



## RICE IN-GAME NOTES • VS. WESTERN MICHIGAN • DEC. 30 • TEXAS BOWL

- Tonight's contest against WESTERN MICHIGAN was the first meeting between the schools. It was also Rice's first game against a team from the Mid American Conference.
- Rice played in its ninth bowl game since 1938 and its second bowl in the last three years. The Owls went from 1961 until 2006 (45 years) *without* playing in a bowl.
- Rice won its first bowl game since **1954**, a 28-6 victory over 11th-ranked Alabama in the Cotton Bowl. The Owls had lost four bowls prior to the Texas Bowl.
- Rice finished with 10 wins in a season for the first time since the 10-1 Cotton Bowl champion team of **1949**. That was also the last time the Owls went 6-0 at home in the regular season.
- The Owls played in Reliant Stadium for the first time since 2006. Rice is now 3-3 at the facility. The team's previous **win** at Reliant Stadium was a 10-7 victory over crosstown rival Houston in 2004.
- The Rice game captains for the TEXAS BOWL were QB Chase Clement, WR Jarett Dillard, DB Andrew Sendejo and LB Brian Raines. Western Michigan won the toss and elected to defer.
- Rice eclipsed its scoring record for a season and now has racked up 537 points this year. The previous full season mark was 377 points set during 2007.
- Two of Rice's five touchdown drives covered at least 75 yards. The Owls notched 26 TD drives this season of 75 yards or more. Of the 26 lengthy scoring drives, 15 came in Rice's last five games.
- Rice's 38-0 lead was the program's largest in a bowl game since a 27-0 margin over No. 16 North Carolina in the 1950 Cotton Bowl.
- QB Chase Clement's 26-yard touchdown run in the first quarter is the Owls' longest in a bowl game since Dickey Maegle's 34-yard touchdown run against Alabama in the 1954 Cotton Bowl (Maegle's second of three touchdowns that game and **after** being awarded the famous 95-yard TD).
- Clement threw for at least one touchdown pass in 22 consecutive games. His second-quarter strike to Toren Dixon was his first in the postseason.
- Clement's touchdown-trifecta (rush, receive and throw) is third time this season an Owl has done so in a single game. James Casey accomplished the feat the other two times (at Tulsa and season finale vs. Houston).
- Clement has thrown for **and** run for a touchdown in the same game nine times this season, including the last six games in a row. He has accomplished the feat 16 times in his career.
- Rice's 38 equalled the school's bowl record. The previous high was 28 in the 1938 and 1954 Cotton Bowls.
- Clement is now responsible for 125 career touchdowns (99 pass, 25 rush and now 1 receiving). He is in sole possession of first place on the C-USA list for career TDs.
- Clement owns the top spot for TD passes on the C-USA career list. During his career he threw 99 touchdown passes.
- Clement finished the Texas Bowl with 307 passing yards on 30-of-44 attempts and three touchdowns. He has now thrown for over 300 yards in seven of his last eight games. The Owls were 9-4 when Clement throws for more than 300 yards.
- With 379 yards of total offense, Clement became the first Rice player and fifth player in C-USA history to surpass 11,100 career yards. The Alamo Heights, Texas, product finishes with 11,526 yards to rank fourth on the C-USA all-time total offense list behind Kevin Kolb (Houston), Chris Redman (Louisville) and Gino Guidugli (Cincinnati).
- Clement now has passing yards 9,785 to rank seventh on the C-USA list.
- Clement finished seventh on the C-USA list for career pass attempts with 1,346.
- Clement moved into fourth place on the C-USA list for career completions with 832 behind Kolb, Redman and Guidugli.



- Clement tied former Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart on the NCAA career TD pass list with 99.
- Clement moved into second place on the C-USA list for career plays with 1,858.
- Dating back to the Houston game last season, the Rice offense has had at least one player record a 100-yard receiving game in 14 of its last 17 games. James Casey caught seven passes for 112 yards against Western Michigan.
- With his 72 rushing yards on 12 carries, Clement moved into 13th place on the school's all-time list for rushing with 1741 yards. He is the first player in C-USA history to throw for more than 8,000 yards and rush for more than 1,600 yards.
- WR Jarett Dillard has caught at least two passes in all 49 career appearances. He hauled in eight catches from Clement for 86 yards and one touchdown.
- Dillard scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter to give him 60 TDs for his career. The San Antonio native simultaneously moved past Heisman Trophy winners Glenn Davis, Tony Dorsett and Eric Crouch for ninth place on the NCAA's career TD list.
- Dillard's 60 career touchdowns tied the C-USA record (with Memphis' DeAngelo Williams).
- Dillard grabbed his 20th touchdown of the season. He is the first player in NCAA history to tally **two** seasons with 20 or more touchdowns.
- With his touchdown, Dillard moved into 11th place on the NCAA's all-time scoring list with 360 points. He passed four players including Davis and Dorsett.
- Dillard finished his career with 4138 receiving yards on 292 catches to rank ninth on the NCAA career list for receiving yards. He finished in a tie for ninth among the NCAA's career reception leaders and was eight catches away from equalling Louisville's Arnold Jackson (1997-2000) for the top spot in C-USA at 300.
- WR James Casey grabbed seven receptions in the Texas Bowl to give him 111 for the for the year, breaking his own single-season C-USA record.
- Casey had his seventh 100-yard receiving day. He has amassed 100 or more receiving yards in 10 of his last 17 games.
- Casey needed two TDs to tie Jared Dillard's 2007 season for the third-most touchdown receptions in a Rice single season. He picked up one against WMU. (Dillard had 21 in 2006 and entered the Texas Bowl 19 this season, finishing with 20).
- Casey has recorded at least five receptions in 19-straight games dating back to the Houston game last season.
- Casey now has 157 career receptions and is now third on the Rice career list.
- WR Toren Dixon has caught a pass in 25 consecutive games. He finished with a career-high eight receptions. He totaled 58 receiving yards.
- Dixon caught the 100th pass of his career in the third quarter. He is the ninth Owl to post 100 catches in his Rice career.
- PK Clark Fangmeier added five PATs to extend his career school record to 154. He moved into second on the C-USA list.
- Fangmeier extended his Rice single-season school record PAT total to 73.
- SS Chris Jones made his first career interception at the end of the first half.
- DB Andrew Sendejo made his eighth career interception in the first half. He moved into a four-way tie for ninth on the Owls' career interceptions list.
- RB C.J. Ugokwe made 17 rush attempts. His career-high was 19 on two occasions (at UTEP and against Marshall). Including his 54 yards from the Texas Bowl, the junior from Plano, Texas, has rushed for 610 yards on 120 carries over the Owls' seven-game win-streak.
- Safety Travis Bradshaw led the team with 7.5 tackles (seven solo).
- DB Andrew Sendejo had four solo tackles, broke up two passes and had one interception.



• **New Rice Bowl Game Records:**

INDIVIDUAL

Chase Clement - Passing Yards (307)  
Touchdowns (tied with 3)  
Longest Touchdown Pass (45 yards)  
Total Offense (379 yards)

James Casey - Receiving Yards (112)

Clark Fangmeier - PATs (5)

TEAM

Passing Yards (320)  
Touchdowns (tied with 3)  
Total Plays (84)  
First Downs (28)  
Total Yards (455)  
Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed (61)  
Fewest Rushing Attempts Allowed (19)