0      |
| Penalties/Yards  | 6/43    | 4/20     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|          |    |    |    |    |   |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Florida  | 14 | 14 | 21 | 7  | - | 56 |
| Maryland | 7  | 3  | 0  | 13 | - | 23 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

UF-Graham 1 run (Chandler kick); UF-Jacobs 46-yard pass from Berlin (Chandler kick); UM-J. Williams 64-yard pass from Hill (Novak kick); UM-Novak 20-yard FG; UF-Jacobs 15-yard pass from Grossman (Chandler kick); UF-Gaffney 4-yard pass from Grossman (Chandler kick); UF-Graham 6-yard run (Chandler kick); UF-Gillespie 11-yard run (Chandler kick); UF-Gaffney 33-yard pass from Grossman; UM-Riley 1-yard run (Novak kick); UF-Perez 10-yard pass from Grossman; UM-Riley 10-yard run (pass failed)... **MOP: Taylor Jacobs (Florida)**

Florida Head Coach Steve Spurrier

Maryland Head Coach Ralph Friedgen

**Trojans** So. California 38  
**SC** Iowa 17

January 2, 2003  
Pro Player Stadium




## Palmer Leads USC Rout



The 2003 FedEx Orange Bowl match-up between Southern California and Iowa restored a traditional postseason match-up between Big Ten and Pac-10 conference champions. It was just a tad further east than normal. This traditional Pasadena match-up played out instead in South Florida and created a tremendous amount of interest on the national scene.

In the end, it was the perfect ending to a storied season and collegiate career for So. California's star quarterback Carson Palmer. The Heisman Trophy winner dominated his duel with Heisman runner-up Brad Banks, throwing for 303 yards and a touchdown to help No. 5 USC beat No. 3 Iowa, 38-17, at the 69th FedEx Orange Bowl January 2nd at Pro Player Stadium.

Palmer led scoring drives of 79, 80, 99, 85 and 61 yards and added FedEx Orange Bowl MOP honors to his long list of 2002 accolades. So. California mounted long touchdown marches on its first three possessions of the second half to open-up a game that was 10-10 at halftime.

Banks was limited to 204 yards passing and the normally high-powered Hawkeye offense failed to reach the end zone until the final minute. Their biggest play came when C.J. Jones returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, an Orange Bowl record.

The Trojans didn't lean too heavily on Palmer, amassing 247 yards rushing with a ball control game plan. So. California ended up holding the ball for over 38 minutes and did not turn the ball over. Justin Fargas led the way on the ground with 20 carries for 122 yards and Sultan McCullough added another 77 yards on 12 carries.

|                  | USC  | Iowa  |
|------------------|------|-------|
| First Downs      | 30   | 18    |
| Rushing Attempts | 49   | 22    |
| Rushing Yards    | 247  | 119   |
| Passes Attempted | 31   | 36    |
| Passes Completed | 21   | 15    |
| Had Intercepted  | 0    | 1     |
| Passing Yards    | 303  | 204   |
| Total Offense    | 550  | 323   |
| Punting/Avg.     | 2/38 | 5/43  |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 2/0  | 2/1   |
| Yards Penalized  | 6/45 | 13/85 |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|                |    |   |    |    |   |    |
|----------------|----|---|----|----|---|----|
| So. California | 7  | 3 | 14 | 14 | - | 38 |
| Iowa           | 10 | 0 | 0  | 7  | - | 17 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

Iowa-Jones 100-yard kickoff return (Kaeding kick); USC-Fargas 4-yard run (Killeen kick); Iowa-Kaeding 35-yard FG; USC-Killeen 35-yard FG; USC-Williams 18-yard pass from Palmer (Killeen kick); USC-Fargas 50-yard run (Killeen kick); USC-McCullough 5-yard run (Killeen kick); USC-Byrd 6-yard run (Killeen kick); Iowa-Brown 18-yard pass from Banks (Kaeding kick)... **MOP: Carson Palmer (So. California)**

So. California Head Coach Pete Carroll

Iowa Head Coach Kirk Ferentz

# Game-by-Game Recaps

**Miami (FL) 16**  
**Florida State 14**  
 January 1, 2004  
 Pro Player Stadium



## In-State Rivals Meet in Bowl

The 2004 FedEx Orange Bowl saw one of the fiercest annual rivalries meet for the first time in a bowl setting. The Hurricanes Jarrett Payton ran for 131 yards in his final collegiate performance to take home the MOP. Freshman kicker Jon Peattie converted three field goals and the Miami defense shut out Florida State in the second half in a 16-14 win.

