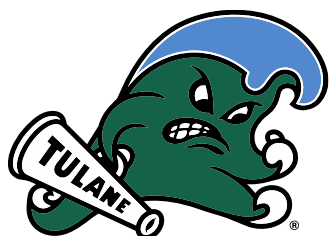


**NEW
YEAR'S
SIX**



**OFFICIAL
GAME SUMMARY**



46



45

55,329

Attendance

**AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas
January 2, 2023**



SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Tulane	0	14	16	16	46
Southern California	7	21	7	10	45

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	05:58	USC - #9 M.Jackson III 9 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 17-75, 09:02	0-7
2nd	12:33	USC - #0 T.Bynum 3 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 12-95, 05:13	0-14
2nd	09:30	Tulane - #22 T.Spears 3 yd rush (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 8-75, 03:03	7-14
2nd	05:42	Tulane - #4 J.Jackson 87 yd pass from #7 M.Pratt (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 2-92, 00:50	14-14
2nd	02:21	USC - #14 R.Brown 39 yd rush (#46 D.Lynch kick), 6-75, 03:15	14-21
2nd	00:12	USC - #2 B.Rice 4 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 6-68, 01:07	14-28
3rd	11:55	Tulane - #22 T.Spears 7 yd rush (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 7-76, 03:00	21-28
3rd	04:02	Tulane - #43 V.Ambrosio 42 yd FG, 7-40, 03:06	24-28
3rd	01:24	USC - #2 B.Rice 19 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 5-97, 02:30	24-35
3rd	00:40	Tulane - #22 T.Spears 3 yd rush (#10 S.Wyatt pass from #7 M.Pratt failed), 3-65, 00:44	30-35
4th	12:09	USC - #10 K.Hudson 4 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 7-47, 03:30	30-42
4th	04:30	USC - #46 D.Lynch 43 yd FG, 11-46, 06:16	30-45
4th	04:07	Tulane - #22 T.Spears 4 yd rush (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 2-63, 00:16	37-45
4th	03:20	Tulane - #0 P.Jenkins SAFETY, 00:46	39-45
4th	00:09	Tulane - #87 A.Bauman 6 yd pass from #7 M.Pratt (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 12-66, 03:04	46-45

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 10:10 AM
 End of Game: 03:57 PM
 Total elapsed: 05:46

OFFICIALS

Referee: Steve Marlowe
 Umpire: Russ Pulley
 Linesman: Randall Kizer
 Line judge: Chad Lorange
 Back judge: Dax Hill
 Field judge: Raymond Tate
 Side judge: Jesse Dupuy
 Center judge: Jason McArthur
 Replay Official: Bryant Thompson

WEATHER

Indoor 72 F
 Wind: South 16 mph



FULL GAME

TULANE

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Tyjae Spears	17	205	0	205	4	62	12.1
Michael Pratt	15	103	20	83	0	40	5.5
Shaadie Clayton-Johnson	1	19	0	19	0	19	19.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals:	34	327	22	305	4	62	9.0

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Michael Pratt	8-17-0	234	2	87	4
TEAM	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	8-18-0	234	2	87	4

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Alex Bauman	6	3	46	27	1	24
Duece Watts	5	2	83	50	0	59
Jha'Quan Jackson	2	1	87	79	1	87
Tyjae Spears	2	1	14	14	0	14
Reggie Brown	1	1	4	1	0	4
Shae Wyatt	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	17	8	234	171	2	87

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Casey Glover	2	86	43.0	49	1	0
Totals:	2	86	43.0	49	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Lawrence Keys III	0	0	0	6	146	37	0	0	0
Jarius Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0	6	146	37	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Valentino Ambrosio	3rd	04:02	42	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Casey Glover	7	436	62.3	1	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Tyjae Spears	205	14	0	0	0	219
Lawrence Keys III	0	0	146	0	0	146
Jha'Quan Jackson	0	87	0	0	0	87
Michael Pratt	83	0	0	0	0	83

FUMBLES

Tulane - Tyjae Spears 1-1
Southern California - Mario Williams 1-0, Terrell Bynum 1-0

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Austin Jones	22	66	5	61	0	10	2.8
Raleek Brown	6	62	1	61	1	39	10.2
Caleb Williams	4	10	0	10	0	4	2.5
Totals:	32	138	6	132	1	39	4.1

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Caleb Williams	37-52-1	462	5	74	0
Totals:	37-52-1	462	5	74	0

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Brenden Rice	9	6	174	64	2	74
Mario Williams	10	6	35	-2	0	12
Tahj Washington	7	5	109	77	0	59
Michael Jackson III	4	4	31	30	1	16
Kyron Hudson	4	4	23	10	1	16
Austin Jones	5	4	20	25	0	6
Terrell Bynum	4	3	26	11	1	19
Raleek Brown	2	2	24	20	0	13
Kyle Ford	4	2	19	7	0	11
John Jackson III	1	1	3	-2	0	3
Lake McRee	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gino Quinones	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caleb Williams	0	0	-2	0	0	0
Totals:	51	37	462	240	5	74

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Totals:	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Michael Jackson III	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raleek Brown	0	0	0	4	67	25	0	0	0
Mario Williams	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	1	1	1	5	67	25	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Denis Lynch	3rd	07:08	52	MISSED
Denis Lynch	4th	04:30	43	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Alex Stadthaus	9	576	64.0	2	1

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Brenden Rice	0	174	0	0	0	174
Raleek Brown	61	24	67	0	0	152
Tahj Washington	0	109	0	0	0	109
Austin Jones	61	20	0	0	0	81



FULL GAME	Tulane	USC
FIRST DOWNS	16	29
Rushing	9	6
Passing	6	22
Penalty	1	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	305	132
Rushing Attempts	34	32
Average Per Rush	9.0	4.1
Rushing Touchdowns	4	1
Yards Gained Rushing	327	138
Yards Lost Rushing	22	6
NET YARDS PASSING	234	462
Completions-Attempts-Int	8-18-0	37-52-1
Average Per Attempt	13.0	8.9
Average Per Completion	29.2	12.5
Passing Touchdowns	2	5
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	539	594
Total offense plays	52	84
Average Gain Per Play	10.4	7.1
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	4-30	5-37
PUNTS-YARDS	2-86	0-0
Average Yards Per Punt	43.0	0.0
Net Yards Per Punt	42.5	0
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	0	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	7-436	9-576
Average Yards Per Kickoff	62.3	64.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	49.1	39.4
Touchbacks	1	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-1-0
Average Per Return	0.0	1.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	6-146-0	5-67-0
Average Per Return	24.3	13.4
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	20:11	39:49
1st Quarter	03:12	11:48
2nd Quarter	05:07	09:53
3rd Quarter	06:55	08:05
4th Quarter	04:57	10:03
Third-Down Conversions	3-8	11-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-2	2-2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	5-5
Touchdowns	5-5	5-5
Field goals	0-5	0-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-20
PAT Kicks	5-5	6-6
2Pts Conversions	0-1	0-0
Field Goals	1-1	1-2
Points off Turnover	7	3



FULL GAME
TULANE

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
2	Dorian Williams	9	8	17	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Lummie Young IV	6	4	10	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
31	Larry Brooks	4	4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
11	Jarius Monroe	5	2	7	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0
7	Lance Robinson	5	1	6	0.0-0	2.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Patrick Jenkins	2	4	6	0.0-0	2.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
37	Macon Clark	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Nick Anderson	3	2	5	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Darius Hodges	2	2	4	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
94	Eric Hicks Jr.	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
19	Kiland Harrison	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
48	Keith Cooper Jr.	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
45	Corey Platt Jr.	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Bailey Despanie	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
12	DJ Douglas	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
90	Devean Deal	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Jesus Machado	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Tylo Phillips	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
55	Noah Taliacich	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
70	Kameron Hamilton	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		44	40	84	0.0-0	8.0-12	1	0-0	1-0	2	0	2

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
6	Mekhi Blackmon	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
27	Bryson Shaw	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Max Williams	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Nick Figueroa	3	1	4	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Latrell McCutchin	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Raesjon Davis	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
53	Shane Lee	2	1	3	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Tuli Tuipulotu	2	0	2	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
58	Solomon Tuliapupu	1	1	2	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Eric Gentry	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
44	Tuasivi Nomura	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
28	Xamarion Gordon	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Anthony Beavers Jr.	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Clyde Moore	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
79	De'jon Benton	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Calen Bullock	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
38	Alex Stadthaus	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Jacobe Covington	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Brandon Pili	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
0	Terrell Bynum	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
51	Solomon Byrd	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		32	16	48	4.0-20	4.0-20	1	1-0	0-0	3	0	0



TULANE

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	10	Wyatt, Shae
WR	2	Watts, Duece
RB	22	Spears, Tyjae
WR	4	Jackson, Jha'Quan
OL	52	Haynesworth, Sincere
OL	68	Remetich, Josh
OL	69	Green, Rashad
QB	7	Pratt, Michael
OL	76	Pines, Prince
OL	79	Claybrook, Joey
TE	84	Wallace, Will

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	0	Jenkins, Patrick
LB	1	Anderson, Nick
DB	11	Monroe, Jarius
LB	2	Williams, Dorian
S	23	Young IV, Lummie
S	31	Brooks, Larry
S	37	Clark, Macon
DL	55	Taliancich, Noah
DL	6	Hodges, Darius
DB	7	Robinson, Lance
DL	91	Phillips, Tylo

Tulane

0-Clayton-Johnson, Shaadie, 12-Douglas, DJ, 16-Williams, Levi, 19-Harrison, Kiland, 24-Presley, Tyrek, 26-Laister, Shi'Keem, 3-Anderson, Angelo, 30-Mestayer II, Jonathan, 32-Despanie, Bailey, 35-Machado, Jesus, 38-Coltrin, Josh, 43-Ambrosio, Valentino, 44-Lunz, Michael, 45-Platt Jr., Corey, 46-Bailey, Chadwick, 48-Kahn, Jonathan, 48-Cooper Jr., Keith, 49-Dixon, Armoni, 57-Hudak, Ethan, 58-Thomas, Caleb, 6-Keys III, Lawrence, 65-Burns, Sully, 70-Hamilton, Kameron, 71-Lombardi, Matt, 72-Tuggle, Trey, 80-James, Tyrick, 81-Besh, Luke, 83-Bohanon, Bryce, 87-Bauman, Alex, 89-Brown, Reggie, 90-Deal, Devean, 94-Hicks Jr., Eric, 96-Glover, Casey

Southern California

0-Foreman, Korey, 1-Jackson, Domani, 10-Hudson, Kyron, 14-Brown, Raleek, 15-Beavers Jr., Anthony, 16-Brown, Prophet, 17-Croom, Micah, 18-Wolfe, Jude, 19-Smith, Jaylin, 19-Epps, Malcolm, 22-Wright, Ceyair, 27-Shaw, Bryson, 28-Gordon, Xamarion, 30-Thompson Jr., Chris, 35-Moore, Clyde, 36-Rose, Will, 38-Stadthaus, Alex, 39-Casasante, Jac, 4-Williams, Mario, 41-Outlaw, Brandon, 44-Nomura, Tuasivi, 46-Lynch, Denis, 47-Ta'ufo'ou, Stanley, 51-Byrd, Solomon, 58-Tuliaupupu, Solomon, 61-Bryson, Joe, 76-Murphy, Mason, 78-Milek, Andrew, 79-Benton, De'jon, 8-Williams, CJ, 80-Jackson III, John, 81-Ford, Kyle, 87-McRee, Lake, 9-Jackson III, Michael, 9-Davis, Raesjon

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	0	Bynum, Terrell
QB	13	Williams, Caleb
WR	16	Washington, Tahj
WR	2	Rice, Brenden
OL	57	Dedich, Justin
RB	6	Jones, Austin
OL	66	Quinones, Gino
OL	70	Haskins, Bobby
OL	74	Ford, Courtland
OL	79	Monheim, Jonah
TE	83	Falo, Josh

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	14	Covington, Jacobe
LB	18	Gentry, Eric
DB	21	McCutchin, Latrell
DL	31	Taleni, Tyrone
DB	4	Williams, Max
DL	49	Tuipulotu, Tuli
LB	53	Lee, Shane
DB	6	Blackmon, Mekhi
DB	7	Bullock, Calen
DL	91	Pili, Brandon
DL	99	Figuroa, Nick



TULANE

Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Drive Ended			Consumed	
			Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
Tulane	1st	Tulane25	05:58	Kickoff	Tulane46	02:46	Punt	5 - 21	03:12
Tulane	2nd	Tulane25	12:33	Kickoff	USC00	09:30	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	03:03
Tulane		Tulane08	06:32	Interception	USC00	05:42	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 92	00:50
Tulane	3rd	Tulane25	02:15	Kickoff	Tulane32	01:19	Punt	3 - 7	00:56
Tulane		Tulane09	00:05	Kickoff	Tulane07	00:00	End of half	1 - -2	00:05
Tulane		Tulane24	14:55	Kickoff	USC00	11:55	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 76	03:00
Tulane	4th	Tulane35	07:08	FieldGoalMissed	USC25	04:02	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 40	03:06
Tulane		Tulane35	01:24	Kickoff	USC00	00:40	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 65	00:44
Tulane		Tulane31	12:03	Kickoff	USC28	10:46	Fumble	3 - 41	01:17
Tulane		Tulane37	04:23	Kickoff	USC00	04:07	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 63	00:16
Tulane		Tulane34	03:13	Kickoff	USC00	00:09	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 66	03:04

Tulane	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	03:12	05:07	06:55	04:57	08:19	11:52	20:11
3rd down conversions	0-1	1-2	2-3	0-2	1-3	2-5	3-8
Average field position	Tulane25	Tulane17	Tulane31	Tulane34	Tulane18	Tulane33	Tulane26
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	2-2

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Drive Ended			Consumed	
			Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
USC	1st	USC25	15:00	Kickoff	Tulane00	05:58	*TOUCHDOWN	17 - 75	09:02
USC		USC05	02:46	Punt	Tulane00	12:33	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 95	05:13
USC	2nd	USC24	09:25	Kickoff	Tulane31	06:32	Interception	6 - 45	02:53
USC		USC25	05:36	Kickoff	Tulane00	02:21	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 75	03:15
USC		USC32	01:19	Punt	Tulane00	00:12	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 68	01:07
USC	3rd	USC20	11:50	Kickoff	Tulane35	07:08	Missed FG	12 - 45	04:42
USC		USC03	03:54	Kickoff	Tulane00	01:24	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 97	02:30
USC		Tulane47	00:39	Kickoff	Tulane00	12:09	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 47	03:30
USC	4th	USC28	10:46	Fumble	Tulane26	04:30	*FIELD GOAL	11 - 46	06:16
USC		USC01	04:06	Kickoff	USC00	03:20	*SAFETY	2 - -1	00:46
USC		USC11	00:07	Kickoff	USC13	00:00	End of half	2 - 2	00:07

