

# Utah Bowl History



# UTAH BOWL HISTORY

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**Legend:** <sup>^</sup> 1938 season; <sup>+</sup>1946 season; <sup>#</sup>2004 season (bowl games were played in January).

**Note:** Utah was invited to both the Sun Bowl and the Pineapple Bowl in 1951 but declined the invitations. In 1941, the Utes were scheduled to play Hawaii in the Pineapple Bowl—a game that was canceled due to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.



# SUN, PINEAPPLE, LIBERTY BOWLS

## 1939 SUN BOWL

**UTAH 26, NEW MEXICO 0**  
**El Paso, Texas**  
**Jan. 2, 1939**

Utes finish 1938 season with 1939 bowl victory over New Mexico.

EL PASO—Predicted as the most even match-up of the 1938 bowl season, Utah blasted the forecasters and New Mexico, 26-0, on Jan. 2. Utah, the old Big Seven champion, struck early. Tom Pace capped a 58-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown run off a lateral from Ray Davis midway through the first quarter. With a minute remaining in the period, Ray Peterson intercepted a Lobo pass on the Ute 40-yard line and returned it for a second score. Peterson crossed the goal line again in the second quarter, on a fourth-down, 1-yard plunge.

New Mexico's highly-touted aerial attack never advanced past Utah's 40-yard line. As for the Utes, halfback Clarence Gehrke finished their scoring with a 10-yard dash. New Mexico, co-champion of the old Border League, gained just 153 yards of total offense to Utah's 384.

Utah..... 14 ..... 6 ..... 0 ..... 6 ..... 26  
 New Mexico..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 0

### Scoring Summary

UU—Pace 15 run (McGarry kick)  
 UU—Peterson 60 interception return (McGarry kick)  
 UU—Peterson 1 run (kick failed)  
 UU—Gehrke 10 run (kick failed)

Team Statistics	UU	NM
First Downs	16	12
Net Rushing	366	153
Passing	1-4-1	4-11-4
Passing Yards	18	59
Total Offense	384	212
Fumbles	1-1	3-1
Penalties	9-55	5-35
Punting	8-30.5	9-40.8

## 1947 PINEAPPLE BOWL

**HAWAII 19, UTAH 16**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**  
**Jan. 1, 1947**

Utes close 1946 season with 1947 bowl loss to Hawaii on the Islands.

HONOLULU—Utah drew first blood, when quarterback Cannon Parkinson found Ralph Olsen for a 24-yard touchdown play in the first quarter. But Hawaii bounced back in the final three stanzas to claim a 19-16 win in the Pineapple Bowl.

Utah entered the game as the nation's top rushing team, but the game soon shaped up as a passing duel between Hawaii's Sol Kaulukukui and Utah's quarterback combo of Milton Smith and Parkinson.

After falling behind 19-6, late in the fourth quarter, the "Redskins" closed the gap with a TD run by Smith and an extra point kick. Hawaii, holding a slim 19-14 lead and backed up against its own goal line, then opted for a safety, narrowing the gap to 19-16.

But Utah would come no closer, with Melvin Abreu knocking a pass away from Utah's Morris Ficklin in the end zone as the gun sounded.

Utah..... 7 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 9 ..... 16  
 Hawaii ..... 0 ..... 6 ..... 6 ..... 7 ..... 19

### Scoring Summary

UU—Olsen 24 pass from Parkinson (Peterson kick)  
 UH—Bessette 14 pass from Kaulukukui (kick failed)  
 UH—Abreau 3 run (kick failed)  
 UH—Bessette pass from Kaulukukui (Abreau kick)  
 UU—Smith run (Peterson kick)  
 UU—Safety (Abreau tackled by Jones)

## 1964 LIBERTY BOWL

**UTAH 32, WEST VIRGINIA 6**  
**Atlantic City, N.J.**  
**Dec. 19, 1964**

Utah beats West Virginia in the first indoor major bowl game.

