

TULANE'S PARTICIPATION IN BOWL GAMES

Rose Bowl

On January 1, 1932, the Tulane football team played the University of Southern California for the national championship in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. Tulane lost by a score of 21-12 but made twice as many first downs, gained more yardage from scrimmage, completed more passes, and had a better punting average than their opponents. Berni Bierman was Tulane's coach, and "Wop" Glover was the game's most outstanding player.

Sugar Bowl (1)

On January 1, 1935, Tulane opposed the Temple Owls in the first Sugar Bowl game. Tulane's coach was Ted Cox, and the Temple coach was "Pop" Warner. "Little Monk" Simons was the hero of the game. Tulane won, 20-14.

Sugar Bowl (2)

On New Year 'a Day, 1940, Tulane again was invited to play in the Sugar Bowl with Coach Homer Norton's Texas Aggies their opponents. Lowell "Red" Dawson was the Green Wave's coach. The final score was a heartbreaking 14-13 in A&M's favor.

Liberty Bowl (1)

On December 12, 1970, a cold Saturday afternoon, Tulane met the Colorado Buffaloes in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tennessee. Although the underdogs, the Tulane team won by a score of 17-3, a fitting ending to "The Year of the Green". David Abercrombie was voted the Most Valuable Player. This was the last game coached by Jim Pittman, who resigned shortly thereafter.

Bluebonnet Bowl

Coming off a 7-1 season, the Tulane Green Wave met the Cougars of the University of Houston in a post-season game on December 29, 1973 in the Astrodome. This was the Bluebonnet Bowl, which Tulane lost by the devastating score of 47-7.

Liberty Bowl (2)

Larry Smith's 1979 Tulane team was pitted against Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions in Tulane's second visit to Memphis and the Liberty Bowl on December 22, 1979. The day was cold and rainy, which resulted in a defensive struggle throughout. The final score was 9-6 (all field goals) in Penn State's favor.

Hall of Fame Bowl

Coach Vince Gibson's Green Wave team met the Arkansas Razorbacks on a freezing Saturday night, December 27, 1980 in Birmingham. The final score was Arkansas 34, Tulane 15.

Independence Bowl

Coach Mack Brown's Green Wave ended their 1987 season in Shreveport at the Independence Bowl. On December 19, Tulane squared off against the University of Washington. The final score was Washington 24, Tulane 12.

Liberty Bowl (3)

For a third time, Tulane was invited to Memphis, Tennessee for the Liberty Bowl. Coach Tommy Bowden's Green Wave took on Brigham Young's Cougars on December 31, 1998. The final score was Tulane 41, BYU 27.

Hawaii Bowl

Chris Scelfo's Green Wave spent Christmas 2002 in Honolulu battling the University of Hawaii Warriors. In the opening play, Tulane recovered an onside kick, and despite their underdog status, continued to gain momentum against the Warriors, who lead the nation in passing and had lost only one game out of 11 in Aloha Stadium. Tulane cornerback Lynaris Elpheage had two long punt returns, and Tulane quarterback J.P. Losman ran for two touchdowns in the second half and completed 20 of 39 passes for 240 yards. Tulane finished the game with a 36-28 victory over the Warriors.