Southern California	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	11:48	09:53	08:05	10:03	21:41	18:08	39:49
3rd down conversions	7-8	2-2	1-3	1-2	9-10	2-5	11-15
Average field position	USC15	USC27	USC25	USC13	USC22	USC19	USC21
4th down conversions	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-2



Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Drive Ended			Consumed	
			Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
USC	1st	USC25	15:00	Kickoff	Tulane00	05:58	*TOUCHDOWN	17 - 75	09:02
Tulane		Tulane25	05:58	Kickoff	Tulane46	02:46	Punt	5 - 21	03:12
USC		USC05	02:46	Punt	Tulane00	12:33	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 95	05:13
Tulane	2nd	Tulane25	12:33	Kickoff	USC00	09:30	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	03:03
USC		USC24	09:25	Kickoff	Tulane31	06:32	Interception	6 - 45	02:53
Tulane		Tulane08	06:32	Interception	USC00	05:42	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 92	00:50
USC		USC25	05:36	Kickoff	Tulane00	02:21	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 75	03:15
Tulane		Tulane25	02:15	Kickoff	Tulane32	01:19	Punt	3 - 7	00:56
USC		USC32	01:19	Punt	Tulane00	00:12	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 68	01:07
Tulane		Tulane09	00:05	Kickoff	Tulane07	00:00	End of half	1 - -2	00:05
Tulane	3rd	Tulane24	14:55	Kickoff	USC00	11:55	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 76	03:00
USC		USC20	11:50	Kickoff	Tulane35	07:08	Missed FG	12 - 45	04:42
Tulane		Tulane35	07:08	FieldGoalMissed	USC25	04:02	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 40	03:06
USC		USC03	03:54	Kickoff	Tulane00	01:24	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 97	02:30
Tulane		Tulane35	01:24	Kickoff	USC00	00:40	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 65	00:44
USC		Tulane47	00:39	Kickoff	Tulane00	12:09	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 47	03:30
Tulane	4th	Tulane31	12:03	Kickoff	USC28	10:46	Fumble	3 - 41	01:17
USC		USC28	10:46	Fumble	Tulane26	04:30	*FIELD GOAL	11 - 46	06:16
Tulane		Tulane37	04:23	Kickoff	USC00	04:07	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 63	00:16
USC		USC01	04:06	Kickoff	USC00	03:20	*SAFETY	2 - -1	00:46
Tulane		Tulane34	03:13	Kickoff	USC00	00:09	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 66	03:04
USC		USC11	00:07	Kickoff	USC13	00:00	End of half	2 - 2	00:07



1st Quarter

Tulane wins toss and defers; USC will receive; TLN will defend East end-zone.

#96 C.Glover kickoff 65 yards to the USC00, Touchback.

Southern California drive starts at 15:00

- 1-10 USC25 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush right for 2 yards gain to the USC27 (#6 D.Hodges).
- 2-8 USC27 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush right for 10 yards gain to the USC37 (#31 L.Brooks), 1ST DOWN. R1
- 1-10 USC37 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short right to #0 T.Bynum QB hurried by #6 D.Hodges.
- 2-10 USC37 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #4 M.Williams for 8 yards to the USC45 (#23 L.Young IV).
- 3-2 USC45 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep right to #4 M.Williams for 11 yards to the Tulane44, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN. P2
- 1-10 Tulane44 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams rush right for 4 yards gain to the Tulane40, End Of Play.
- 2-6 Tulane40 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams rush left for 4 yards gain to the Tulane36 (#2 D.Williams).
- 3-2 Tulane36 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush middle for 2 yards gain to the Tulane34 (#2 D.Williams; #37 M.Clark), 1ST DOWN. R3
- 1-10 Tulane34 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 4 yards gain to the Tulane30 (#90 D.Deal; #1 N.Anderson).
- 2-6 Tulane30 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short middle to #16 T.Washington.
- 3-6 Tulane30 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #14 R.Brown for 5 yards to the Tulane25 (#37 M.Clark). (08:46) Timeout by USC.
- 4-1 Tulane25 No Huddle #13 C.Williams rush middle for 2 yards gain to the Tulane23 (#35 J.Machado; #2 D.Williams), 1ST DOWN. R4
- 1-10 Tulane23 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short right to #87 L.McRee.
- 2-10 Tulane23 No Huddle-Shotgun #14 R.Brown rush left for 1 yard loss to the Tulane24 (#7 L.Robinson).
- 3-11 Tulane24 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep right to #2 B.Rice for 12 yards to the Tulane12 (#23 L.Young IV), 1ST DOWN. P5
- 1-10 Tulane12 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush middle for 3 yards gain to the Tulane09 (#2 D.Williams; #0 P.Jenkins).
- 2-7 Tulane09 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #9 M.Jackson III for 9 yards to the Tulane00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 05:58, 1ST DOWN. P6
- Tulane03 #46 D.Lynch kick attempt good (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante).

Tulane 0, Southern California 7.

17 plays, 75 yards, 09:02

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 65 yards to the Tulane00, Touchback.

Tulane drive starts at 05:58

- 1-10 Tulane25 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush left for 6 yards gain to the Tulane31 (#91 B.Pili; #4 M.Williams).
- 2-4 Tulane31 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush right for 8 yards gain to the Tulane39 (#4 M.Williams), 1ST DOWN. R1
- 1-10 Tulane39 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt sacked for loss of 1 yard to the Tulane38 (#53 S.Lee).
- 2-11 Tulane38 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush left for 0 yards to the Tulane38 (#21 L.McCutchin).
- 3-11 Tulane38 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush middle for 8 yards gain to the Tulane46 (#99 N.Figueroa).
- 4-3 Tulane46 #96 C.Glover punt 49 yards to the USC05.

5 plays, 21 yards, 03:12

Southern California drive starts at 02:46

- 1-10 USC05 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short left to #81 K.Ford.
- 2-10 USC05 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short left to #6 A.Jones for 6 yards to the USC11 (#2 D.Williams; #6 D.Hodges).
- 3-4 USC11 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep right to #16 T.Washington for 59 yards to the Tulane30 (#23 L.Young IV), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P7
- 1-10 Tulane30 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #10 K.Hudson for 2 yards loss to the Tulane32 (#11 J.Monroe).
- 2-12 Tulane32 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short right to #4 M.Williams.
- 3-12 Tulane32 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #14 R.Brown for 13 yards to the Tulane19 (#2 D.Williams), 1ST DOWN. P8
- 1-10 Tulane19 PENALTY USC Illegal Substitution 5 yards from Tulane19 to Tulane24. NO PLAY.
- 1-15 Tulane24 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short middle to #4 M.Williams.

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Tulane	0	03:12	1	0	0	1	0-1	0-0	5-21	0-0-0-0	0-0
Southern California	7	11:48	3	5	0	8	5-6	1-1	9-30	9-15-0-121	1-5



FIRST QUARTER	Tulane	USC
Score	0	7
FIRST DOWNS	1	8
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	5-21	9-30
PASSING YDS (NET)	0	121
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	0-0-0	9-15-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	5-21	24-151
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-49.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	1-5
Possession Time	03:12	11:48
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 1	5 of 6
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	2-2

TULANE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Tyjae Spears	3	14	0	14	0	8	4.7
Michael Pratt	2	8	1	7	0	8	3.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Michael Pratt	0-0-0	0	0	0	1

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
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Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Casey Glover	1	49	49.0	49	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
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Dorian Williams	2-4	6	0.0	0.0
Lummie Young IV	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Darius Hodges	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Macon Clark	1-1	2	0.0	0.0

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Austin Jones	5	21	0	21	0	10	4.2
Caleb Williams	3	10	0	10	0	4	3.3
Raleek Brown	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Caleb Williams	9-15-0	121	1	59	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
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Mario Williams	4	2	19	-1	0	11
Raleek Brown	2	2	18	20	0	13
Tahj Washington	2	1	59	25	0	59
Brenden Rice	1	1	12	13	0	12

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
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Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
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Max Williams	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Brandon Pili	0-1	1	0.0	0.0
Latrell McCutchin	1-0	1	0.0	0.0
Nick Figueroa	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	05:58	USC - #9 M.Jackson III 9 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 17-75, 09:02	0-7



2nd Quarter

- 2-15 Tulane24 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush right for 3 yards gain to the Tulane21 (#0 P.Jenkins; #48 K.Cooper Jr.).
- 3-12 Tulane21 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep middle to #2 B.Rice for 14 yards to the Tulane07 (#37 M.Clark; #32 B.Despanie) PENALTY USC Holding (#74 C.Ford) 10 yards from Tulane21 to Tulane31. NO PLAY.
- 3-22 Tulane31 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #2 B.Rice for 30 yards to the Tulane01 (#7 L.Robinson; #31 L.Brooks), 1ST DOWN. P9
- 1-G Tulane01 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 2 yards loss to the Tulane03 (#23 L.Young IV; #48 K.Cooper Jr.).
- 2-G Tulane03 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short left to #2 B.Rice broken up by #11 J.Monroe.
- 3-G Tulane03 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #0 T.Bynum for 3 yards to the Tulane00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:33.
- Tulane03 #46 D.Lynch kick attempt good (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante).

Tulane 0, Southern California 14.

12 plays, 95 yards, 05:13

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 65 yards to the Tulane00, Touchback.

Tulane drive starts at 12:33

- 1-10 Tulane25 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush middle for 2 yards gain to the Tulane27 (#99 N.Figueroa; #27 B.Shaw).
- 2-8 Tulane27 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush middle for 40 yards gain to the USC33 (#6 M.Blackmon), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R2
- 1-10 USC33 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short left to #10 S.Wyatt.
- 2-10 USC33 PENALTY Tulane Illegal Substitution 5 yards from USC33 to USC38. NO PLAY.
- 2-15 USC38 No Huddle-Shotgun #0 S.Clayton-Johnson rush right for 19 yards gain to the USC19 (#27 B.Shaw), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R3
- 1-10 USC19 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush middle for 2 yards gain to the USC17 (#6 M.Blackmon).
- 2-8 USC17 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short right to #2 D.Watts broken up by #6 M.Blackmon.
- 3-8 USC17 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete deep right to #22 T.Spears for 14 yards to the USC03 (#49 T.Tuipulotu), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P4
- 1-G USC03 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush right for 3 yards gain to the USC00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 09:30.
- USC03 #43 V.Ambrosio kick attempt good (H: #96 C.Glover, LS: #57 E.Hudak).

Tulane 7, Southern California 14.

8 plays, 75 yards, 03:03

#96 C.Glover kickoff 62 yards to the USC03 #14 R.Brown return 21 yards to the USC24 (#32 B.Despanie).

Southern California drive starts at 09:25

- 1-10 USC24 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep right to #0 T.Bynum for 19 yards to the USC43 (#31 L.Brooks; #45 C.Platt Jr.), 1ST DOWN. P10
- 1-10 USC43 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush right for 6 yards gain to the USC49 (#31 L.Brooks; #91 T.Phillips).
- 2-4 USC49 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short left to #4 M.Williams. (08:10) Timeout by USC.
- 3-4 USC49 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #4 M.Williams for 6 yards to the Tulane45 (#23 L.Young IV), 1ST DOWN. P11
- 1-10 Tulane45 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short left to #4 M.Williams for 1 yard loss to the Tulane46 lateral to #14 R.Brown for 6 yards gain to the Tulane46 (#7 L.Robinson).
- 2-11 Tulane46 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short left to #2 B.Rice PENALTY Tulane Pass Interference (#11 J.Monroe) 15 yards from Tulane46 to Tulane31, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X12
- 1-10 Tulane31 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass intercepted by #11 J.Monroe at Tulane08 #11 J.Monroe return 0 yards to the Tulane08, out of bounds at Tulane08.

6 plays, 45 yards, 02:53

Tulane drive starts at 06:32

- 1-10 Tulane08 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush middle for 5 yards gain to the Tulane13 (#4 M.Williams; #44 T.Nomura).
- 2-5 Tulane13 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete deep middle to #4 J.Jackson for 87 yards to the USC00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 05:42, 1ST DOWN. P5
- USC03 #43 V.Ambrosio kick attempt good (H: #96 C.Glover, LS: #57 E.Hudak).

Tulane 14, Southern California 14.

2 plays, 92 yards, 00:50

#96 C.Glover kickoff 65 yards to the USC00 #14 R.Brown return 25 yards to the USC25 (#19 K.Harrison).

#19 K.Harrison injured on the play.

Southern California drive starts at 05:36

- 1-10 USC25 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 6 yards gain to the USC31 (#94 E.Hicks Jr.).
- 2-4 USC31 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #9 M.Jackson III for 4 yards to the USC35 (#31 L.Brooks), 1ST DOWN. P13
- 1-10 USC35 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #81 K.Ford for 8 yards to the USC43 (#2 D.Williams).
- 2-2 USC43 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush middle for 4 yards gain to the USC47 (#31 L.Brooks; #2 D.Williams), 1ST DOWN. R14
- 1-10 USC47 No Huddle-Shotgun #14 R.Brown rush left for 14 yards gain to the Tulane39 (#7 L.Robinson), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R15
- 1-10 Tulane39 No Huddle-Shotgun #14 R.Brown rush middle for 39 yards gain to the Tulane00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 02:21, 1ST DOWN. R16
- Tulane03 #46 D.Lynch kick attempt good (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante).

Tulane 14, Southern California 21.

6 plays, 75 yards, 03:15

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 65 yards to the Tulane00 #6 L.Keys III return 25 yards to the Tulane25 (#28 X.Gordon), out of bounds.

Tulane drive starts at 02:15

- 1-10 Tulane25 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short middle to #87 A.Bauman broken up by #18 E.Gentry.
- 2-10 Tulane25 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush left for 7 yards gain to the Tulane32 (#53 S.Lee).
- 3-3 Tulane32 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short left to #4 J.Jackson.
- 4-3 Tulane32 #96 C.Glover punt 37 yards to the USC31 #9 M.Jackson III return 1 yard to the USC32 (#1 N.Anderson).