ATLANTIC CITY—Utah never trailed in its 32-6 victory over West Virginia in the 1964 Liberty Bowl—the first indoor major bowl game ever held. A national television audience and 6,059 fans in the Convention Center watched Utah score first on a 29-yard field goal by All-American Roy Jefferson. Jefferson, who also booted a 32-yard field goal, left the game in the first half after separating his shoulder.

But Utah had plenty of firepower left. Halfback Ron Coleman sprinted 53 yards for a touchdown on a day which saw him lead all rushers with 154 rushing yards. Andy Ireland added another long TD dash for the Utes—his went for 47 yards—while quarterback Pokey Allen contributed an 11-yard touchdown run.

The Ute offense, featuring a two-quarterback attack, closed its scoring with a 33-yard touchdown strike from Richard Groth to Bill Morley. In all, the Utes totaled 466 yards of offense.

The Utah defense also did its job, holding the Mountaineers scoreless until the waning minutes of the third quarter. West Virginia's Allen McCune hooked up with receiver Rich Juriga with 5:30 to play for the Mountaineers' sole touchdown. Utah's backfield intercepted five McCune passes.

The Liberty Bowl win capped a 9-2 season for coach Ray Nagel and the Utes. It would stand as the most wins ever by a Ute team for 30 years.

Utah..... 3 ..... 16 ..... 6 ..... 7 ..... 32  
 West Virginia..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 6 ..... 0 ..... 6

### Scoring Summary

UU—Jefferson 29 field goal  
 UU—Allen 11 run (Jefferson kick)  
 UU—Jefferson 32 field goal  
 UU—Coleman 53 run (pass failed)  
 UU—Ireland 47 run (run failed)  
 WV—Clegg 6 pass from McCune (pass failed)  
 UU—Morley 33 pass from Groth (Pullman kick)

Team Statistics	UU	WV
First Downs	25	12
Rushing Yardage	323	105
Passing	143	123
Passes	11-23	13-28
Intercepted by	4	0
Punts	1-43	4-25
Fumbles lost	3	1
Yards penalized	61	29

# 1992 COPPER BOWL



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**WASHINGTON STATE 31, UTAH 28**

**Tucson, Ariz.**

**Dec. 29, 1992**

Ute rally falls just short against Washington State in first bowl appearance since 1964.

TUCSON—In the early going, Utah played the part of a team that hadn't gone "bowling" for 28 years. But the Utes made up for lost time quickly and nearly upset favored Washington State in one of the most exciting games of the bowl season. After jumping to a 21-0 first-quarter lead, WSU barely held on for a 31-28 win in the Weiser Lock Copper Bowl.

The Utes, who seemingly gave the game away in the first quarter, became acclimated to postseason play in the second and third stanzas, roaring back to tie the score at 28-28. Defense ruled in the fourth quarter and a WSU field goal proved the game winner.

Frank Dolce hit Sean Williams for Utah's first score, a 10-yard pass play. Six minutes later, Keith Williams scampered into pay dirt from 25 yards out to narrow the gap to 21-14. After a 48-yard touchdown pass by Washington State's Drew Bledsoe, Dolce countered with a 49-yard strike to Henry Lusk, who plucked the ball from a defender's hands in a leaping end zone catch.

An 8-yard TD run by Pierre Jones narrowed the gap to 28-26, and a successful two-point conversion from Dolce to Scott Murry tied things up, but only for 20 seconds. Washington State responded with a 22-yard field goal to go ahead 31-28. Utah's Chris Yergensen's 20-yard field goal attempt with 3:19 remaining in the game was wide left and the Utes came up short.



Henry Lusk won this end zone battle vs. Washington State for a 49-yard TD reception.