The Canes win marked the fifth straight win over their in-state rivals; their longest stretch over Florida State since 1957. The Seminoles loss was their second consecutive bowl, marking the first time that happened since the 1979-80 seasons. Like several other Orange Bowl games, the outcome was decided by a kicker.

Not only did Peattie hit a career-long 51-yarder to give the Hurricanes the lead in the third quarter, but Florida State's Xavier Beitia missed a 39-yarder with 5:30 to play.

|                  | Miami (FL) | FSU    |
|------------------|------------|--------|
| First Downs      | 16         | 10     |
| Rushing Plays    | 48         | 32     |
| Rushing Yards    | 248        | 123    |
| Passes Attempted | 29         | 19     |
| Passes Completed | 14         | 6      |
| Had Intercepted  | 2          | 1      |
| Passing Yards    | 157        | 96     |
| Total Offense    | 375        | 206    |
| Punting/Avg.     | 5/25.2     | 7/43.6 |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 0/0        | 0/0    |
| Penalties/Yards  | 5/40       | 10/85  |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               |   |    |   |   |   |    |
|---------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Miami (FL)    | 3 | 10 | 3 | 0 | - | 16 |
| Florida State | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | - | 14 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

Miami - Peattie 32-yard FG; FSU - Booker 9-yard run (Beitia Kick); FSU - Henshaw 7-yard pass from Rix (Beitia Kick); Miami - Moss 3-yard run (Peattie Kick); Miami - Peattie 44-yard FG; Miami - Peattie 51-yard FG...**MOP: Jarrett Payton (Miami, FL)**

Miami (FL) Head Coach Larry Coker  
 Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden



D.J. Williams made the game changing play of the night on his 31-yard rumble on a fake punt with just over two minutes remaining to seal the Hurricanes' victory.

**Trojans So. California 55**  
**Oklahoma 19**  
 January 4, 2005  
 Dolphins Stadium  
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## Heisman Winners Face-Off

2004 Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart faced off against 2003 Heisman Trophy winner Jason White as the Orange Bowl hosted its 18th National Championship, six of which have included Oklahoma. The game was the first ever

meeting between two Heisman Trophy winners, and with USC's Reggie Bush winning the 2005 Heisman, it marked the first game feature three Heisman Trophy winners.

Leinart won the battle of the Heisman winners throwing for an Orange Bowl record five touchdown passes to garner MOP honors and totaled 332 yards through the air on just 18 completions. Meanwhile, White had struggled throwing three interceptions, losing for the second consecutive year in a BCS Championship game.

The Trojans took advantage of four Sooner turnovers in the first half to jump out to a 38-10 halftime lead. Four of Leinart's touchdown passes came in the first half, including two to Steve Smith.

Smith matched an Orange Bowl record with his third touchdown reception to open up the third quarter. True freshman Dwayne Jarrett added 115 yards receiving and one touchdown.

Sophomore sensation Reggie Bush accumulated 149 all-purpose yards for So. California. Classmate LenDale White totaled 118 yards and two touchdowns on just 15 carries.

|                  | USC    | Oklahoma |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| First Downs      | 19     | 19       |
| Rushing Attempts | 28     | 40       |
| Rushing Yards    | 193    | 128      |
| Passes Attempted | 35     | 36       |
| Passes Completed | 18     | 22       |
| Had Intercepted  | 0      | 3        |
| Passing Yards    | 332    | 224      |
| Total Offense    | 525    | 372      |
| Punting/Avg.     | 4/43.5 | 4/44.5   |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 1/0    | 3/2      |
| Yards Penalized  | 9/75   | 3/30     |