3 plays, 7 yards, 00:56



Southern California drive starts at 01:19

- 1-10 USC32 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #16 T.Washington for 15 yards to the USC47 (#2 D.Williams), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P17
- 1-10 USC47 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #16 T.Washington for 9 yards to the Tulane44 (#23 L.Young IV).
- 2-1 Tulane44 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #2 B.Rice for 35 yards to the Tulane09 (#2 D.Williams), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P18
- 1-G Tulane09 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 2 yards gain to the Tulane07 (#2 D.Williams; #0 P.Jenkins).
- 2-G Tulane07 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 3 yards gain to the Tulane04 (#11 J.Monroe).
(00:20) Timeout by USC.
(00:20) Timeout by TLN.
- 3-G Tulane04 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #2 B.Rice for 4 yards to the Tulane00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:12.
Tulane03 #46 D.Lynch kick attempt good (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante).

Tulane 14, Southern California 28.

6 plays, 68 yards, 01:07

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 65 yards to the Tulane00 #6 L.Keys III return 9 yards to the Tulane09 (#15 A.Beavers Jr.).

Tulane drive starts at 00:05

- 1-10 Tulane09 Kneel down by Tulane at Tulane07 for loss of 2 yards.
1 plays, -2 yards, 00:05

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Tulane	14	05:07	2	2	0	4	1-2	0-0	8-76	2-6-0-101	2-20
Southern California	21	09:53	3	6	1	10	4-4	0-0	9-75	11-14-1-132	1-10



SECOND QUARTER	Tulane	USC
Score	14	21
FIRST DOWNS	4	10
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	8-76	9-75
PASSING YDS (NET)	101	132
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	2-6-0	11-14-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	14-177	23-207
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-34	2-46
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-37.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	1-10
Possession Time	05:07	09:53
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 2	4 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-1

TULANE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Michael Pratt	3	49	0	49	0	40	16.3
Shaadie Clayton-Johnson	1	19	0	19	0	19	19.0
Tyjae Spears	3	10	0	10	1	5	3.3
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Michael Pratt	2-6-0	101	1	87	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Jha'Quan Jackson	2	1	87	79	1	87	
Tyjae Spears	1	1	14	14	0	14	
Shae Wyatt	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Duece Watts	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Casey Glover	1	37	37.0	37	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Lawrence Keys III	2	34	0	25			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Dorian Williams	3-2	5	0.0	0.0			
Larry Brooks	1-4	5	0.0	0.0			
Lance Robinson	2-1	3	0.0	1.0			
Lummie Young IV	2-1	3	0.0	0.5			

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Raleek Brown	2	53	0	53	1	39	26.5
Austin Jones	7	24	2	22	0	6	3.1
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Caleb Williams	11-14-1	132	2	35	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Brenden Rice	4	3	69	18	1	35	
Tahj Washington	2	2	24	23	0	15	
Terrell Bynum	2	2	22	9	1	19	
Mario Williams	3	2	-1	-1	0	6	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Michael Jackson III	1	1	0	1			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Raleek Brown	2	46	0	25			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Bryson Shaw	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Mekhi Blackmon	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
Anthony Beavers Jr.	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			
Max Williams	0-1	1	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	12:33	USC - #0 T.Bynum 3 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 12-95, 05:13	0-7
2nd	09:30	Tulane - #22 T.Spears 3 yd rush (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 8-75, 03:03	7-7
2nd	05:42	Tulane - #4 J.Jackson 87 yd pass from #7 M.Pratt (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 2-92, 00:50	14-7
2nd	02:21	USC - #14 R.Brown 39 yd rush (#46 D.Lynch kick), 6-75, 03:15	14-14
2nd	00:12	USC - #2 B.Rice 4 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 6-68, 01:07	14-21



3rd Quarter

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 64 yards to the Tulane01 #6 L.Keys III return 23 yards to the Tulane24 (#35 C.Moore).

Tulane drive starts at 14:55

- 1-10 Tulane24 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush right for 47 yards gain to the USC29 (#21 L.McCutchin), 1ST DOWN. R6
- 1-10 USC29 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short left to #22 T.Spears.
- 2-10 USC29 PENALTY Tulane False Start (#68 J.Remetich) 5 yards from USC29 to USC34. NO PLAY.
- 2-15 USC34 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete deep right to #87 A.Bauman for 16 yards to the USC18 (#6 M.Blackmon; #4 M.Williams), 1ST DOWN. P7
- 1-10 USC18 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush right for 5 yards gain to the USC13 (#4 M.Williams).
- 2-5 USC13 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush left for 3 yards gain to the USC10 (#79 D.Benton).
- 3-2 USC10 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush middle for 3 yards gain to the USC07 (#53 S.Lee; #58 S.Tuliaupupu), 1ST DOWN. R8
- 1-G USC07 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush left for 7 yards gain to the USC00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 11:55.
- USC03 #43 V.Ambrosio kick attempt good (H: #96 C.Glover, LS: #57 E.Hudak).

Tulane 21, Southern California 28.

7 plays, 76 yards, 03:00

#96 C.Glover kickoff 64 yards to the USC01 #14 R.Brown return 19 yards to the USC20 (#12 D.Douglas).

Southern California drive starts at 11:50

- 1-10 USC20 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush right for 4 yards gain to the USC24 (#37 M.Clark; #55 N.Taliancich).
- 2-6 USC24 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep right to #10 K.Hudson for 16 yards to the USC40 (#11 J.Monroe), 1ST DOWN. P19
- 1-10 USC40 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #10 K.Hudson for 5 yards to the USC45 (#37 M.Clark).
- 2-5 USC45 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #6 A.Jones for 5 yards to the USC50 (#11 J.Monroe; #2 D.Williams), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P20
- 1-10 USC50 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short left to #6 A.Jones.
- 2-10 USC50 No Huddle-Shotgun #14 R.Brown rush right for 4 yards gain to the Tulane46 (#1 N.Anderson; #94 E.Hicks Jr.).
- 3-6 Tulane46 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short left to #16 T.Washington.
- 4-6 Tulane46 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #4 M.Williams for 12 yards to the Tulane34, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN. P21
- 1-10 Tulane34 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush right for 1 yard loss to the Tulane35 (#6 D.Hodges).
- 2-11 Tulane35 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short right to #2 B.Rice broken up by #31 L.Brooks.
- 3-11 Tulane35 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short right QB hurried by #6 D.Hodges.
- 4-11 Tulane35 #46 D.Lynch field goal attempt from 52 yards NO GOOD (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante), clock 07:08, End Of Play.

12 plays, 45 yards, 04:42

Tulane drive starts at 07:08

- 1-10 Tulane35 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short right to #2 D.Watts.
- 2-10 Tulane35 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush left for 3 yards gain to the Tulane38 (#9 R.Davis).
- 3-7 Tulane38 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush middle for 23 yards gain to the USC39 (#18 E.Gentry; #6 M.Blackmon), 1ST DOWN, PENALTY USC Face Mask (#51 S.Byrd) 15 yards from USC39 to USC24, 1ST DOWN. RX10
- 1-10 USC24 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush right for 3 yards gain to the USC21 (#6 M.Blackmon).
- 2-7 USC21 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt sacked for loss of 4 yards to the USC25 (#58 S.Tuliaupupu).
- 3-11 USC25 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush middle for 0 yards to the USC25 (#9 R.Davis).
- 4-11 USC25 #43 V.Ambrosio field goal attempt from 42 yards GOOD (H: #96 C.Glover, LS: #57 E.Hudak), clock 04:02.

Tulane 24, Southern California 28.

7 plays, 40 yards, 03:06

#96 C.Glover kickoff 62 yards to the USC03 #14 R.Brown return 2 yards to the USC05 (#19 K.Harrison), out of bounds PENALTY USC Holding declined USC Illegal Block in Back (#35 C.Moore) 2 yards from USC05 to USC03.

Southern California drive starts at 03:54

- 1-10 USC03 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 4 yards gain to the USC07 (#11 J.Monroe; #23 L.Young IV).
- 2-6 USC07 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep middle to #2 B.Rice for 74 yards to the Tulane19 (#11 J.Monroe), 1ST DOWN. P22
- 1-10 Tulane19 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams rush right for 0 yards to the Tulane19 (#45 C.Platt Jr.; #70 K.Hamilton).
- 2-10 Tulane19 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short left to #2 B.Rice.
- 3-10 Tulane19 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #2 B.Rice for 19 yards to the Tulane00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:24, 1ST DOWN. P23
- Tulane03 #46 D.Lynch kick attempt good (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante).

Tulane 24, Southern California 35.

5 plays, 97 yards, 02:30

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 55 yards to the Tulane10, out of bounds at Tulane10.

Tulane drive starts at 01:24

- 1-10 Tulane35 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush middle for 62 yards gain to the USC03 (#7 C.Bullock), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R11
- 1-G USC03 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short right to #2 D.Watts.
- 2-G USC03 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush left for 3 yards gain to the USC00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:40.
- USC03 #7 M.Pratt pass attempt failed.

Tulane 30, Southern California 35.

3 plays, 65 yards, 00:44

#96 C.Glover onside kickoff 12 yards to the Tulane47, End Of Play.

Southern California drive starts at 00:39

- 1-10 Tulane47 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep right to #9 M.Jackson III for 16 yards to the Tulane31 (#2 D.Williams), 1ST DOWN. P24
- 1-10 Tulane31 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short right to #0 T.Bynum PENALTY Tulane Offside (#3 A.Anderson) 5 yards from Tulane31 to Tulane26. NO PLAY.



1-5 Tulane26 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short left to #6 A.Jones for 3 yards loss to the Tulane29 (#1 N.Anderson).

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Tulane	16	06:55	4	1	1	6	2-3	0-0	12-155	1-4-0-16	2-10
Southern California	7	08:05	0	6	0	6	1-3	1-1	5-11	8-13-0-144	2-17



THIRD QUARTER	Tulane	USC
Score	16	7
FIRST DOWNS	6	6
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	12-155	5-11
PASSING YDS (NET)	16	144
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	1-4-0	8-13-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	16-171	18-155
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-23	2-21
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	2-17
Possession Time	06:55	08:05
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 3	1 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-2

TULANE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Tyjae Spears	7	128	0	128	2	62	18.3
Michael Pratt	5	31	4	27	0	23	5.4

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Michael Pratt	1-4-0	16	0	16	1

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Alex Bauman	1	1	16	20	0	16
Tyjae Spears	1	0	0	0	0	0
Duece Watts	2	0	0	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Lawrence Keys III	1	23	0	23		

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Austin Jones	3	8	1	7	0	4	2.3
Raleek Brown	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Caleb Williams	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Caleb Williams	8-13-0	144	1	74	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Brenden Rice	4	2	93	33	1	74
Kyron Hudson	2	2	21	10	0	16
Austin Jones	3	2	2	5	0	5
Michael Jackson III	1	1	16	16	0	16

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Raleek Brown	2	21	0	19		



4th Quarter

- 2-8 Tulane29 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #81 K.Ford for 11 yards to the Tulane18, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN. P25
- 1-10 Tulane18 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush middle for 4 yards gain to the Tulane14 (#2 D.Williams).
- 2-6 Tulane14 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #6 A.Jones for 6 yards to the Tulane08 (#6 D.Hodges; #23 L.Young IV), 1ST DOWN. P26
- 1-G Tulane08 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 4 yards gain to the Tulane04 (#31 L.Brooks).
- 2-G Tulane04 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #10 K.Hudson for 4 yards to the Tulane00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:09.
- Tulane03 #46 D.Lynch kick attempt good (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante).

Tulane 30, Southern California 42.

7 plays, 47 yards, 03:30

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 65 yards to the Tulane00 #6 L.Keys III return 31 yards to the Tulane31 (#38 A.Stadthaus).

Tulane drive starts at 12:03

- 1-10 Tulane31 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush right for 32 yards gain to the USC37 (#27 B.Shaw), 1ST DOWN. R12
 - 1-10 USC37 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush right for 2 yards gain to the USC35 (#6 M.Blackmon).
 - 2-8 USC35 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush right for 7 yards gain to the USC28 fumbled by #22 T.Spears at USC28 forced by #6 M.Blackmon recovered by USC #51 S.Byrd at USC28, End Of Play. P26
- 3 plays, 41 yards, 01:17*

Southern California drive starts at 10:46

- 1-10 USC28 No Huddle-Shotgun #14 R.Brown rush middle for 4 yards gain to the USC32 (#1 N.Anderson).
- 2-6 USC32 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #16 T.Washington for 9 yards to the USC41 (#2 D.Williams), 1ST DOWN. P27
- 1-10 USC41 PENALTY USC False Start (#76 M.Murphy) 5 yards from USC41 to USC36. NO PLAY.
- 1-15 USC36 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush right for 3 yards gain to the USC39 (#94 E.Hicks Jr.; #2 D.Williams).
- 2-12 USC39 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete deep left to #16 T.Washington for 17 yards to the Tulane44 (#31 L.Brooks), 1ST DOWN. P28
- 1-10 Tulane44 No Huddle-Shotgun #14 R.Brown rush left for 1 yard gain to the Tulane43 (#7 L.Robinson), out of bounds.
- 2-9 Tulane43 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 2 yards gain to the Tulane41 (#23 L.Young IV; #0 P.Jenkins).
- 3-7 Tulane41 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #0 T.Bynum for 9 yards to the Tulane32 (#7 L.Robinson), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P29
- (05:24) Timeout by USC.
- 1-10 Tulane32 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush left for 1 yard loss to the Tulane33 (#0 P.Jenkins).
- (05:19) Timeout by TLN.
- 2-11 Tulane33 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #9 M.Jackson III for 2 yards to the Tulane31 (#11 J.Monroe).
- (05:14) Timeout by TLN.
- 3-9 Tulane31 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short right to #4 M.Williams for 5 yards to the Tulane26 (#23 L.Young IV), out of bounds.
- 4-4 Tulane26 #46 D.Lynch field goal attempt from 43 yards GOOD (H: #36 W.Rose, LS: #39 J.Casasante), clock 04:30.

Tulane 30, Southern California 45.

11 plays, 46 yards, 06:16

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 65 yards to the Tulane00 #6 L.Keys III return 37 yards to the Tulane37, out of bounds at Tulane37.