Utah..... 0..... 14..... 14..... 0.....28  
 Washington State ..... 21..... 7..... 0..... 3.....31

### Scoring Summary

WS—Wright-Fair 3 run (Price kick) 13:25, 1st  
 WS—Bobo 87 pass from Bledsoe (Price kick) 10:32, 1st  
 WS—Wright-Fair 3 run (Price kick) 1:20, 1st  
 UU—S. Williams 10 pass from Dolce (Yergensen kick) 9:35, 2nd  
 UU—K. Williams 25 rush (Yergensen kick) 2:51, 2nd  
 WS—Bobo 48 pass from Bledsoe (Price kick) 0:31, 2nd  
 UU—Lusk 49 pass from Dolce (Yergensen kick) 8:49, 3rd  
 UU—Jones 8 rush (pass good, Murry) 5:25, 3rd  
 WS—Price 22 FG, 5:08, 4th

### Team Statistics

	UU	WSU
First Downs	20	28
Net Rushing	39-179	41-144
Passing	40-21-0	48-32-1
Passing Yards	316	492
Total Offense	79-495	89-636
Fumbles	3-1	4-2
Penalties	7-55	18-136
Interceptions	1-9	0-0
Punting	6-43.0	6-36.5
Return Yards	90	60
Time of Possession	30:08	29:52
Sacks By	2-11	1-8

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** K. Williams 13-112-1, Jones 11-43-1. **WSU:** Wright-Fair 27-123-2.

**Passing (Att-Comp-I-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Dolce 40-21-0-316-2. **WSU:** Bledsoe 46-30-1-476-2, Pattison 2-2-0-16-0.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)—Utah:** S. Williams 7-127-1, Hooks 5-75-0. **WSU:** Bobo 7-212-2, Davis 8-134-0, Pointer 5-73-0.

**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** Lusk 1-25, Jones 2-23. **WSU:** Hunter 3-55.

**Punt Returns—Utah:** S. Williams 3-17. **WSU:** Hunter 2-(-2).

**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Swanson 9, Leary 9, Tonga 8. **Sacks:** Lambert 1-6, Christensen 1-5.

# 1993 FREEDOM BOWL

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**USC 28, UTAH 21**  
**Anaheim, Calif.**  
**Dec. 30, 1993**

Utes dominate the second half but run out of time against the Southern California Trojans.

ANAHEIM—On paper, the Freedom Bowl match-up looked mismatched—the tri-champion of the Pacific-10 Conference (Southern California) against the Western Athletic Conference's fourth-place finisher (Utah). On the field, the pairing looked even worse, a least for two quarters.

Then Utah came alive. When USC jumped to a 28-0 halftime lead, Utah appeared headed for a lopsided loss. Offense? The Utes managed just 101 yards of total offense and failed to cross midfield in the first half. Defense? The Utes gave up 296 yards and four touchdowns. Over? No way.

Led by eventual Freedom Bowl Offensive MVP Henry Lusk, the Utes charged back to within a touchdown of the Trojans, with the ball and a chance to win at the end. Lusk caught six second-half passes for 140 yards and a 59-yard touchdown to help the Utes climb within seven (28-21). In the meantime, Utah's defense slammed the door on USC's vaunted offense, holding the Trojans scoreless in the second half. Junior defensive end Luther Elliss had a huge game for the Utes, with five tackles for lost yardage, two sacks (12 yards) and two pass breakups. Former Trojan Adam Swaney had a career day as a Ute, with four tackles for loss and three sacks (16 yards).

Quarterback Mike McCoy's Hail Mary pass with 0:08 was picked off as time ran out, averting Utah's upset bid.



Jamal Anderson's 34-yard TD run highlighted a big second-half comeback by Utah.

Utah..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 13 ..... 8 ..... 21  
 USC.....20 ..... 8 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 28

### Scoring Summary

SC—Morton 31 pass from Johnson (Ford kick) 12:23, 1st  
 SC—Morton 9 pass from Johnson (Ford kick) 8:45, 1st  
 SC—Dotson 2 run (kick failed) 4:10, 1st  
 SC—McWilliams 5 pass from Johnson (pass good) 13:34, 2nd  
 UU—Henry Lusk 59 pass from McCoy (Yergensen kick) 11:08, 3rd  
 UU—Anderson 34 run (kick failed) 4:28, 3rd  
 UU—Williams 1 run (pass good to Anderson) 3:26, 4th

Team Statistics	UU	USC
First Downs	17	20
Net Rushing	64	91
Passing	40-23-3	44-30-1
Passing Yards	286	345
Total Offense	350	436
Fumbles	2-0	2-1
Penalties	5-51	10-96
Interceptions	1-22	3-0
Punting	8-34.1	6-36.7
Punt Returns	3-28	1-31
Kickoff Returns	1-20	3-68
Time of Possession	27:45	32:14
Third Down Conversions	4-14	9-19
Sacks By	5-28	5-37

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Anderson 16-67-1, Williams 1-1-1, Jones 1-9-0. **USC:** Walters 19-70-0, Strother 9-50-0, Dotson 3-7-1.

