

CHEESE IT BOWL  
CALIFORNIA VS TCU

PHOENIX -- TCU swapped kickers after California called a timeout at the end of regulation -- and missed.

Faced with a similar decision in overtime, the Horned Frogs stuck with their original kicker.

Jonathan Song delivered on his second-chance kick, ending a strange night in the desert.

Song kicked a 27-yard field in overtime after being replaced at the end of regulation, lifting TCU to a 10-7 win in an interception-filled Cheez-It Bowl on Wednesday night.

"They talked me out of it," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "I obviously got a chance to tell them they were wrong on the headset. We got another chance and did it."

TCU and Cal spent the night trading interceptions, turning the Cheez-It Bowl into the Cheez-INT Bowl by combining for nine interceptions, most in the bowl's 30-year history.

TCU's Jawuan Johnson had the final interception of the night to open overtime, nearly returning it for a pick-six.

At the end of regulation, the Horned Frogs (7-6) followed a Cal timeout by switching from Song to Cole Bunce, who hooked his 44-yard attempt wide left. TCU sent out Song again in overtime and, after another Cal timeout, opted to leave him.

The junior sent the kick straight through the uprights and the Horned Frogs rushing onto the field after a night of survival.

TCU's Sewo Olonilua ran for 194 yards and a touchdown -- one of the few offensive bright spots outside of Song's kick.

"It was a rough day for sure. Ugly win," said TCU quarterback Grayson Muehlstein, who threw four interceptions and had 27 yards on 7-of-20 passing. "Turned the ball over way too many times, but we managed to just hang in there and just keep fighting."

Jaylinn Hawkins had three interceptions, breaking the Cheez-It Bowl record while earning defensive player of the game.

The Bears (7-6) just couldn't overcome their own miscues.

Cal's Chase Garbers threw three interceptions before being replaced by Chase Forrest, who threw two more -- including the biggest one by Johnson in overtime.

"We just made too many mistakes during the game to win against a quality opponent like that," Cal second-year coach Justin Wilcox said.

Cal had the first big play after a miscommunication between Muehlstein and Jarrison Stewart led to Hawkins' first interception. Garbers scored two plays later on a 4-yard run .

Five more interceptions followed in the first half -- one on a failed TCU trick play -- and Cal led 7-0.

Garbers completed 12 of 19 passes, but had three interceptions so Cal's coaches opted to start Forrest in the second half.

"After the first half, you have some decisions like that that," Wilcox said. "Chase Garbers made and a couple of balls he obviously would like to have back. We felt like we needed a little bit of a spark."

TCU left Muehlstein in at quarterback despite three first-half interceptions. Hawkins picked up his third interception of the game on the opening drive and Muehlstein was briefly replaced by true freshman Justin Rogers before returning.

The Horned Frogs finally got something going in the third quarter, scoring their only touchdown on Olonilua's 2-yard run -- a run initially ruled short before being overturned on review.

Neither team could get much going the rest of the half and the interceptions continued until Song sent his chance kick through the uprights.

"I'm glad that's over," Patterson said.

TAKEAWAY

The Horned got in their own way all night, yet found a way to close out the season with a victory.

The Bears also couldn't get out of their own way, suffering a defeat that will sting all offseason.

HIGH-LEVEL TROLLING

Buffalo Wild Wings was the bowl's sponsor from 2012-13 before it became the Cactus Bowl. Cheez-It came on as the title sponsor this year and Buffalo Wild Wings couldn't resist a little Twitter jab as the strange night wore on.

"Cal-TCU is headed to overtime, and we've never owed you a bigger apology," the company tweeted.

SID PENALTY

TCU was called for a sideline interference penalty on Johnson's overtime interception when sports information director Mark Cohen stepped onto the field to celebrate.

Patterson was not thrilled and couldn't resist a couple of digs.

"Jiminy Christmas," he said. "Have you guys ever known that, in 150 years of a football that the SID gets a penalty?"

Final	1	2	3	4	OT	T
CAL	7	0	0	0	0	7
TCU	0	0	7	0	3	10

Scoring Summary -----

	CAL	TCU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
CAL TD 4:33		
Chase Garbers 4 Yd Run (Greg Thomas Kick)		
2 plays, 34 yards, 0:29	7	0
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
TCU TD 0:03		
Sewo Olonilua 1 Yd Run (Jonathan Song Kick)		
7 plays, 33 yards, 3:59	7	7
<b>OVERTIME</b>		
TCU FG		
Jonathan Song 27 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 15 yards	7	10

Team Stats	CAL	TCU
First Downs	14	16
Total Yards	264	290
Total Plays	63	80
Avg Gain Per Play	4.2	3.6
Net Yards Rushing	100	262
Rushes	30	59
Yards Per Rush	3.3	4.4
Net Yards Passing	164	28
Comp-Att	17-33	8-21
Yards Per Pass	5.0	1.3
Times Sacked	5	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-22	-16
Interceptions	5	4
Punts	9	6
Punt Average	38.9	44.7
Penalties	3	3
Penalty Yards	20	30
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	25:13	34:47

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
CAL	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
34 Christopher Brown Jr.	14	57	4.1	11	0	
28 Patrick Laird	7	29	4.1	7	0	
7 Chase Garbers	7	23	3.3	17	1	
10 Jeremiah Hawkins	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	
14 Chase Forrest	1	-8	-8.0	0	0	
TCU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
33 Sewo Olonilua	32	194	6.1	33	1	
21 Emari Demercado	13	51	3.9	17	0	
1 Jalen Reagor	3	9	3.0	4	0	
17 Grayson Muehlstein	9	8	0.9	7	0	
4 Taye Barber	1	4	4.0	4	0	
13 Justin Rogers	1	-4	-4.0	0	0	

PASSING							
CAL	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
7 Chase Garbers	12	19	93	4.9	0	3	72.7
14 Chase Forrest	5	14	71	5.1	0	2	49.7
TCU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
17 Grayson Muehlstein	7	20	27	1.4	0	4	6.3
13 Justin Rogers	1	1	1	1.0	0	0	108.4

RECEIVING						
CAL	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
9 Kanawai Noa	2	43	21.5	30	0	
18 Moe Ways	3	37	12.3	22	0	
2 Jordan Duncan	1	33	33.0	33	0	
25 Nikko Remigio	5	21	4.2	8	0	
82 McCallan Castles	1	15	15.0	15	0	
34 Christopher Brown Jr.	3	14	4.7	6	0	
83 Ian Bunting	1	4	4.0	4	0	
28 Patrick Laird	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	
TCU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
2 Jaelan Austin	1	15	15.0	15	0	
22 Jarrison Stewart	1	4	4.0	4	0	
19 Ni'Jeel Meeking	2	4	2.0	4	0	
4 Taye Barber	2	3	1.5	5	0	
12 Derius Davis	1	1	1.0	1	0	
33 Sewo Olonilua	1	1	1.0	1	0	