### SCORE BY QUARTERS



|                |    |    |    |   |   |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| So. California | 14 | 24 | 10 | 7 | - | 55 |
| Oklahoma       | 7  | 3  | 0  | 9 | - | 19 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

OU - Wilson 5-yard pass from White (Hartley kick); USC - Byrd 33-yard pass from Leinart (Killeen Kick); USC - White 6-yard run (Killeen Kick); USC - Jarrett 54-yard pass from Leinart (Killeen Kick); USC - Smith 5-yard pass from Leinart (Killeen kick); OU - Hartley 29-yard FG; USC - Smith 33-yard pass from Leinart (Killeen kick); USC - Killeen 44-yard FG; USC - Smith 4-yard pass from Leinart (Killeen kick); USC - Killeen 42-yard FG; USC -White 8-yard run (Killeen kick); OU - Team safety; OU - Wilson 9-yard pass from White (Hartley kick)...**MOP: Matt Leinart (So. California)**

So. California Head Coach Pete Carroll  
 Oklahoma Head Coach Bob Stoops

**Penn State Florida State 26**  
**Florida State 23**  
 (3OT)  
 January 3, 2006  
 Dolphins Stadium

## Legends Go Head-to-Head

It's not very often when a game lives up to all the hype, but the 2006 FedEx Orange Bowl was one for the ages.

In a game featuring the two winningest FBS college football coaches of all time, it was Penn State's Joe Paterno leaving South Florida with a triple-overtime victory over close friend Bobby Bowden.

The triple overtime game, the first in Bowl Championship Series history, came to an end shortly after 1 a.m. when Nittany Lion kicker Kevin Kelly hit a 29-yard field goal. The kick gave Paterno his 354th career win, second in the FBS only to Bowden's 359 at the time. The game also marked Paterno's first win in the Orange Bowl since 1974.

Florida State's Willie Reid earned MOP honors in a losing effort, highlighted by an Orange Bowl record 87-yard punt return.

|                  | PSU     | FSU    |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| First Downs      | 23      | 12     |
| Rushing Plays    | 48      | 26     |
| Rushing Yards    | 138     | 26     |
| Passes Attempted | 39      | 43     |
| Passes Completed | 21      | 24     |
| Had Intercepted  | 1       | 1      |
| Passing Yards    | 253     | 258    |
| Total Offense    | 391     | 294    |
| Punting/Avg.     | 11/44.3 | 9/39.2 |
| Fumbles/Lost     | 1/1     | 1/0    |
| Penalties/Yards  | 8/43    | 13/129 |

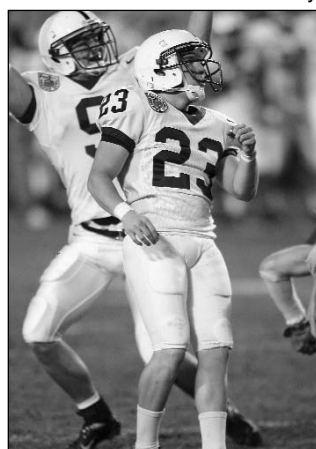
### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|               |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |
|---------------|---|----|---|---|----|---|----|
| Penn State    | 7 | 7  | 0 | 2 | 10 | - | 26 |
| Florida State | 0 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 7  | - | 23 |

### SCORING SUMMARY

PSU-Scott 2-yard run (Kelly kick); FSU-Reid 87-yard punt return (Cismesia kick); FSU-Booker 57-yard pass from Weatherford (Conversion failed); PSU-Kilmer 24-yard pass from Robinson (Kelly kick); PSU - Team Safety; FSU-Cismesia 48-yard FG; PSU-Scott 1-yard run (Kelly kick); FSU-Dean 1-yard run (Cismesia kick); Kelly 29-yard FG...**MOP: Willie Reid (FSU)**

Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno  
 Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden



Kevin Kelly (23) hit a game winning 29-yard field goal in the third overtime against Florida State to give the Nittany Lions a 26-23 win in the 2006 FedEx Orange Bowl.