**Passing (Att-Comp-I-Yds-TD)—Utah:** McCoy 40-23-3-286-1. **USC:** Johnson 44-30-1-345-3.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Henry Lusk 6-140-1, Anderson 7-61-0, Claiborne 3-42-0, Rowley 2-18-0. **USC:** Morton 10-147-2, Strother 6-63-0, Grave 4-48-0, McWilliams 2-17-1.

**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** Jones 1-20. **USC:** Grace 2-45, Dotson 1-23.

**Punt Returns—Utah:** Henry Lusk 3-28. **USC:** Grace 1-31.

**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Boyd 10, Rexford 10, Elliss 9. **Sacks:** Elliss 2-12, Swaney 16. **Interceptions:** Rexford 1-22.

# 1994 FREEDOM BOWL



## 1994 FREEDOM BOWL

**UTAH 16, ARIZONA 13**

**Anaheim, Calif.**

**Dec. 27, 1994**

TD pass on fourth down gives Utah the win over Arizona in a matchup between ranked teams.

ANAHEIM—In a remarkable ratio of points to yards, Utah won the Freedom Bowl over Arizona, 16-13, despite accumulating just 75 net yards against Arizona's famed Desert Swarm defense. Utah, which managed just five first downs and six rushing yards all night, seemed doomed to its second straight Freedom Bowl defeat when quarterback Mike McCoy found himself in the grasp of a Wildcat defender on fourth-and-goal. But McCoy made a desperation heave on his way to the ground and freshman Kevin Dyson streaked through a crowd of Wildcats to make a game-winning catch with 3:34 left.

Ironically, the hero's mantle and the game MVP award went to neither of the above. Freshman Cal Beck took an Arizona kickoff and sprinted 72 yards to the Ute 5-yard-line with 4:00 remaining. McCoy and Dyson punched it in from there.

Equal credit should go to the U. defense, which limited Arizona to two field goals and a touchdown, for the first Utah bowl win in 20 years. The Wildcats gained only 184 total yards against the Luther Elliss-led Ute defense and converted on just 3-of-13 third down attempts. They failed to score in the second and third quarters, and their sole TD came on a deflected pass in the first quarter.



Mike McCoy completed this pass on fourth down for the game-winning TD vs. Arizona.

Utah.....0 .....7 .....0 .....9 .....16  
 Arizona .....7 .....0 .....0 .....6 .....13

### Scoring Summary

UA—Carter 23 pass from White (McLaughlin kick) 1:57, 1st  
 UU—Brown 6 run (Pulsipher kick) 10:03, 2nd  
 UA—McLaughlin 44 FG, 12:39, 4th  
 UA—McLaughlin 20 FG, 8:05, 4th  
 UU—Safety (Peyton steps out of end zone) 4:11, 4th  
 UU—Dyson 5 pass from McCoy (Pulsipher kick) 3:34, 4th

### Team Statistics

	UU	UA
First Downs	5	14
Net Rushing	32-6	37-45
Passing	25-11-2	27-13-1
Passing Yards	69	139
Total Offense	57-75	64-184
Fumbles	0-0	2-2
Penalties	9-94	4-35
Interceptions	1-26	2-15
Punting	10-41.0	6-36.8
Punt Returns	2-6	4-28
Kickoff Returns	5-173	3-59
Time of Possession	27:33	32:27
Third Down Conversions	3-15	3-13
Sacks By	2-16	6-45

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** McCoy 7-(-42)-0, Brown 16-44-1, Johnson 4-6-0. **Arizona:** Carter 19-44-0, Myles 9-12-0, Taylor 2-11-0.