Tulane drive starts at 04:23

- 1-10 Tulane37 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete deep middle to #2 D.Watts for 59 yards to the USC04 (#14 J.Covington), 1ST DOWN. P13
- 1-G USC04 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush middle for 4 yards gain to the USC00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:07.
- USC03 #43 V.Ambrosio kick attempt good (H: #96 C.Glover, LS: #57 E.Hudak).

Tulane 37, Southern California 45.

2 plays, 63 yards, 00:16

#96 C.Glover kickoff 64 yards to the USC01 #4 M.Williams return 0 yards to the USC02 fumbled by #4 M.Williams at USC02 recovered by USC Southern California at USC01, out of bounds at USC01.

Southern California drive starts at 04:06

- 1-10 USC01 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush middle for 0 yards to the USC01 (#2 D.Williams).
- 2-10 USC01 No Huddle-Shotgun #6 A.Jones rush middle for 1 yard loss to the USC00 (#0 P.Jenkins). #0 P.Jenkins SAFETY, clock 03:20.

Tulane 39, Southern California 45.

2 plays, -1 yards, 00:46

#38 A.Stadthaus kickoff 67 yards to the Tulane13 #6 L.Keys III return 21 yards to the Tulane34 (#0 T.Bynum; #44 T.Nomura).

Tulane drive starts at 03:13

- 1-10 Tulane34 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt sacked for loss of 11 yards to the Tulane23 (#49 T.Tuipulotu).
- 2-21 Tulane23 No Huddle-Shotgun #22 T.Spears rush middle for 10 yards gain to the Tulane33 (#18 E.Gentry).
- 3-11 Tulane33 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush left for 5 yards gain to the Tulane38 (#99 N.Figueroa).
- 4-6 Tulane38 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt rush left for 8 yards gain to the Tulane46 (#9 R.Davis), 1ST DOWN. R14
- (01:08) Timeout by TLN.
- 1-10 Tulane46 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt sacked for loss of 4 yards to the Tulane42 (#99 N.Figueroa).
- 2-14 Tulane42 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete short right to #89 R.Brown for 4 yards to the Tulane46 (#27 B.Shaw), out of bounds.
- 3-10 Tulane46 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short middle to #87 A.Bauman broken up by #91 B.Piii.
- 4-10 Tulane46 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete deep middle to #87 A.Bauman for 24 yards to the USC30 (#21 L.McCutchin), 1ST DOWN. P15



1-10 USC30 No Huddle #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete, Spike.
 2-10 USC30 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete deep middle to #2 D.Watts for 24 yards to the USC06 (#6 M.Blackmon; #27 B.Shaw), 1ST DOWN.
 #2 D.Watts, #27 B.Shaw injured on the play.
 1-G USC06 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass incomplete short right to #87 A.Bauman.
 2-G USC06 No Huddle-Shotgun #7 M.Pratt pass complete short middle to #87 A.Bauman for 6 yards to the USC00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:09.
 USC03 #43 V.Ambrosio kick attempt good (H: #96 C.Glover, LS: #57 E.Hudak).

Tulane 46, Southern California 45.

12 plays, 66 yards, 03:04

#96 C.Glover kickoff 54 yards to the USC11 #6 M.Blackmon return 0 yards to the USC11.

Southern California drive starts at 00:07

1-10 USC11 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass incomplete short right to #4 M.Williams.
 2-10 USC11 No Huddle-Shotgun #13 C.Williams pass complete short middle to #80 J.Jackson III for 2 yards to the USC13 lateral to #0 T.Bynum for 10 yards loss to the USC04 lateral to #13 C.Williams for 2 yards loss to the USC02 lateral to #6 A.Jones for 6 yards gain to the USC08 lateral to #66 G.Quinones for 0 yards to the USC08 lateral to #0 T.Bynum for 2 yards gain to the USC10 fumbled by #0 T.Bynum at USC10 forced by #37 M.Clark, out of bounds at USC13.
2 plays, 2 yards, 00:07

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Tulane	16	04:57	2	3	0	5	0-2	2-2	9-53	5-8-0-117	0-0
Southern California	10	10:03	0	5	0	5	1-2	0-0	9-16	9-10-0-65	1-5



FOURTH QUARTER	Tulane	USC
Score	16	10
FIRST DOWNS	5	5
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	9-53	9-16
PASSING YDS (NET)	117	65
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	5-8-0	9-10-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	17-170	19-81
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-89	1-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	1-5
Possession Time	04:57	10:03
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	0-0

TULANE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Tyjae Spears	4	53	0	53	1	32	13.2
Michael Pratt	5	15	15	0	0	8	0.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Michael Pratt	5-7-0	117	1	59	2		
TEAM	0-1-0	0	0	0	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Duece Watts	2	2	83	50	0	59	
Alex Bauman	4	2	30	7	1	24	
Reggie Brown	1	1	4	1	0	4	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Lawrence Keys III	3	89	0	37			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Dorian Williams	3-1	4	0.0	0.0			
Lummie Young IV	1-2	3	0.0	0.0			
Patrick Jenkins	2-1	3	0.0	2.0			
Lance Robinson	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Austin Jones	7	13	2	11	0	4	1.6
Raleek Brown	2	5	0	5	0	4	2.5
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Caleb Williams	9-10-0	65	1	17	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Tahj Washington	2	2	26	29	0	17	
Austin Jones	1	1	12	12	0	6	
Kyle Ford	1	1	11	0	0	11	
Mario Williams	2	1	5	0	0	5	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Mario Williams	1	0	0	0			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Bryson Shaw	2-1	3	0.0	0.0			
Mekhi Blackmon	2-1	3	0.0	0.0			
Nick Figueroa	2-0	2	1.0	1.0			
Alex Stadthaus	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
4th	12:09	USC - #10 K.Hudson 4 yd pass from #13 C.Williams (#46 D.Lynch kick), 7-47, 03:30	0-7
4th	04:30	USC - #46 D.Lynch 43 yd FG, 11-46, 06:16	0-10
4th	04:07	Tulane - #22 T.Spears 4 yd rush (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 2-63, 00:16	7-10
4th	03:20	Tulane - #0 P.Jenkins SAFETY, 00:46	9-10
4th	00:09	Tulane - #87 A.Bauman 6 yd pass from #7 M.Pratt (#43 V.Ambrosio kick), 12-66, 03:04	16-10

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GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC RECORDS

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COTTON BOWL CLASSIC RECORDS:

LONGEST PASSING TOUCHDOWN AND LONGEST PASS

- Tulane QB Michael Pratt's 87-yard touchdown pass to Jha'Quan Jackson ties the Cotton Bowl Classic record for longest touchdown pass and longest pass.
- The mark ties the 87-yard touchdown pass by Syracuse's Ger Schwedes to Ernie Davis in the 1960 Classic vs. Texas.

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES

- USC QB Caleb Williams' 5 touchdown passes are a Cotton Bowl Classic record.
- Previous record: 4 touchdowns by both Craig Erickson for Miami vs. Texas in 1991 and Graham Harrell for Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss in 2009.

MOST PASSES COMPLETED

- USC QB Caleb Williams' 37 completions are the Cotton Bowl Classic record.
- Previous record: 36, Graham Harrell of Texas vs. Ole Miss in 2009 and Bryce Petty of Baylor vs. Michigan State in 2015.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

- Tulane RB Tyjae Spears' 4 touchdowns are the most touchdowns in Cotton Bowl Classic history.
- Ties two others: Bobby Lane for Texas vs. Missouri in 1946 and Tony Temple for Missouri vs. Arkansas in 2008.

TEAM COTTON BOWL CLASSIC RECORDS:

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING

- Tulane RB Tyjae Spears' 4 rushing touchdowns are the most rushing touchdowns in Cotton Bowl Classic history.
- Ties the mark set by Missouri's Tony Temple vs. Arkansas in 2008.

MOST COMBINED TOUCHDOWNS

- The 12 combined touchdowns by Tulane (6) and USC (6) is a Cotton Bowl Classic Record.
- Previous Record: 11, held by two matchups (Ole Miss and Texas Tech in 2009 and Michigan State and Baylor in 2015).

MOST TEAM COMPLETIONS

- USC's 37 completions vs. Tulane ties the Cotton Bowl Classic team record.
- The mark ties the record set by Baylor vs. Michigan State in 2015.

MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING

- USC's 22 first downs passing are a Cotton Bowl Classic record
- Previous Record: 19 by Memphis vs. Penn State, 2019

OTHER NOTABLE RECORD LISTINGS:

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

Caleb Williams, USC – 52 passing attempts

Tied for third most

Record: 58 attempts by Graham Harrell of Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009

MOST NET PASSING YARDS

Caleb Williams, USC – 462 passing yards

Second most

Record: 550 passing yards by Bryce Petty for Baylor vs. Michigan State in 2015

MOST TOTAL YARDS

Caleb Williams, USC – 472 total yards (460 passing, 10 rushing)

Third most

Record: 516 total yards by Johnny Manziel for Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma in 2013

MOST POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR

Caleb Williams, USC – 35 points (5 touchdown passes)

Second most

Record: 40 points by Bobby Lane of Texas in 1946 (3 rushing, 2 passing, 1 reception, 4 PAT)

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

Brenden Rice, USC – 174 receiving yards

Fourth most

Record: 223 receiving yards by Rashaun Woods for Oklahoma State vs. Ole Miss, 2004

MOST RUSHING YARDS

Tyjae Spears, Tulane – 205 rushing yards

Fifth most

Record: 281 rushing yards by Tony Temple for Missouri vs. Arkansas, 2008

BEST RUSHING AVERAGE PER CARRY

Tyjae Spears, Tulane – 12.1 yards per carry (17 attempts for 205 yards)

Fourth most

Record: 24.1 yards per carry by Dicky Maegle for Rice vs. Alabama, 1954

MOST COMBINED POINTS

91 points by Tulane (46) and USC (45)

Second most

Record: 92 points by Penn State (53) and Memphis (39) in 2019

HIGHEST TEAM AVERAGE PER RUSH

Tulane – 9.0 yards per carry

Third most

Record: 10.9 per carry by Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020

MOST POINTS SCORED IN THE SECOND HALF

Tulane – 32 points

Second most

Record: 38 points by Penn State vs. Baylor, 1975

MOST POINTS SCORED IN THE SECOND QUARTER

USC – 21 points

Tied for the second most points scored by a team in the second quarter

Record: 28 points by Penn State vs. Memphis, 2019

HALFTIME LISTINGS

MOST YARDS PASSING

Caleb Williams, USC – 253 passing yards (20-29-1, 3 TDs)

Second most at Halftime

Record: 264 yards by Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (19-26-0)

MOST PASS COMPLETIONS

Caleb Williams, USC – 20 completions (20-29-1, 253 yards)

Second most at Halftime

Record: 23 completions by Landry Jones, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 2013 (23-30-1, 175 yards)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Caleb Williams, USC – 263 total yards (253 passing, 10 rushing)

Second most at Halftime

Record: 277 by Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame, 2018 (264 passing, 13 rushing)



AT&T STADIUM RECORDS

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AT&T STADIUM INDIVIDUAL RECORDS:

MOST POINTS

- Tulane RB Tyjae Spears' 24 points (4 rush TD) ties the AT&T Stadium record.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS AND MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING

- Tulane RB Tyjae Spears' 4 rushing touchdowns ties the AT&T Stadium record for most rushing touchdowns and most touchdowns held by Ohio State's Ezekiel Elliott vs. Oregon in 2015 CFP National Championship.

AT&T STADIUM TEAM RECORDS:

MOST YARDS PER ATTEMPT

- Tulane's 13 yards per passing attempt (8-18 for 234 yards) is an AT&T Stadium record.

LONGEST SCORING DRIVE FOR A TOUCHDOWN

- ++97, USC's 97-yard scoring drive in the 3rd quarter is an AT&T Stadium record.

OTHER NOTABLE AT&T STADIUM RECORD LISTINGS:

MOST COMPLETIONS

Caleb Williams, USC – 37 completions

Third most

Record: 43, Charlie Brewer, Baylor vs. Texas Tech, 2017

MOST NET YARDS PASSING

Caleb Williams, USC – 462 passing yards

Fifth most

Record: 598, Patrick Mahomes, Texas Tech vs. Baylor, 2014

HIGHEST RECEIVING AVERAGE (Min. 5 Catches)

Brenden Rice, USC - 29.0 yards per catch (6 receptions for 174 yards)

Second most

Record: 31.0 - Jakeem Grant, Texas Tech vs. Baylor, 2014 (5 receptions for 155 yards)

MOST TANDEM YARDS

Tyjae Spears, Tulane – 219 tandem yards (205 Rush, 14 Receiving)

Fourth most

Record: 237, Christine Michael, Texas A&M vs. Arkansas, 2011 (230 Rush, 7 Receiving)

TOTAL TACKLES

Dorian Williams, Tulane – 17 tackles

Fourth most

Record: 18 by three players, most recently by Alohi Gilman, Notre Dame vs. Clemson, 2018 Cotton Bowl/CFP Semifinal

LONGEST PASS AND LONGEST PASSING TOUCHDOWN

Michael Pratt's 87-yard touchdown pass to Jha'Quan, Tulane

Second most in both categories

Record in both categories: Trevor Knight's 92-yard TD pass to Josh Reynolds vs. Arkansas, 2016

MOST TEAM YARDS PER RUSH

Tulane – 9.0 yards per rush (34-305 yards)

Fourth most

Record: 10.9, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 Cotton Bowl (40-435 yards)

MOST COMPLETIONS

USC – 37 completions

Third most

Record: 42, Texas Tech vs. Baylor, 2011

MOST YARDS PER PLAY

Tulane – 10.4 yards per play, (52-539 yards)

Second most

Record: 10.5, Oklahoma vs. Florida, 2020 Cotton Bowl (65-684 yards)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND HALF

Tulane – 32 points

Fifth most

Record: 38, LSU vs. TCU, 2013

MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN)

USC – 17 plays on first-quarter scoring drive

Third most

Record: 19, Baylor vs. Texas Tech, 2018 and by Oregon vs. LSU, 2011



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SECOND-LONGEST SCORING DRIVE BY PLAYS

- USC's 17-play drive (75 yards) in the first quarter that resulted in a touchdown is the second-longest scoring drive by plays in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

SECOND-LONGEST PASS PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE

- Tulane QB Michael Pratt's 87-yard touchdown pass to Jha'quan Jackson is the second-longest pass play from scrimmage in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

THIRD-MOST TACKLES

- Dorian Williams' 17 total tackles tie Tommy Eichenberg (2022 Rose Bowl) for third-most total tackles in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

FOURTH-MOST COMPLETIONS

- USC's 36 completions tied for fourth-best in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

FOURTH-MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR

- Caleb Williams' five touchdown passes tied him with three other players in fourth-most touchdowns responsible for in a New Year's Six Bowl Game. The other three players are Sam Darnold (2017 Rose Bowl); Trace McSorley (2017 Rose Bowl); Jack Coan (2022 Fiesta Bowl).

