



Tennessee	14
Virginia Tech	37

Post Game Notes - 2009 Chick-fil-A Bowl

Dec. 31, 2009 ♦ Georgia Dome ♦ Atlanta, Ga. ♦ Attendance: 73,777

Tonight's Result

- Tennessee falls to Virginia Tech 37-14 to give the Vols a final record of 7-6 for the 2009 season. The Hokies finish 10-3 on the year. Tennessee drops to 5-3 in the all-time series, with the two teams having now split two bowl games.
- Tennessee is now 25-23 all-time in bowl games and 1-4 in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. The Vols have lost three-straight Chick-fil-A Bowls.
- The loss makes Tennessee 1-3 vs. ranked teams on the year and 19-20 all-time vs. ranked teams in bowl games. The Vols are now 3-4 in bowl games when they are unranked and their opponent is ranked.
- Tennessee drops to 100-61-7 vs. current ACC members all-time. The Vols are 7-6 vs. the 12 current members of the ACC in bowl games.
- UT drops to 1-4 on New Year's Eve.

Crompton Rebounds from Early INT with Solid Passing Effort

- Senior quarterback Jonathan Crompton bounced back from an early interception to finish 15-of-26 for 235 yards and one touchdown. He wraps the season with 27 touchdown passes, which is tied for third in school history.
- Crompton's 2009 season also ranks in the top 10 in program history in attempts, completions and yards. His 384 attempts rank fourth; his 224 completions rank ninth and his 2,800 yards rank eighth. He is also one of only nine UT quarterbacks to throw for 4,000 yards in a career. His 4,187 career yards rank seventh in UT history.

Hardesty Slowed by Hokies But Finishes with 100-plus Yards from Scrimmage

- Senior tailback Montario Hardesty scored his 13th rushing touchdown of the season in the second quarter. He finishes his UT career with 26 rushing touchdowns, which is tied for fifth in program history.
- Hardesty posted 39 yards on 18 carries vs. the Hokies and finishes the season with 1,345 rushing yards, which ranks as the fourth most in a season in school history. He also finished with 79 receiving yards on four catches. His 79 yards are a career high and his four receptions tied a career high set at Alabama.
- Hardesty's 560 career carries rank second in school history and his 2,391 yards rank eighth.

Noting the Tennessee Offense

- Senior wideout Denarius Moore's second-quarter reception of 40 yards was a season long. His previous long reception was a 33-yard touchdown catch vs. Georgia. The play kick-started Tennessee's first scoring drive.
- Moore scored UT's second touchdown on a two-yard reception late in the second quarter. Moore has seven receiving touchdowns this season, which leads the team. No Tennessee receiver has caught seven touchdowns in a season since Robert Meachem caught 11 in 2006.
- Sophomore Tauren Poole filled in for Bryce Brown as the backup running back, carrying three times for 15 yards. It was his first significant action since the season opener vs. Western Kentucky.
- Tennessee surrendered five sacks in the game after allowing only 12 during the regular season. The most the Vols gave up in a game prior to tonight was three (UCLA).
- Tennessee's five rushing yards are their fewest this season and their second fewest ever in a bowl game. The Vols rushed for -14 yards vs. Texas in the 1953 Cotton Bowl.

Noting the Tennessee Defense/Special Teams

- Freshman linebacker Herman Lathers led the Vols with 12 tackles, tying a career high set vs. Vanderbilt. His two tackles for loss are also a career high. He entered the game with only one TFL in four starts.
- Senior defensive tackle Dan Williams closed out his UT career by tying a career high with nine tackles. He added a sack and a TFL to finish the season with a team-high 10 total tackles for loss.
- Junior defensive end Chris Walker also tied a career high with six tackles (Florida, 2009).
- Senior linebacker Rico McCoy posted seven tackles to finish the season with 119 and to finish his career with 350. His 350 stops are tied for eighth-most in school history.
- Freshman free safety Janzen Jackson posted his first career interception in the second quarter, ending a Virginia Tech drive that had progressed deep into Tennessee territory. Jackson posted a 29-yard return that set up UT's tying score late in the half.
- Tennessee gave up two passes of 40 or more yards in the first half after surrendering just as many in 12 games during the regular season.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Tonight's attendance of 73,777 is the fourth-largest in the history of the Chick-fil-A Bowl.