**Passing (Att-Comp-I-Yds-TD)—Utah:** McCoy 25-11-2-69-1. **Arizona:** White 27-13-1-139-1.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Dyson 2-8-1, Marsh 3-25-0, Tucker 4-28-0. **Arizona:** Dice 7-65-0, Carter 4-50-1.

**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** Beck 3-140, Lawson 1-31. **Arizona:** Taylor 1-19, Carter 1-22.

**Punt Returns—Utah:** Marsh 2-6. **Arizona:** Wray 4-28.

**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Lusk 9, Leary 6, Stapley 6, H. Kaufusi 6, Elliss 6. **Sacks:** Elliss 1-7, J. Kaufusi 1-9.

**Interceptions:** Lusk 1-26.

## 1996 COPPER BOWL

**WISCONSIN 38, UTAH 10**

**Tucson, Ariz.**

**Dec. 27, 1996**

Red zone woes by the Utes, combined with too much Ron Dayne, led to Utah's loss to Wisconsin.

TUCSON—The ballyhooed battle between the nation's two biggest collegiate running backs never materialized, as Utah lost star runner Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala to a first-quarter ankle injury. Wisconsin's Ron Dayne held up his end of the bargain, however, rushing for 246 yards and three touchdowns in a 38-10 Wisconsin win.

Offensively, the Utes rang up more net yards (430-365) and more first downs (26-16) than the Badgers, moved inside UW's 5-yard line twice and inside the 20-yard line another three times, but four interceptions spelled their doom. In his final game, U. quarterback Mike Fouts completed 27 of 49 passes for 327 yards, but was picked off four times. Terence Keehan and Kevin Dyson had big receiving nights—catching six passes each for 100 and 95 yards, respectively. Juan Johnson scored Utah's only TD of the day on a 1-yard run late in the third quarter. Johnson accounted for 88 of Utah's 103 rushing yards.

Utah's defense held Wisconsin to just 16 passing yards on 2-of-6 passing, but could not stop the run—allowing 349 yards.



Juan Johnson had 88 yards rushing but Utah could not shut down UW's ground game.

Wisconsin.....14 ..... 17 ..... 0 ..... 7 ..... 38  
Utah.....3 ..... 0 ..... 7 ..... 0 ..... 10

### Scoring Summary

UW—Samuel 38 run (Hall kick) 10:11, 1st  
UU—Pulsipher 24 field goal, 3:53, 1st  
UW—Dayne 40 run (Hall kick) 3:11, 1st  
UW—Weems 82 interception return (Hall kick) 13:28, 2nd  
UW—Hall 38 field goal, 2:02, 2nd  
UW—Dayne 3 run (Hall kick) 0:42, 2nd  
UU—Johnson 1 run (Pulsipher kick) 4:14, 3rd  
UW—Dayne 1 run (Hall kick) 12:31, 4th

### Team Statistics

	UU	UW
First Downs	26	16
Net Rushing	31-103	45-349
Passing	48-27-4	16-6-2
Passing Yards	327	16
Total Offense	80-430	51-365
Fumbles	1-0	2-1
Penalties	2-11	3-31
Interceptions	4-125-1	0-0
Punting	2-62	2-82
Punt Returns	1-8	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-46	3-59
Time of Possession	34:18	25:42
Third Down Conversions	11-17	5-9
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	1-1
Sacks By	0-0	1-6

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Johnson 20-88-1, Fuamatu-Ma'afala 4-5-0, Bacon 4-9-0. **Wisconsin:** Dayne 30-246-3, Samuel 5-44-1, McCullough 5-22-0.

**Passing (Att-Comp-Yds-TD)—Utah:** 49-27-4-327-0. **Wisconsin:** Samuel 6-2-0-16-0.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Keehan 6-100-0, Dyson 6-95-0, Henry 6-47-0. **Wisconsin:** Hayes 1-9-0, Brown 1-7-0.