SECOND-MOST RUSHING YARDS

- Tyjae Spears' 205 net rushing yards are the second-most rushing yards in a New Year's Six Bowl Game. Ezekiel Elliott currently holds the record with 230 net rushing yards in the 2015 Sugar Bowl.

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

- Tyjae Spears' four rushing touchdowns tie Ezekiel Elliott (2016 Fiesta Bowl) for most rushing touchdowns in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

FIFTH-MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

- Caleb Williams' 52 passing attempts are the fifth-most passing attempts in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

SECOND-MOST COMPLETIONS

- Caleb Williams' 37 completions tie C.J Stroud (2022 Rose Bowl) for second-most completions in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

FIFTH-MOST PASSING YARDS

- Caleb Williams' 462 passing yards are the fifth-most passing yards in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

FOURTH-MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

- Caleb Williams' five passing touchdowns tie Sam Darnold (2017 Rose Bowl) and Jack Coan (2022 Fiesta Bowl) for fourth-most passing touchdowns in a New Year's Six Bowl Game.

MOST POINTS SCORED

- Tyjae Spears' 24 points scored tie three other players in the most points scored in a New Year's Six Bowl Game. The other three players are Ezekiel Elliott (2016 Fiesta Bowl); Sony Michel (2018 Rose Bowl); Justin Jefferson (2019 Peach Bowl).

ONE-POINT DIFFERENTIAL

- Today's game is only the fifth New Year's Six Bowl Game with a one-point differential.

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Today's game is the 87th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and the 14th played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

Tulane won the coin toss and elected to defer its choice to the second half. USC elected to receive to start the 87th Classic.

The 87th Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic kicked off at 12:10 p.m. Central time.

FIRST QUARTER

Southern California (5:58): Caleb Williams 9-yard pass to **Michael Jackson III** (Denis Lynch kick). The Trojans drive was 17 plays, 75 yards and took 9:02 after the opening kickoff. USC rushed nine times for 30 yards and was 5-7 passing for 45 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** On 4th and 1 from the Tulane 25, **Caleb Williams** took the handoff and bulled up the middle for a 2-yard gain and a first down at the Tulane 23. **USC 7, Tulane 0.**

USC had 1 big play (1 rush of 10+ yards) during the drive.

The 17 plays on the scoring drive for USC tied the Trojans with Texas vs. Notre Dame (1970) for the sixth-most plays in a scoring drive in Classic history.

END OF THE FIRST QUARTER: USC 7, Tulane 0

SECOND QUARTER

USC (12:33): Williams 3-yard pass to **Terrell Bynum** (Lynch kick). The Trojans drive was 12 plays, 95 yards and took 5:13 after a Tulane punt. USC rushed 2 times for 1 yard, was 6-10 passing for 109 yards, and USC was called for 2 penalties for 15 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** On 3rd and 4 at the USC 11, **Williams**, under pressure, rolled out to his right and threw down the right sideline to **Tahj Washington** for 59 yards to the Tulane 30. Later in the drive, on 3rd and 22 at the Tulane 31, **Williams** was forced out of the pocket and rolled to his left under heavy pressure. In front of the USC sideline, **Williams** threw downfield along the sideline to **Brenden Rice**, who caught the ball and went out of bounds at the Tulane 1. **USC 14, Tulane 0.**

USC had 2 big plays (2 passes for 15+ yards) during the drive.

Tulane (9:30): Tyjae Spears 3-yard rush (Valentino Ambrosio kick) – **Spears** took a direct snap and ran right for the score. The Green Wave drive was 8 plays, 75 yards and took 3:03 after the USC touchdown. Tulane rushed 5 times for 66 yards, was 1-3 passing for 14 yards and Tulane was called for one penalty for 5 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** On 2nd and 8 at the Tulane 27, quarterback **Michael Pratt** took off and raced 40 yards to the USC 33. On 2nd and 15 at the USC 38, **Shadie Clayton-Johnson** rushed right for 19 and a first down at the USC 19. **USC 14, Tulane 7.**

Tulane had 2 big plays (1 rush of 10+ and 1 pass of 15+ yards) during the drive.

Tulane (5:42): Michael Pratt 87-yard pass to **Jha'Quan Jackson** (**Ambrosio** kick). The Green Wave drive was 2 plays, 92 yards and took 0:50 after an interception by **Jarius Monroe** at the Tulane 8. Tulane rushed 1 time for 5 yards and was 1-1 passing for 87 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** Tulane took over at its 8 after **Monroe** intercepted USC's **Williams** at the Green Wave 8. On the second play of the drive from the Tulane 13, **Pratt** threw over the middle to **Jackson**, who caught it at the Tulane 21 and raced to the right sideline the remaining 79 yards for the touchdown. **USC 14, Tulane 14.**

Tulane had 1 big play (1 pass of 15+ yards) during the drive.

The 87-yard TD tied the Classic record for longest completed pass and passing touchdown (Syracuse's Ger Schwedes to Ernie Davis vs. Texas in the 1960 Classic).

USC (2:21): Raleek Brown 39-yard rush (**Lynch** kick). The Trojans drive was 6 plays, 75 yards and took 3:15 after the Tulane touchdown. USC rushed 4 times for 63 yards and was 2-2 passing for 12 yards. **KEY PLAY:** On 1st and 10 at the Tulane 39, **Brown** went up the middle and raced 39 yards down the left sideline for the touchdown. **USC 21, Tulane 14.**

USC had 2 big plays (2 rushes for 10+ yards) during the drive.

USC (0:12): Williams 4-yard pass to **Rice** (**Lynch** kick). The Trojans drive was 6 plays, 68 yards and took 1:07 after a Tulane punt. USC rushed 2 times for 5 yards and was 4-4 passing for 63 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** On 1st and 10 at the USC 32, **Williams** threw downfield to **Washington**, who was pushed out of bounds at the USC 47 for a 15-yard gain. Later in the drive, on 2nd and 1 at the Tulane 44, **Williams** completed a 35-yard pass play to **Rice** for a first down at the Tulane 9. **USC 28, Tulane 14.**

USC had 2 big plays (2 passes for 15+ yards) during the drive.

Caleb Williams broke the USC record for TD passes in a season with 40 with his TD toss to Rice.

HALFTIME: USC 28, Tulane 14

FIRST HALF NOTES

This is the 10th straight Classic that a team held a double-digit lead at halftime.

All 6 scoring drives went for more than 60 yards or more in the first half, including 2 for 90+ yards.

Tulane averaged 10.4 yards per play in the first half (198 yards/19 plays), while USC averaged 7.6 yards per play (358 yards/47 plays).

Tulane had 3 big plays in the first half (1 pass for 15+ yards and 2 rushes for 10+ yards). USC had 8 big plays in the first half (5 passes for 15+ yards; 3 rushes of 10+ yards), 4 of which went for 20 yards or longer.

Tulane held the ball for 8:19 in the first half, (19 plays) while USC had the ball for 21:41 (47 plays).

USC quarterback Caleb Williams was 9-9 passing for 143 yards and 6 first downs on third-down plays in the first half.

The 14-point deficit is the largest at any point for Tulane this season. The 28 points allowed by the Green Wave to USC in the first half was the most this season.

USC quarterback Caleb Williams is second in Classic history in three first-half (halftime) stat categories – 253 passing yards (263 – Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Notre Dame 2018), 20 completions (23 – Landry Jones, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M 2013) and 263 (253 pass/10 rush) total offense yards (277 – Lawrence [264 pass/13 rush], Clemson vs. Notre Dame 2018).

THIRD QUARTER

Tulane chose to receive to begin the second half.

TULANE (11:55): Spears 7-yard rush (**Ambrosio** kick). The Green Wave drive was 7 plays, 76 yards and took 3:00 after the second-half kickoff. Tulane rushed 5 times for 62 yards and was 1-2 passing for 16 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** On 1st and 10 at the Tulane 24, **Spears** rushed down the right side for 47 yards to the USC 29. Later on the drive, on 2nd and 15 at the USC 34, **Pratt** completed a 16-yard pass to **Alex Bauman** for a first down at the USC 18. Tulane scored when **Spears** bounced to the outside on first and goal, and he ran 7 yards for the TD. **USC 28, Tulane 21.**

Tulane had 2 big plays (1 rush for 10+ yards and 1 pass for 15+ yards) during the drive.

TULANE (6:20): Ambrosio 42 FG. The Green Wave drive was 7 plays, 40 yards and took 3:06 after USC missed a 52-yard on the previous possession. Tulane rushed 3 times for 6 yards, was 0-1 passing and USC was called for one penalty for 15 yards. **KEY PLAY:** On 3rd and 7 at the Tulane 28, **Pratt** ran up the middle for 23 yards to the USC 39. The Trojans were flagged for a 15-yard face mask penalty, which moved the ball to the USC 24. **USC 28, Tulane 24.**

Tulane had 1 big play (1 rush for 10+ yards) during the drive.

USC (1:24): Williams 19-yard pass to **Rice** (Lynch kick). The Trojans drive was 5 plays, 97 yards and took 2:30 after the Tulane field goal. USC rushed 2 times for 4 yards and was 2-3 passing for 93 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** On 2nd and 6 at the USC 7, **Williams** hit **Rice** with a pass down the middle at the 50. Rice picked up 31 yards after the catch to the Tulane 19 for a 74-yard reception. Later, on 3rd and 10 at the Tulane 19, **Williams** rolled to his left and threw to **Rice**, who caught it at the Tulane 3, kept his feet inbounds and reached the ball over the goal line for the score. **USC 35, Tulane 24.**

USC had 2 big plays (2 passes for 15+ yards) during the drive.

The 97-yard scoring drive tied the Classic record for longest scoring drive by yards (achieved six previous times; last by Oklahoma vs. Florida in 2020).

TULANE (0:40): Spears 3-yard rush (2-point conversion pass failed). The Green Wave drive was 3 plays, 65 yards and took 0:44 after the USC touchdown. Tulane rushed 2 times for 65 yards and was 0-1 passing. **KEY PLAY:** On the first play of the drive from the Tulane 35, **Spears** took a handoff and went up the middle. He moved to the right side and raced down the sideline to the USC 2 for a 62-yard gain. **USC 35, Tulane 30.**

Tulane had 1 big play (1 rush for 10+ yards) during the drive.

END OF THE THIRD QUARTER: USC 35, Tulane 30

FOURTH QUARTER

USC (12:09): Williams 4-yard pass to **Kyron Hudson** (**Lynch** kick). The Trojans drive was 7 plays, 47 yards and took 3:30 after the Tulane touchdown. USC rushed 2 times for 8 yards and was 5-5 passing for 34 yards. **KEY PLAY:** On 1st and 10 at the Tulane 47, **Williams** threw a 16-yard pass to **Jackson III** for a first down at the Tulane 31. **USC 42, Tulane 30**

USC had 1 big play (1 pass for 15+ yards) during the drive.

The 5th TD pass by Williams sets a Classic record (previous record – 4 by Craig Erickson, Miami vs. Texas 1991 and Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss 2009).

USC (4:30): Lynch 43 FG. The Trojans drive was 11 plays, 46 yards and took 6:16 after USC recovered a Tulane fumble at the Trojans 28. USC rushed 5 times for 9 yards and was 5-5 passing for 42 yards. **KEY PLAYS:** USC took over after Tulane's **Spears** fumbled, and the Trojans' **Solomon Byrd** recovered at the USC 28. On 2nd and 12 at USC 39, Williams threw a 17-yard pass to Washington to the Tulane 44. **USC 45, Tulane 30**

USC had 1 big play (1 pass for 15+ yards) during the drive.

TULANE (4:07): Spears 4-yard rush (**Ambrosio** kick). The Green Wave drive was 2 plays, 63 yards and took 0:16 after the USC field goal. Tulane rushed 1 times for 4 yards and was 1-1 passing for 59 yards. **KEY PLAY:** On the first play of the drive at the Tulane 37, **Pratt** threw over the middle to **Deuce Watts**, who caught it at the 50. He raced downfield and was tripped up at the USC 4. **USC 45, Tulane 37.**

Tulane had 1 big play (1 pass for 15+ yards) during the drive.

Spears ties the Classic record for most touchdowns rushing with 4 (tied with Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas 2008) and most total touchdowns with 4 (tied with Bobby Layne, Texas vs. Missouri 1946 and Tony Temple, Missouri vs. Arkansas 2008).

TULANE (3:20): Safety on 2nd and 10 at the USC 1 when Tulane's **Patrick Jenkins** tackled USC's **Austin Jones** in the USC end zone. The safety came two plays after Tulane's touchdown, when the ensuing kickoff was fumbled out of bounds at the USC 1. **USC 45, Tulane 39.**

The safety was the first in Classic history since the 2009 game when Ole Miss' Patrick Trahan tackled Texas Tech's Graham Harrell in the end zone.

TULANE (0:09): Pratt 6-yard pass to **Bauman** (**Ambrosio** kick). The Green Wave drive was 12 plays, 66 yards and took 3:04 after the Tulane safety and ensuing USC free kick. Tulane rushed 3 times for 23 yards and was 4-6 passing for 58 yards. **KEY PLAY:** On 2nd and 10 at the USC 30, **Pratt** threw a 24-yard pass to **Watts**, who caught it at the USC 6. Four plays later on 2nd and goal at the USC 6, **Pratt** threw across the middle to **Bauman**, who caught in the end zone. The play was originally ruled an incomplete pass on the field, but replay review overturned the call for a Tulane touchdown. **Tulane 46, USC 45.**

Tulane had 3 big plays (1 rush for 10+ yards and 2 passes for 15+ yards) during the drive.

Tulane scored the final 16 points of the game to erase a USC 45-30 lead to win 46-45.

The Tulane comeback from 15 points down (30-45) with 4:30 to play is the fourth-largest comeback in Cotton Bowl Classic history (record – 22 Notre Dame vs. Houston [1979] – trailed 34-12 in 4th quarter; won 35-34 on the final play from scrimmage plus the point after).

