



January 1, 2008 Attendance - 73,114 Missouri 38, Arkansas 7

The 73rd AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic was hyped as a battle of two Heisman Trophy finalists... Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel against Arkansas running back Darren McFadden.

Tiger tailback Tony Temple stole the show with an epic day as he raced through the Arkansas defense to amass the second biggest rushing performance in bowl history while leading Missouri to a 38-7 win over the Razorbacks.

When the dust settled, Temple finished with the most single game rushing yards in Cotton Bowl history. Temple rushed for 281 yards on 24 carries and four touchdowns breaking Rice halfback Dickey Maegle's record of 265 yards from the 1954 Classic against Alabama.

Temple set the rushing record on his final carry, breaking a tackle and spinning away from another for a 40-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. He was so spent after his prolific day that his teammates had to carry him from the end zone to the sideline after his record setting trot.

The senior from Kansas City also equaled Texas quarterback Bobby Layne's record of four touchdowns in a game set in 1946 against Missouri, the last time the Tigers were in the Classic.

73,114 fans came out expecting to see fireworks from Daniel, a Southlake Carroll product, but he wasn't forced to put up big numbers through the air as he had done all year. Rather, all he to do was hand the ball to Temple and watch him work. Daniel finished the day 12 of 29 for 136 yards.

McFadden, the two-time Doak Walker Award winner, rushed for a quiet 108 yards on 21 carries, scoring the lone Arkansas touchdown of the day, late in the third quarter. By that time, however, the outcome was nowhere near in doubt.

Missouri, the Big 12 North Division Champion, played in its first New Year's Day game since the 1970 Orange Bowl. The Tigers finished a school record 12-2. Entering the Big 12 Championship against Oklahoma, the Tigers were ranked No. 1 in the country.

Arkansas, representing the Southeastern Conference, finished the season 8-5. The Razorbacks had endured many highs and lows entering the Classic.

In their final regular-season game, the Hogs upset then-No. 1 LSU. Shortly after the big victory, Arkansas head coach Houston Nutt left to fill the head coaching vacancy at Ole Miss. The Razorbacks turned to their defensive coordinator, Reggie Herring, to lead Arkansas against Missouri. It was the first time in Classic history that a team was led by an interim coach. Despite Herring's defensive prowess, the Hogs couldn't find a way to stop Missouri.

Temple's 22-yard touchdown run with 2:29 left in the first quarter gave Missouri a 7-0 lead. He added four-yard touchdown runs in the second and third quarters before his record breaking effort in the fourth. Jeff Wolfert's 32-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter accounted for Missouri's other points.

For his efforts, Temple was awarded the Sanford Trophy, given to the Outstanding Offensive Player. The trophy commemorates the Cotton Bowl Classic's founder J. Curtis Sanford. Temple also broke his own Missouri bowl game record of 194 yards that he set in the 2006 Sun Bowl against Oregon.

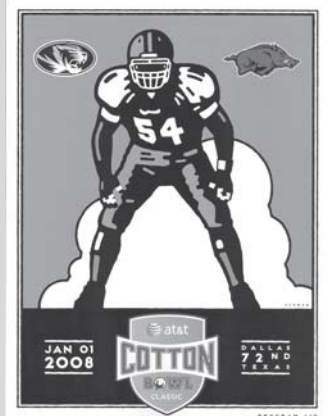
Midway through the third quarter, Missouri safety William Moore intercepted a Casey Dick pass and returned it 26 yards to give the Tigers an insurmountable 28-7 lead.

Moore was recognized as the Outstanding Defensive Player, winning the McKnight Trophy, presented in honor of the late Dallas newspaperman and former Team Selection Chairman Felix McKnight. Moore was credited with eight solo tackles and five assists.

The 2009 Classic marked the end of an era at Arkansas. The game was Cotton Bowl Hall of Famer Frank Broyles' last as Athletic Director. Broyles coached or administered over nine of Arkansas' 11 Cotton Bowl appearances. He was also Missouri's head coach for one season in 1957. The Razorbacks sported all-red jerseys and pants to honor him.

Despite all the great story lines entering the game, Temple took the headlines with his record-breaking performance. The Tigers marched off the field victorious celebrating one of the most successful seasons in school history and they took home the Field Scovell Trophy to prove it.

GAME SUMMARY



Score summary table: Missouri 7 7 14 10 - 38, Arkansas 0 0 7 0 - 7

First Quarter: Missouri-Tony Temple 22 run (Jeff Wolfert kick), 2:29, 73 yards in 6 plays following punt

Second Quarter: Missouri-Temple 4 run (Wolfert kick), 4:35, 82 yards in 6 plays following punt

Third Quarter: Missouri-Temple 4 run (Wolfert kick), 13:38, 48 yards in 6 plays following opening kick. Missouri-William Moore 26 interception return (Wolfert kick), 7:37 Arkansas-Darren McFadden 3 run (Alex Tejada kick), 3:08, 71 yards in 10 plays following kickoff

Fourth Quarter: Missouri-Jeff Wolfert 32 FG, 3 yards in 4 plays following fumble Missouri-Temple 40 run (Wolfert kick), 8:33, 40 yards in 1 play following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Tony Temple, Missouri; William Moore, Missouri

COACHES

Reggie Herring, Arkansas; Gary Pinkel, Missouri

WEATHER

Clear, Cool, Wind NNW15, 46 degrees

GAME STATISTICS table with columns for TEAM STATS, RUSHING, PASSING, RECEIVING, and INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS PUNTING for both Arkansas and Missouri.