**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** Dyson 2-46. **Wisconsin:** Stecker 3-59.

**Punt Returns—Utah:** Dyson 1-8. **Wisconsin:** none.

**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Lave 8, Boglin 6, Love 6.

**Sacks:** none. **Interceptions:** none.

# 1999 LAS VEGAS BOWL



## 1999 LAS VEGAS BOWL

**UTAH 17, FRESNO STATE 16**  
**Las Vegas, Nev.**  
**Dec. 18, 1999**

Mike Anderson's big day led Utah to the first bowl win for the new Mountain West Conference.

LAS VEGAS—Running back Mike Anderson and a punishing defensive effort led to the first bowl win for the new Mountain West Conference, courtesy of Utah. The Utes, tri-champions in the league's inaugural season, beat Western Athletic Conference co-champion Fresno State, 17-16.

Statistically, Utah trounced the Bulldogs, winning the total offense battle 548-279. But a spate of special teams breakdowns, including a 75-yard blocked field goal returned for a touchdown by FSU, kept it close.

Anderson and running mate Omar Bacon stole the show in their final collegiate game. Anderson set a Las Vegas Bowl rushing record with 254 yards and scored both of Utah's touchdowns. He also had the day's most impressive run—a 76-yard sprint from the line of scrimmage on Utah's first offensive down. Bacon chipped in 91 rushing yards.

T.D. Croshaw started the game at quarterback but left with a shoulder injury after just one quarter with the game tied 7-7. Darnell Arceneaux relieved and led Utah to victory.

Cletus Truhe had two field goal attempts blocked, but made the game-winner, a 33-yarder with 5:03 remaining. Fresno State's final drive was stopped by Andre Dyson's pass breakup on fourth and seven. Kautai Olevao and Kimball Christianson each had seven tackles for Utah.



Offensive MVP Mike Anderson set a Las Vegas Bowl record by rushing for 254 yards.

Fresno State.....7 .....0 .....3 ..... 6..... 16  
 Utah.....7 .....0 .....7 ..... 3..... 17

### Scoring Summary

FS—Williams 75 missed FG return (Hanna kick) 9:32, 1st  
 UU—Anderson 34 run (Truhe kick) 3:51, 1st  
 FS—Hanna 27 field goal, 9:24, 3rd  
 UU—Anderson 5 run (Truhe kick) 9:24, 3rd  
 FS—Ward 2 run (Hanna kick blocked) 14:57, 4th  
 UU—Truhe 33 field goal, 5:03, 4th

Team Statistics	UU	FS
First Downs	25	16
Net Rushing	33-334	20-132
Passing	24-11-1	28-14-0
Passing Yards	214	147
Total Offense	78-548	60-279
Fumbles	2-0	0-0
Penalties	15-151	6-59
Interceptions	0-0	1-11
Punting	4-39.0	5-37.2
Punt Returns	3 (-7)	2-15
Kickoff Returns	3-57	3-74
Time of Possession	35:54	24:06
Third Down Conversions	5-14	4-14
Fourth Down Conversions	0-2	0-2
Sacks By	0-0	3-16

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD)—Utah:** M. Anderson 34-254-2, Bacon 8-91-0. **FS:** Ward 15-51-1, Gaines 8-31-0.

**Passing (Att.-Comp.-I.-Yds.-TD)—Utah:** Arceneaux 15-8-0-94-0, Croshaw 9-3-1-120-0. **FS:** Volek 28-14-0-147-0.

**Receiving (Att.-Yds.-TD)—Utah:** Russell 5-96-0, Bendinger 2-70-0. **FS:** Wright 6-55-0, Smith 4-53-0.

**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** Crockett 2-57. **FS:** Wright 2-43.

**Punt Returns—Utah:** 3(-7). **FS:** Smith 2-15.

**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Olevao 7, K. Christianson 7. **TFL:** Bowers 2-14, Tufaga 1-9.



## 2001 LAS VEGAS BOWL

**UTAH 10, USC 6**  
**Las Vegas, Nev.**  
**Dec. 25, 2001**

Utes ruin the Carson Palmer-led Trojans' Christmas by shutting down their offense.