The 12th combined touchdown by Tulane (6) and USC (6) is a Classic record (previous – 11, in two games: Ole Miss-Texas Tech 2009 and Michigan State-Baylor 2015).

FINAL SCORE: Tulane 46, USC 45

SECOND HALF NOTES

Tulane averaged 10.3 yards per play in the second half (341 yards/33 plays) while USC averaged 6.4 yards per play (236 yards/37 plays).

Tulane had 9 big plays in the second half (5 rushes of 10+ yards and 4 passes for 15+ yards), 7 of which went for 20 yards or longer. USC had 5 big plays (0 rushes of 10+ and 5 passes for 15+ yards), one of which went for 20 yards or longer.

Tulane held the ball for 11:52 in the second half, (33 plays) while USC had the ball for 18:08 (37 plays).

POSTGAME NOTES

RECORDS: Tulane (12-2, 7-1 AAC); USC (11-3, 8-1 Pac-12).

87TH GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC AWARDS

SANFORD TROPHY (Outstanding Offensive Player): Tulane RB **Tyjae Spears**. (17 rushing attempts for 205 yards – the fifth-most rushing yards in Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic history; 4 touchdowns).

McKNIGHT TROPHY (Outstanding Defensive Player): Tulane LB **Dorian Williams**. (17 tackles, 9 solo tackles).

ATTENDANCE: 55,329; **TIME OF GAME:** 3:47

Tulane had 12 big plays in the game (7 rushes of 10+ yards and 5 passes of 15+ yards), 9 of which went for 20 yards or longer. USC had 13 big plays (3 rushes of 10+ and 10 passes of 15+), 5 of which went for 20 yards or longer.

Tulane wins in its first Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic appearance.

The Green Wave are 7-8 (.467) all-time in bowl games.

The Tulane victory is the first for the American Athletic Conference in three Classic appearances (1-2).

The Tulane victory over USC was the first by an AAC school over a non-conference opponent ranked in the AP Top 25 at the time of the game this season (was 0-6).

Tulane is the first Group of Five school to win in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. Previous Group of Five teams were 0-3 in the Classic.

Tulane evened its all-time series record with USC at 2-2. It was the Green Wave's first victory in the series since 1942. Tulane is 1-1 against USC in bowl games with today's victory. USC won the first bowl meeting between the schools in the 1932 Rose Bowl.

USC is now 1-2 in Classic appearances (won 55-14 over Texas Tech in 1995; lost 24-7 to Ohio State in 2017).

USC is 0-3 in AT&T Stadium appearances all-time (lost 52-6 to Alabama in the 2016 season opener and the 2017 Cotton Bowl to Ohio State).

USC is 34-20 (.630) in 54 all-time bowl appearances.

The Pac-12 is 3-3 overall in six Classic appearances.

For the second time since 1999, a team trailing at halftime went on to win the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (2015 Baylor and 2023 USC). A total of 19 of the last 21 teams to lead at halftime went on to win the game.

Heisman Trophy winners are now 10-5 in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. USC sophomore quarterback **Caleb Williams** was the 16th Heisman Trophy winner to play in the Classic, and the 11th to play in the Classic in the same season he won the award.

Williams' 5 TD passes is a Classic record, and his 30 points responsible for is second in Classic history.

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- Tulane moves to 12-2 overall this season.
- The 12 wins tie the school record by the 1998 Tulane program.
- It is only the fourth time that the program has won 10 or more games in a season (2022 {11-2}, 1998 {12-0}, 1934 {10-1}, 1931{10-1}).
- The 10-game improvement in wins from last year set the new FBS record.
- Spears' 205 yards rushing in the game was his ninth time this season and eighth straight game with over 100 yards on the ground.
- It was the 15th time he has topped the century mark on the ground in his career (2x in 2020, 4x in 2021 and 9x in 2022).
- Pratt has now thrown at least one touchdown pass in 34 of his 35 career games.
- Tulane has now run for 100 yards as a team in 86 of the last 90 games.
- The win over USC was the third straight over a ranked opponent for Tulane after victories over Cincinnati to close the regular season (11/25) and over UCF (12/3) to win the AAC title.
- The meeting was the fourth ever with USC and the first since 1946.
- Tulane is now 2-2 against the Trojans (L, 21-12 – 1932, W, 27-13 – 1942, L, 20-12 – 1946, W, 46-45 - 2023).
- The program improved to 7-8 all-time in bowl games (1932 - Rose Bowl vs. USC, L, 21-12, 1935 – Sugar Bowl vs. Temple, W, 20-14, 1940 – Sugar Bowl vs. Texas A&M, L, 14-13, 1940 – Liberty Bowl vs. Colorado, W, 17-3, 1973 – Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Houston, L, 41-7, 1979 – Liberty vs. Penn State, L, 9-6, 1980 – Hall of Fame vs. Arkansas – L, 34-15, 1987 – Independence Bowl vs. Washington, L 24-12, 1998 – Liberty Bowl vs. BYU, W, 41-22, 2002 – Hawaii Bowl vs. Hawaii, W, 26-28, 2013 – New Orleans vs. Louisiana, L, 24-21, 2018 – Cure Bowl vs. Louisiana, W, 41-24, 2020 – Armed Forces Bowl vs. Southern Miss., W, 30-13, 2020 – Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Nevada, L, 38-27).
- The team is 1-5 against current power five conference schools in bowl games.
- The 87-yard reception from Jha'Quan Jackson in the first half tied the Cotton Bowl record that was set in 1960.
- Dorian Williams had a career-high 17 tackles in the contest.
- Tyjae Spears, who has already announced his intentions to enter the NFL draft prior to the bowl game, will end his career with the highest yards per carry average in school history (6.8).
- With 205 rushing yards in today's game, Spears moves to 1,581 total rushing yards in the 2022-23 season, the second-most in school history.
- Spears' 19 rushing touchdowns this year is the second-most in the school record book behind Matt Forte's 23 rushing touchdowns in 2007.
- Tulane's 34 rushing touchdowns this year is the second-most in school history.
- The program's 2,867 yards rushing is the third-most in a single campaign.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POSTGAME NOTES

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- USC QB Caleb Williams' five TD passes sets a new Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic record. The previous record of four TD passes held by Craig Erickson, Miami vs. Texas, 1991 and Graham Harrell, Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss, 2009.
- Williams' five TD passes also tied the USC bowl game record for touchdown passes in a game. Williams tied Sam Darnold who threw for five touchdowns in the 2017 Rose Bowl.
- Williams four-yard touchdown pass to WR Brendan Rice with 12 seconds left in the second quarter set a new USC single season touchdown passing records. It was his 40th touchdown pass of the season. Williams went on to throw two additional touchdown passes to give him 42 passing touchdowns for the season.
- The 17 plays on USC's opening scoring drive tied with Texas vs. Notre Dame (1970) for the sixth-most plays in a scoring drive in Classic history.
- The 97-yard USC scoring drive in the third quarter tied a Classic record for longest scoring drive by yards. The feat had been accomplished six times previously with the last time by Oklahoma vs. Florida in 2020.

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TULANE MAIN INTERVIEW ROOM POSTGAME QUOTES

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QUESTIONS FOR HEAD COACH WILLIE FRITZ, LB DORIAN WILLIAMS, RB TYJAE SPEARS, AND TE ALEX BAUMAN TULANE UNIVERSITY

CHARLIE FISS, MODERATOR: Okay, we are now joined by the Green Wave of Tulane University. Coach Willie Fritz, his three student-athletes are Dorian Williams, Tyjae Spears, and Alex Bauman.

Coach, congratulations. Tell us about the victory.

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: I'm still trying to soak it all in right now. It was an outstanding job. There's a couple of calls I wish I had back. I did the onside kick early, and obviously it didn't work. And it was kind of 50-50 on kicking it deep or onside kicking around. We kicked it deep. We had a fortunate outcome. Ball on the 1. Got the big safety. And we do a little drill called fastball during the season on Wednesdays where we just kind of go as fast as we possibly can and have music on and have a lot of chaos and everything. And the guys, you know, really executed each play the way they needed to execute it.

So big touchdown there at the end. Alex [Bauman] had the big catch. I just wish there wouldn't have been any time left on the clock. That's the only thing Alex screwed up on. It's great.

You know, again, I've said it 20 times this week, Cotton Bowl [Classic] people are just fantastic. What a game. You know, they treated us like kings all week. So thank you all for what you do and we're just all proud to represent Tulane University.

CHARLIE FISS, MODERATOR: Thank you, Coach.

Let's go to questions for our three student athletes for the next couple minutes. And then we will bring Coach Fritz back in.

Q. Alex, this was the eighth catch you've had all year, but it was probably the most important catch in the history of Tulane football. Can you just take us through that moment and kind of your emotions after the call was ruled a touchdown?

TE ALEX BAUMAN: So we made a streak call. And I knew I could run a three-seam. And the mic [MLB] was playing the low inside. So I had to attack him across his face. And [Michael] Pratt put a perfect ball where I can make a play on it. And kept my hand under the ball, and scored. I knew right away that I scored.

I know the replay did show it, but not everyone was convinced. But yeah, it all goes back to my teammates, my coaches just having trust in me to make a play. And that's what happened.

Q. Tyjae, this is your eighth game in a row with over 200 rushing yards. Can you talk about that? And also what drives you as well?

RB TYJAE SPEARS: So I can't do it all by myself. I have an amazing O-line. Come to work every day. They're the hardest-working group on the team. So them pushing me every day, we compete with each other. Me and [Michael] Pratt versus Joey Claybrook and Sincere Haynesworth every day, we see who is going to work harder.

But my drive, it's now. I'm from a place where I'm trying to get out of, and I don't want to go back to it. So that's what drives me every day. And I've got these guys around me, great guys and also a great man over there that's pushing me and making sure I stay on track with it. It's just a blessing to be here.

Q. For each of you student-athletes, 2-10 last season. 12-2 this season. Champions of the Cotton Bowl [Classic], Champions of the American [Athletic Conference]. Just what has this turnaround meant and that belief in each other?

LB DORIAN WILLIAMS: I know we all believe 2-10, that wasn't our best foot forward. We all knew we were a better team than what we showed. Coach Kurt [Hester] came in and he installed a different mindset in the team. This is a real-life family. And I commit to that. I know both these guys, all these guys, he's like our dad, man. And these guys are my brothers, man. I feel that's the biggest change that we had.

RB TYJAE SPEARS: Even like with last year at 2-10, most of the games came within five points so, we knew we had to finish on our end. So to go back off what he said, we went into the offseason, now it's time to play together. Now it's time to hold each other accountable.

I think that's the biggest thing going from last season to this season, everybody was getting held accountable.

And we hold Coach Fritz accountable on some occasions, too. But that's the respect level that we have for each other, man. Without him, we wouldn't have done it. Him getting his great coaching staff and everything else, man, so we wouldn't have done it without him.

TE ALEX BAUMAN: I think my experience is a little different from theirs because I wasn't on the team last year. But since I got here in the summer, the competitiveness and the intensity that Coach [Kurt] Hester brought and all the coaches brought and every single player on the team brought, it just showed that we were destined to do something and win a lot of games this year, as opposed to what happened last year.

Q. Coach Fritz, the way USC was really explosive in the passing game, what did you tell the defense as they were kind of dealing with those big plays, that 74-yard catch?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Well, there's a reason why he [Caleb Williams] won the Heisman Trophy. He's a pretty good player. He's hard to get down. I don't know how many sacks we almost had. With him, we had a good group of receivers. We were trying to keep him in the pocket as best

we can. And it's always tough when you haven't played for a month and you get out there and play. Some guys probably tackle better than other guys in the ballgame. And some guys had a little bit tougher time tackling in the ballgame.

But they're a great team. They were a 10th-ranked team in the country. And they've got some outstanding players over there. And a really, really explosive offense.

One time, I think they had 35 plays they ran, and we had 6 that we ran. That's pretty tough. We were betting a whole lot and breaking down there towards the end zone, but we needed to get some stops, get the safety. And we got a turnover and missed field goal. Those were the ones that led to the victory.

So just a very, very explosive offense by USC.

Q. Coach [Fritz], what does this win mean for the program? And what sort of message do you think it sent to the rest of the country today?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: It's a huge win for the program. Huge win for the university. Huge win for the city. We represent New Orleans. We represent Tulane University. We represent our football program. And I think we've seen this year what a great football season and competing at a high level can do for an institution. So I'm just very proud to be a part of it.

Q. Alex, I was able to talk to Coach [Slade] Nagle a little bit about how special this tight end room really is, last week. Can you speak a little bit about what it is to like to play in that tight end room and what you have been learning from [Will] Wallace, Tyrick [James], and those guys?

TE ALEX BAUMAN: Yeah, Will and Tyrick are great role models. And Coach [Slade] Nagle and Coach Hester are all great coaches.

But what I've learned and what Tyrick and Will have taught me has really helped me, and I look up to them going forward. And I'm glad that we could send them off with a win in a game like this. It just really means the most to me because I looked up to them every single day. And I want to be like them.

Q. How does a win like this help propel Tulane to future successes? Especially looking towards the expanded College Football Playoff coming in the next couple of years?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: It's big. Getting in the national playoff picture, you win a national championship from the Group of 5 league. And I don't like that language, but a lot of people use it.

Yeah, I think it's big for our conference. I know our commissioners back there, we feel like we've got a really top-notch conference from top to bottom. I think new additions to our conference are going to help us be an even stronger conference.

Q. Dorian, on that same note, you guys just beat USC. You beat Kansas State. How much validation do you think your team has for an expanded playoff?

LB DORIAN WILLIAMS: Yes, sir. We felt like we could compete against anybody. And we have the utmost confidence in the guys in that locker room. And we have so much love for each other, and it just shows on the field, and it shows in our play.

Q. First, Dorian, how tough was it for the defense to keep its composure the way USC was moving the ball? And what were you saying to guys to get you in position to make a couple of plays that you needed to make to turn the game?

LB DORIAN WILLIAMS: It was tough in the first half. Seeing it on film and then playing against it is two different things. And I felt like our play, it wasn't the best in the first half. And then second half, I told the guys, I said, man, let's go out and just play football. I felt like we were all just playing too stiff, man, too tight. Just trying not to make any mistakes. I said, man, let's go out there and make plays. That's something we all knew we could do.

Q. Alex, the play before the touchdown, you dropped a pass that if you had caught it, the game might have ended, if you hadn't gotten into the end zone. Did you think about that at all, or what happened on that play?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Darn right you did.

TE ALEX BAUMAN: Obviously, I'm trying to catch every ball that's thrown to me. But it happened that way. And like I said, it was a blessing in disguise.

Q. Coach [Fritz], you've coached at all levels, junior college, D2, FCS, and so forth. What does it say about trying to attract the type of athletes you wanted, a Group of 5 conference team and the type of men that you are able to get to play for Tulane? And then I have a follow-up after that.

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Well, I think we have figured out how to recruit at Tulane. It might have taken me a little while, but we've got unbelievable representatives of our university. I've had very few issues and problems. I don't know how many people from the Cotton Bowl [Classic] have told me this is the best group they've been around all the years they've been working in the Cotton Bowl. I know they're trying to whisper that in my ear because they didn't want to say it too loud, I guess, but I'm proud of that. I'm very proud of that.

I think we've got guys -- and then also, I think we've done a great job developing guys in the program as well. I've got Dorian [Williams] sitting right here. He's 190-something pounds. He's from South Carolina. My son who works in the recruiting office just kept pushing him and pushing him and pushing him. And we're fortunate enough to get him here. And he's going to be playing in the NFL next year. And same thing with Tyjae [Spears] and Alex [Bauman]. These are guys we thought hey, these guys are going to develop into great football players, and they came here and put the work in, obviously.

But it can definitely be done if you do a good job of getting the right guys who fit your program. That's what's important to me. And I love the fact that we've got student-athletes at Tulane. These guys up here are all great students. They're not just football players and that's important to us.

Q. Does this make up for the 1932 Rose Bowl against USC?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Yes, it does. I told these guys, this was revenge for the '32 game. I did tell these guys that a few weeks ago.

LB DORIAN WILLIAMS: They did.

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: They didn't know what the heck I was talking about.

Q. Coach [Fritz], from that first moment that you walked into Tulane to where you are right now, just bring me into everything that you've had to do in that first feeling stepping into the building and now being Cotton Bowl [Classic] champions?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Well, there's so many things, I couldn't mention them all. But getting the right staff together. I feel like we've done that. And we just had a bunch of bad luck in a few different years. These guys can tell you.

One season, I think we lost four games in the last play of the game. That's tough. And we had [won] maybe 10 wins that season. Or maybe even 11 that season.

So we've learned how to finish. And I feel like we've got a complete team now with offense, defense, and kicking game. Some years one side of the ball might have been a little better than the other side of the ball. So all three phases can rely on each other. There's a lot of things.

I talked about recruiting, recruiting the right guys. And finding guys that fit what you're looking for. And I think we've done a great job of that.

Q. Coach Fritz, despite Caleb Williams putting up five touchdowns which is a Cotton Bowl [Classic] record, this team is still able to come away with a tremendous win. What qualities of this program do you feel like that best highlights?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Well, I think it shows the character of the guys that are playing in the program. And then going out and executing the plays. I talk all the time about preparation. And that's how important it is during the course of the week. And flipping the switch on game day and playing hard for three and a half hours.

We're going to look back at this, and there were some times that we didn't play real good. But we hung in there. And we were able to pull it out at the very end. I think that says a lot about the coaching staff, support staff, and obviously, these young men. You can have great support staff and great coaches and all that stuff, but if you don't have the Jimmys or the Joes or the Dorians or the Tyjaes and Alexes, you're not going to win very many games.

Q. My question is for the student-athletes. What has this senior class meant to you guys? And to the man on your left, what has Coach [Fritz] meant to you guys throughout this amazing season?

LB DORIAN WILLIAMS: Oh, wow. The senior class, it means everything to me. We came in with those guys. That's probably like the closest class, I felt like. We play around in the locker room. We have a good time. We spend time outside of football with each other. And I feel like that's the biggest thing, having a brotherhood.

And yesterday before the game, we were in there. And Coach said just dapper everybody up because it's going to be the last time everybody is going to be in the same room together. It almost made me cry. I was trying to hold back tears. I couldn't let the guys see that.

RB TYJAE SPEARS: It's a complete brotherhood. Something I'll never forget about, that man over there. It's crazy. He took a chance on me coming out of high school. He took a real big chance on me. And it could have gone any way. So, I forever appreciate him for that. It's crazy. I love you, Coach Fritz.

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Love you, buddy.

TE ALEX BAUMAN: I just appreciate all the seniors. They're all role models to me. Every day they inspire me to do my best. They're the best leaders I've ever been around.

And Coach Fritz, I just want to say thank you to him for believing in me, putting me out there as a true freshman and going to make a play. Thank you, Coach.

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: Thank you, buddy.

Q. Tyjae, with about 4:30 left in the fourth quarter, USC had taken that two-touchdown lead, the 15-point lead. Talk about what you guys were talking about, the offensive side of the ball, going out there knowing you need to score, you need to move quickly. What was the mood like for you guys?

RB TYJAE SPEARS: The words we were saying, it was going to be like whatever it took, whatever it took. However it looked, we were going to get it done.

And we never lost faith on them. Steady telling the guys the whole time and they were telling me, we're going to still win this game. We're going to win this game. We're going to win this game. The mindset, whatever it took.

Even the fourth-down play, I was telling [Michael] Pratt, we got to get to first, man. Whatever it takes. Whatever it takes. So we just carried that mindset on, and it worked out for us.

Q. Coach Fritz, I want to ask you about the crowd today. What did you think about the atmosphere, as far as the Tulane fans?

COACH WILLIE FRITZ: I thought it was awesome. I thought it was a little different. These guys may have seen it as well. We were driving into the stadium. And we were loading the bus, there were all sorts of people out there. And we were driving into the stadium and they were on the streets and hollering and yelling, and they were into it.

As I've said many times before, I think our stadium, Yulman Stadium, is just unbelievable. We saw that this season. In the last game, I thought it was really special with everybody winning on the field.

And I thought our crowd was extremely loud and into it the whole time today. So really, really excited about that. I love seeing the signs up there -- about football school up there in the stands too. Our fans are into it. I think we're finding more of them.

CHARLIE FISS, MODERATOR: Guys, Congratulations. Thanks for being with us. It's been a great week.

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QUESTIONS FOR QB MICHAEL PRATT

Q. To come back the way you did, not only does that resemble what you guys were able to do in this game, but from last year, turning the program around to this year, did today feel like a culmination of everything you guys have done?

MICHAEL PRATT: Absolutely. I think our performance today is a testament to what we've been through the last two years, the work that we've put in. Obviously, after last season going 2-10, we knew we had to flip a switch. And a lot of guys stepped up in the leadership roles. Held people accountable. Put in a lot of extra hours. A lot of young guys stepped up.

So really, since that point, we knew this year was going to be special. And being able to be in this opportunity and experience was awesome for us.

Q. They got the safety. Did it feel like you guys had all the momentum at that point?

MICHAEL PRATT: Absolutely.

Q. And when you take the field, a couple of big-time conversions that you guys had to convert to keep that drive alive. What's your mindset as a quarterback? Because you had one on the ground. You had one through the air.

MICHAEL PRATT: Yeah. At that point, we just had to make plays. It's kind of crazy; last year was a very similar game. When we played Oklahoma, week one, against Coach [Lincoln] Riley. And having one more drive and one more opportunity to come back and win the ballgame. And this time, we were able to do it.

Q. Are you able to pull anything from that previous experience against Coach [Lincoln] Riley or is it completely different from 2022?

MICHAEL PRATT: It is pretty different. Obviously, there are some things that we noticed on film and whatnot. But obviously, totally new game plan.

QUESTIONS FOR DL PATRICK JENKINS

Q. What did you see on that safety?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: My coaches just called the right play. And I just had to execute the play. And the safety happened.

Q. Did you guys feel like you had all the momentum in the world right then?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: We knew we just had to keep fighting. Because our team is all about finishing. We knew we had to keep fighting.

Q. What was in your mindset when Alex caught the touchdown pass and it went into review? Did you watch it on the board?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: I knew he scored. I had to keep faith in God. I knew God had it. I just had to pray. And it came up, we scored a touchdown. It was the greatest feeling ever.

Q. What did you see on the safety? On the replay?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: My coaches set up an amazing play called "The Game." So we ran "The Game," and I just made the play.

Q. You knew it was in the end zone?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: Yes, sir.

Q. Have you had a safety before?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: First one I've ever had.

Q. What does it mean for the program, considering where y'all were last year to be where you are now?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: It means everything. Because we worked a lot, and all the stuff that happened last year, we had to work hard and put our head down. And we came out successful.

Q. What kind of statement do you think Tulane made today?

DL PATRICK JENKINS: That we're a football school. Not a smart school. We're a football school and a smart school.

QUESTIONS FOR WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON.

Q. Talk about this game.

WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON: We finished in the fourth quarter. During halftime, Nick was praying and everything. He just said after this game, we will be 12-2. That's what we did. We came in and finished the game.

Q. How big did you feel like that touchdown you scored was when you guys obviously needed something in that first half?

WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON: To be honest, it was big. But at the end of the day, man, everybody brought us to make plays. You know what I'm saying? So it's not very exciting to me. They brought me here. The other guys made big plays and that's what we have to do. You know what I'm saying?

Q. How important was it to you offensively to be able to score that many points considering the fact that USC is so prolific on offense? I think if you take a look at it, you think that they are a little bit more prolific than you all. But you guys ended up tit for tat the entire game. How important was it to you on offense to kind of lead that way for your team?

WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON: It's very important. Our motto, our goal is to score 50 a game. And just coming into this game and everything, we know we got to go score for score.

But at the end of the day, we always tell each other, don't look at the score. You know what I'm saying? It's 0-0 every quarter. Just keep pushing and keep fighting and everything. Our guys stayed together. They didn't fall down when we got down. We had a lot of adversity. We just overcame the adversity.

Q. What was your mindset when you all got that safety, and you had one last drive right there to essentially win that game?

WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON: You know what was crazy, I was standing by Coach [Willie] Fritz's son, Wes Fritz, and everything. He said, man, we got to get a safety. As soon as he said that, whoever made the tackle, we got a safety, and they kicked it off.

It's crazy, because when you see it there, it happened right then and there. I just looked at him and I was like, Bro, you called it, man. You know what I'm saying?

It's a blessing. I'm excited. Everybody's excited. I really can't even express myself. It's not going to hit me until like conference championship back home in Yulman Stadium. It didn't hit me for two months later. Me and Tyjae [Spears] are roommates and everything. And I'd just look at him and I would say, did it hit you yet? He'd be like, nah, man.

When I first stepped into the stadium today, I knew it was game time. And I was so happy, man, that we were here and everything.

Shout-out to the Cotton Bowl [Classic] all week. We had great hospitality and everything from the events and everything. We couldn't ask for anything better.

Q. I think for you guys, too, you remind me of a TCU, being the underdogs in this situation. Going into this game, how important was it to you to not only feel like you had to prove something and just keep that swagger and know we are as good as USC and not ever put yourselves down to the level of "It would be cool if we won." No, instead of "We're going to win this game."

WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON: Our motto is we weren't worrying about -- USC is a big team, a great team. They got great players.

Shout-out to Caleb [Williams]. He's a great quarterback and everything. Great coach, Lincoln Riley, and everything.

But we didn't let that faze us and everything. Every play is a big game, no matter if it's an SEC team, nonconference, below us. You know what I'm saying. Just focus on us.

That's the main thing we did all year and everything, focus on us. How can we get better each and every week. That's one thing I liked about this team, man.

Q. It seemed like there was a visible energy shift after that safety. I saw the sideline was going nuts. The crowd really got into it. How do you think you guys benefited off of that for the rest of the game?

WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON: That safety, it created a lot of energy. The momentum shifted. You could tell by our crowd and everything, their crowd. They were loud and then we got the safety. Our whole side of the crowd, the whole sidelines was raising their hands and everything and pumping everybody up.

Q. On that final drive, Michael Pratt overcame a pressure on a couple fourth downs. What did you see out of his resolve on those two plays where you could have lost this game if neither of those went your way?

WR JHA'QUAN JACKSON: I knew we'd got the job done. Michael Pratt, a great quarterback. He's gym-ready and everything. Always watching film, trying to get better. And he has got a heart of a lion, man. You could tell all year.

You tell him to slide sometimes, and he doesn't slide. But at the end of the day, if you got to take a hit, he's going take the hit to get the first down and everything. That's one thing about our quarterback. And I love him. Just the bind that we built and the chemistry we had this year and everything.

I keep talking about this year. We did a lot this year. The main difference is just from having all the quarterbacks, running backs, tight ends, the quarterbacks got together and got the chemistry and watched film more. And every Sunday, after the game Saturday or whatever day, we came in and watched film.

That showed me that we want to take the next step to win, you know what I'm saying? As you can see. It shows.

QUESTIONS FOR DB JARIUS MONROE

Q. The phantom pass interference and then right after that, talk about that moment.

DB JARIUS MONROE: I heard a lot of "ball on line, ball on line." But I try to respect the ref's decisions throughout the game. I just told the guy after that play, you got us there. I'm ready. That was part of the plan.

Q. Nice play, interception. What did you see there?

DB JARIUS MONROE: Initially, I started to back off to make them think we were going deep. But

he looked at me, and I stopped. I took another step, and then he called huddle. He moved out, backed up our hinge a little bit more, and he threw it. It was the highest I jumped in a while (laughter).

Q. He's the Heisman winner. Probably the best player in college football. Did that make it extra sweet to pick him off?

DB JARIUS MONROE: He's a generational talent. I think he's going to be the first pick of the draft next year, but I'm trying to be a first-round pick too. With all humbleness, I was ready for this opportunity.

Q. Speaking on the whole, you had a great season. As you said, you had 50 tackles. Transferring in, what does it mean to end with a Cotton Bowl [Classic] win?

DB JARIUS MONROE: It just feels so surreal, man. When I asked God, when I was in the transfer portal, God, where do you want me to go? I was receiving all these big offers. A lot of colleges were talking to me. And I wanted to play at home, but I also wanted to play where I could feel like it's a family vibe where I know the program is built on family.

And Coach [Willie] Fritz, man, that's such a great man. Such a great leader. I needed that role model. My dad has never been in my life. So having a role model like him, that's the biggest blessing coming in.