LAS VEGAS—Utah scored on its second drive in the Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl on Christmas Day, then relied on an incredible defensive effort to beat favored USC for the first time since 1916.

Ryan Kaneshiro's 26-yard field goal at the end of the first half completed Utah's scoring, but 10 points was enough for the swarming Ute defense. A year later, quarterback Carson Palmer would win the Heisman Trophy while leading USC to the national championship. But against the Utes on this day, the Trojans netted just one yard rushing and 151 total yards. USC logged its only TD on its first drive of the second half before the Sheldon Deckart-led U. defense slammed the door again.

Deckart's six tackles, which included two for a loss and two sacks, led a ferocious Ute pass rush that sacked Palmer five times and tallied nine tackles for loss.

Adam Tate closed his career with a 103-yard rushing day and the Utes' only touchdown. Dameon Hunter (94 yards) was the game's MVP.



Utah sacked USC quarterback Carson Palmer five times and held the Trojans to one TD.

Utah..... 7 ..... 3 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 10  
 USC..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 6 ..... 0 ..... 6

### Scoring Summary

UU—Tate 3 run (Kaneshiro kick) 5:26, 1st  
 UU—Kaneshiro 26 field goal, 0:29, 2nd  
 SC—Byrd 4 run (kick failed) 10:03, 3rd

### Team Statistics

	UU	USC
First Downs	20	12
Net Rushing	54-222	25-1
Passing	21-12-1	26-15-0
Passing Yards	136	150
Total Offense	75-358	51-151
Fumbles	1-1	1-0
Penalties	10-95	6-47
Interceptions	0-0	1-1
Punting	6-38.0	8-37.8
Punt Returns	4-8	2-27
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-33
Time of Possession	38:01	21:59
Third Down Conversions	10-17	2-12
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Sacks By	5-45	1-12

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Tate 23-103-1, Hunter 17-94-0.

**USC:** Byrd 10-21-1.

**Passing (Att-Comp-I-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Rice 21-12-1-136-0.

**USC:** Palmer 26-15-0-150-0.

**Receiving (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Lyman 4-41-0, Richardson 3-35-0. **USC:** Colvert 2-38-0, Kelly 3-33-0.

**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** none. **USC:** Rideaux 2-33.

**Punt Returns—Utah:** Walterscheid 4-8. **USC:** Arbet 2-27.

**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Deckart 6, Sanders 6.

**Sacks:** Deckart 2-20, Dwinell 1-10, Sanders 1-10, Powell 1-5.

**TFL:** Deckart 2-20, Kaufusi 2-10. **Interceptions:** none.

# 2003 LIBERTY BOWL



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**UTAH 17, SOUTHERN MISS 0**  
**Memphis, Tenn.**  
**Dec. 31, 2003**

MWC champion Utes shut out C-USA champion Southern Miss in the Liberty Bowl.

MEMPHIS—The Southern Mississippi defense received most of the hype coming into the Liberty Bowl, but it was Utah's defense that carried the day in a 17-0 victory. The blitzin' Utes teamed up for five sacks and 10 tackles for loss, causing first-string Golden Eagle quarterback Dustin Almond to lose his cool and backup Micky D'Angelo to leave the game with a concussion.

And, if holding the Conference USA champion to a paltry 11 first downs, 49 rushing yards and 213 total yards wasn't enough, the Ute defense also came to the rescue of its struggling offensive teammates. Late in the second quarter, safety Morgan Scalley sacked Almond, who fumbled. Ute Lewis Powell recovered the fumble on USM's 17-yard line to set up the only offensive touchdown of the game. Utah's other touchdown was scored by none other than Scalley, who scooped up a fumble forced by safety Dave Revill and returned it 74 yards for a touchdown with 1:36 remaining.

Although Utah never got untracked offensively, Brandon Warfield and Paris Warren both had memorable games. Warfield was named the Liberty Bowl offensive MVP after rushing for 91 yards and the game's first touchdown. Warren had 5 receptions for 72 yards to become Utah's single-season receiving record-holder (76 receptions in 2003). Bryan Borreson's 19-yard field goal in the fourth quarter gave Utah a 10-0 lead and some breathing room.