Q. You grew up a Tulane fan, right?

DB JARIUS MONROE: Yes, sir. My brother played at Tulane. He was #2. Played his heart out when he was here. He was at the game today. Hopefully, I could carry that on and get them to next year.

Q. The final drive, when Tulane had the ball, two fourth downs and, obviously, that great touchdown, what was going through your mind? Were you nervous at all?

DB JARIUS MONROE: I trust our offense so much, and then Coach [Jim] Svoboda came in. I've never seen the type of schemes he draws up. If he sees that you are on to something, he's going to move it another way. Hats off to him and Tyjae [Spears] and [Michael] Pratt and all those guys, Duece Watts, everybody who was a part of that. Our young guy, 87 [Alex Bauman], we call him Baby Gronk. He's got a lot to work on, but we're going to work a lot this summer. It's going to be a big year.

Q. How did that nickname come up?

DB JARIUS MONROE: He plays so hard and so strong. He tries to give everything he's got. That's what I love about him. He's so young, but he's so passionate. Passion and football go hand in hand. You need passion to play the sport.

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QUESTIONS FOR HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY, DB MEKHI BLACKMON, AND OL JUSTIN DEDICH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

CHARLIE FISS, MODERATOR: We are joined now by USC Head Coach Lincoln Riley. Coach, we'll come to you first for your thoughts on today's game.

COACH LINCOLN RILEY: Yeah, thank you. First, I want to congratulate Coach Fritz, Tulane. Magical year they've had. We knew they were a very tough opponent. No surprise to us that they kept swinging throughout the ebbs and flows of the game. So really well-coached football team. Obviously, it's a huge win for them and their program. And we just want to offer congratulations to them.

It's as tough a loss as I can remember in my entire career. You know, to have the momentum a number of times. Obviously, didn't do a very good job finishing there at the end. The thing we told the guys in the locker room -- obviously, a very, very disappointed locker room. You know, wins like this -- or losses like this are always tough to digest, man. They really are. I thought our guys really laid it on the line. Played really, really hard. Prepared hard. Really wanted to win this game. And we actually put ourselves in a phenomenal position to get it done. And then all three sides right there at the end with the dropped kick-off and the safety, and then obviously, not getting the stops that we needed defensively down the stretch. I mean, all three sides contributed to it.

Now that the season's over, I've rarely at the end of a year felt so conflicted. On one hand, sick about the way that we finished the season. Particularly, the fourth quarter of the last two games. We lost three games this year. We lost two of them on the last play of the game. And we lost one in the fourth quarter in the championship game where we had the chance to go to The College Football Playoff. That's the competitor in you, the competitor in us, that's a tough pill to swallow, man. Because those opportunities are not easy to get.

Now the flip side of it is, we were in those positions. And those positions are very, very real. We're in this locker room. We're here at the Cotton Bowl [Classic] at a New Year's Six game. And again, 12 months ago, I don't think many people on the outside believed that was even possible.

So I think getting through this first season, there's a ton of great momentum in this program. And today's result, as sick as it is, does not change that. The reality is that we're here, and we're not going anywhere. We know what we need to get better at as a program. We have to finish better. And we didn't get that done enough this year. And we were really, really close.

And the line to do that, the line to finish and win these big games like we had here at the end, it's so thin, man. It's a fine line. It's one play here or there, and it changes everything. And that's how close we are. But we've got to get that as a program. And we will.

In a lot of ways, we're further ahead in so many areas than I would have thought. But we clearly have a lot of work to do. And this one won't be easy to get over, but we'll get over it. And the journey for next season starts tomorrow. I can't wait to get up and go back to work and figure out what we've got to do as a program to finish better. Continue to put ourselves in these opportunities that this team did a great job of this year, and then when we get there, finish them. And we will get there. And we will get there sooner rather than later.

Like I said, we're not going anywhere. Tough one today. But we've got to own it as a team. And that's what we're going to do. And we'll see you back in 12 months.

CHARLIE FISS, MODERATOR: Thank you, Coach.

Our student-athletes from Southern California, Justin Dedich and Mekhi Blackmon. Let's take questions for the two students first, and then we will keep coach and bring him back in a few minutes.

Q. For you both. Just like Coach [Riley] said, bittersweet ending. But what you can say about what you did do this season and how you find those positives, even in the tough locker room right now.

DB MEKHI BLACKMON: I would say it's hard to be happy with what we did this year with the day we just had. So obviously, I just need 24 hours to get over that, and then I'll be able to tell you guys how I'm feeling about the whole year.

OL JUSTIN DEDICH: Being a part of the previous season, I'm unbelievably proud of this program and the turnaround. Obviously, there's still something that we need to do as players and bring it together so we can finish these games in the fourth quarter. I guess that's the difference playing in the National Championship.

Q. Mekhi, there was a lot of talk this week about how it felt like the defense had taken steps forward this last month. How frustrating was it to not see that progress on the field today?

DB MEKHI BLACKMON: You're going to have your ups and downs. Just wish we played a little better. That's all you can hope for.

Q. Justin, can you take us through those two plays on the goal line that ended up in the safety? Especially that second one, where did it break down?

OL JUSTIN DEDICH: Yeah, it's sitting heavy in my gut right now. Our unit didn't get it done when we needed it most. And we take responsibility for that. But just next time we've got to be the more physical opponent against them and get those yards that we need. That's all I got.

Q. Justin, despite those last couple plays, how do you feel like the line kind of played throughout, despite not having [Andrew] Vorhees?

OL JUSTIN DEDICH: Yeah, I'm extremely proud of those guys. They stepped up to the plate. They did really well. They made important calls, made important blocks. But in games like this, it's important to make those key blocks for all of us whenever the game is on the line. And so, I wish we could take back some plays, but overall, I'm proud of the group.

Q. This is for Coach Riley or Mekhi. Tulane's quarterback Michael Pratt going into this game said you guys could be exposed on a lot of big plays and that seemed to happen to the defense. Why do you guys think it is?

COACH LINCOLN RILEY: We missed tackles in the run game. Completion percentage wasn't great. It was less than 50%. But obviously the big plays in the pass game. And he had some really nice scrambles against us in some key times. Obviously there on that last drive. A couple fourth down scrambles that were obviously big plays. So yeah, out of position a couple times. But again, our tackling hurt us. And against a good back. Because that was the story. Their ability to run the football, you know, 300 yards-plus rushing, I mean, that's the entire game right there. And we didn't do a good enough job at it obviously. And you don't tackle good players and a good running back, that's what happens.

Q. Coach Riley, you mentioned how it's such a fine line between being on the other side of this game. Where do you go when you wake up tomorrow? And how do you close that fine line and take the next step for next season?

COACH LINCOLN RILEY: Honestly, it's a long answer to that. You know, you come in here day one, and you're trying to, in a lot of ways, just start to teach these guys how to compete and what championship habits look like. You're starting from the complete ground floor on everything. We've learned a lot of things. We've grown in a lot of ways. And that's why we're at this game and why we're an 11-win team and two plays different from being who knows where.

But there's still so much more to go to be in that position where you close out a conference championship game or you win a big bowl game like this or win a semifinal game or win a national championship, right? A lot of us in that staff room have seen it. And when we've won, it's been, a lot of times, we've made just a couple more than the other one. And at times when we haven't won and it's been right.

And so yeah, that's what's painful about it, the margin is thin. And I think we've made a lot of big jumps this season to get over that hump, it is equally as challenging as just getting this thing started like we all did this year.

And so it will be a big challenge. But we know what we're doing. We know the areas that we have to get better. We know the things that we have to address. We'll spend a lot of time on it. Get some clarity. Let this one kind of soak in and get past it. And then we go back to work.

And we didn't come here for a one-year deal. We knew that, when we signed up to come to USC. And so this one hurts, but also it gives complete clarity on what we need to do next; and that's go back to work and keep building and developing our program.

Q. Coach Riley, what's your assessment for why the defense fell off precipitously the last few games? And you've been so supportive of Alex [Grinch] and aligned with him for a while. Where's your confidence in him to lead that unit moving forward?

COACH LINCOLN RILEY: We just got done playing the game 15 minutes ago, so I'm not going to give any big-picture assessments. We didn't play good enough today. We gave up -- the big plays obviously, and the lack of just not tackling to the level that we would expect is very, very alarming and something that we've got to do a much better job of.

But listen, to play great on offense or defense or special teams, to have any success, everything has got to be clicking. Every single part of your program. So we'll take a deep dive into every part of it here over the next couple of weeks. We'll lay out a plan, just like we did when we landed in L.A. 13 months ago. You take a deep dive of it, you assess what you've got and how can we make it better, and then you go to work. And now we just repeat the process knowing a little bit more about this roster and a little bit more about where we're at and what we have coming back and what we're going to add.

We made a pretty good jump in year one. And I wouldn't bet against us to make another big jump next year.

CHARLIE FISS, MODERATOR: All right, Coach [Riley], Justin, and Mekhi, thank you for being with us. And congratulations on a terrific season. Enjoyed having you this week in North Texas.

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QUESTIONS FOR QB CALEB WILLIAMS

Q. Can you talk about a loss like this?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: Don't know. We just lost. Don't have another game. And don't really know. Yeah, that's about it.

Q. Caleb, what happened on that? It looked like you had the option and almost tried to get it back?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: No, didn't have the option. Tried to make the play happen. They were backed up. Austin [Jones] got stopped. He tried to get us in somehow or something. And then it didn't happen, and then safety.

Q. Talk about those quick-scoring guns from Tulane. They kept scoring, and they would get the ball back and score right away.

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: I don't know. Our job on offense is to score. So I can control what we can control. I can lead from the sideline and lead when I'm on the field. Other than that, I can't control that.

Q. You didn't take off running necessarily as much as you had in the past. Did you have the same burst with the hamstring? Did you feel like you were hampered at all?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: Nope, not hampered. Felt fine.

Q. What was working between you and Brenden [Rice] today?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: Big thing throughout the week was get the play, get the ball. That's every week, actually. Get the ball into your playmaker's hands. And today he was having a good game and just kept getting the ball into his hands.

Q. How is this loss going to linger in the offseason?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: I'm just going to wing it. Last game of the season, going into the offseason, it hurts.

Q. Today, how did that feel?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: It was normal. Felt like a regular player out there. Like I always have.

Q. Two or three losses this year have come with the other team making the final drive, getting the ball out of your hands. Talk about that.

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah. I always like the ball in my hands with the offense and me out there. But I also like my defense being out there. They've had games where they've stopped people multiple times for us to be able to go and put up points.

So, yeah, I mean, I would love that. I would love to have the ball in my hands at the end, but it doesn't always happen like that. It's football.

Q. What did Lincoln [Riley] say to you guys in the locker room?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: Great season. You know, everybody that's coming back, get ready. Everybody that's not, we really appreciate you.

Q. When you walked off the field, you took a second to acknowledge the fans. We know you're going to come back. What does this season, the strike you made, what does that mean going into next year?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: You can't take away from a team that went from 4-8 to now 11-3 and being in a New Year's Six bowl. So fans obviously started raising and we started having more people come to the games and support us, show up. So much love to them. And it's going to be better next year.

Q. Speaking of next year, Coach [Lincoln] Riley was saying it starts tomorrow, as far as fixing the problems. What role do you play in that, especially as the reigning Heisman winner?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: From the players that are coming and from the players that are already here and going to stay, I've got to step my game up as a leader, as a player. That's how I can help. And if I need to help in recruiting or anything like that, I've always done that. It's always been part of one of the things that I do. Because I want to get the best players and play with the best players that we can play with that are also great people for the team. So I'll do whatever it takes.

Q. What were the emotions like kind of being closer to Oklahoma today? Just playing closer, neighboring?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah. I played at the fair [Red River Showdown] last year, which is pretty close to it. Just kind of laughed about it with a couple of friends that went to Oklahoma or a couple of people that watched the game. But other than that, there was nothing to it.

Q. Brenden Rice had pretty good day today. What did you see from him?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: He was detailed. When he got his shots, he made them. And I kept giving him the ball. And he kept making them. Other than that, I'm proud of him.

Q. Are you using this loss or Utah's loss to drive you for next year?

QB CALEB WILLIAMS: Any loss.

QUESTIONS FOR DL NICK FIGUEROA.

DL NICK FIGUEROA: Struggled in the last couple games with the finish. I know it's something that our program is going to get corrected. Obviously, a tough one to go out on. Still proud to be a USC Trojan. Proud of the season we had. It's all about the finish.

Q. Think about it in this moment, how you came back and were able to build a foundation.

DL NICK FIGUEROA: Yeah, definitely. Tough one. It's going to be stinging for quite a while because it's my last one. But definitely beats some of the seasons we've had in the past. Just excited to have been a part of this program and this year and where it's headed.

Q. Was there any particular moment during the game, I guess, in the fourth quarter, where you felt it slipping away and you were trying to gather up that momentum to bring it back?

DL NICK FIGUEROA: Obviously there were some plays we needed to make, some big runs and big explosive plays. Kind of repetitive explosive plays. But I was still locking in, and I think the guys were, too, about next-play mentality. Got them in fourth and long a couple times in the last drive. Same thing, it comes down to finishing, Yeah.

QUESTIONS FOR LB SHANE LEE

Q. It's a really tough one. How do you process a loss like that in the aftermath?

LB SHANE LEE: Yeah, like you said, it's a tough one. We were up for most of the game. And kind of just lost it at the end. The first thing that comes to mind is having the ability to finish, bounce back from adversity and things like that. Just the details and just focusing on doing our job and making sure we're doing it to the best of our ability.

That's been the constant theme for the defense, for the team throughout the season. And when we get to the end, it kind of bit us. But that will be the big focus, it is ensuring we're doing our job.

Q. How frustrating is it that after the constant theme that it wasn't able to get fixed all this time?

LB SHANE LEE: I think there's two ways to look at it. There's that way to look at it. And there's also -- this is your one. We brought a lot of people in. A lot of different faces and different people from different areas. And we came in really quick, and we had a lot of success. And I think it's

not necessarily realistic to think that everything is going to be perfect year one or exactly where you want it to be.

A lot of time we as players and coaches and fans as well, we forget that it's year one because of how much success we've had. And we expect to be in these games and finish the way that we want to. Obviously, we didn't do it today. We didn't do it in the Pac-12 Championship. I think the foundation is set where you build on that. That's something you can focus on going forward so the next time when we are in these games, we do finish.

Like I said, I think you have to build. It's never going to be exactly what you want it to be at first. You have to continue to push and make it what you want it to be.

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