Ray Holdcraft led the defense with 8 tackles, 4 solo, and 2.5 tackles for loss. Revill had 2 sacks and Powell was the game's defensive MVP after recovering 2 fumbles.



Utah's defense piled all over Southern Miss in a 17-0 shutout of the C-USA champions.

Utah.....0 .....7 ..... 0 ..... 10 ..... 17  
 S. Miss .....0 .....0 ..... 0 ..... 0 ..... 0

### Scoring Summary

UU—Warfield 5 run (Borreson kick) 4:41, 2nd  
 UU—Borreson 19 field goal, 3:24, 4th  
 UU—Scalley 74 fumble return (Borreson kick) 1:36, 4th

Team Statistics	UU	USM
First Downs	12	11
Net Rushing	45-104	30-69
Passing	19-8-1	39-13-0
Passing Yards	124	144
Total Offense	64-228	69-213
Fumbles	6-2	4-4
Penalties	12-85	12-92
Interceptions	0-0	1-0
Punting	9-37.9	8-45.8
Punt Returns	7-31	3-20
Kickoff Returns	0-0	3-56
Time of Possession	33:24	26:36
Third Down Conversions	2-15	2-16
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	0-3
Sacks By	5-38	3-16

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Warfield 27-91-1. **USM:** Harris 14-70-0.

**Passing (Att-Comp-I-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Smith 19-8-1-124-0.

**USM:** Almond 33-11-0-122-0, D'Angelo 6-2-0-22-0.

**Receiving (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Warren 5-72-0, Savoy 1-41-0.

**USM:** Blackwell 3-30-0.

**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** none. **USM:** Faulk 1-27.

**Punt Returns—Utah:** Warren 7-31. **USM:** Young 3-20.

**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Holdcraft 8, Toone 8.

**Sacks:** Revill 2-16. **TFL:** Holdcraft 2.5-10. **Interceptions:** none.

## 2005 FIESTA BOWL

**UTAH 35, PITTSBURGH 7**  
**Tempe, Ariz.**  
**Jan. 1, 2005**

The BCS Busting Utes finish a perfect 12-0 season in 2004 at the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

TEMPE—In the first BCS game ever for a non-BCS school, Utah steam-rolled over Big East co-champion Pittsburgh, 35-7, in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Led by offensive co-MVPs Alex Smith and Paris Warren, Utah jumped to a 28-0 lead before Pittsburgh's only score of the day.

Warren's 15 receptions, which went for 198 yards, was a Fiesta Bowl record. Smith was unstoppable, completing 29 of 37 passes for 328 yards and 4 touchdowns (no interceptions). Utah's marvelous Heisman Trophy finalist QB also led all rushers with 68 net yards.

Equally responsible for Utah's blowout victory was the defense, which set a bowl record with nine quarterback sacks. Nose guard Steve Fifita, the defensive MVP, had 5 tackles, 2 tackles for loss and a sack. Safety Eric Weddle led the defense with 11 tackles, a sack and a pass breakup and senior linebacker Tommy Hackenbruck had a monster game in his final Ute outing. Included in Hackenbruck's 10 total tackles were 3 sacks for 29 yards.

The Utes enjoyed a home field atmosphere as the vast majority of sold-out Sun Devil Stadium was red-clad. All estimates suggest it was the largest gathering of Ute fans ever to watch a Utah football game.



Paris Warren set a new Fiesta Bowl record with 15 receptions for 198 yards.

Pitt.....0 .....0 .....7 .....0 .....7  
 Utah.....7 .....7 .....21 .....0 .....35

### Scoring Summary

UU—Ganther 4 run (Carroll kick) 3:09, 1st  
 UU—Madsen 6 pass from Smith (Carroll kick) 5:29, 2nd  
 UU—M. Johnson 18 pass from Smith (Carroll kick) 11:13, 3rd  
 UU—Warren 23 pass from Smith (Carroll kick) 6:22, 3rd  
 PT—Lee 31 pass from Palko (Cummings kick) 4:28, 3rd  
 UU—Warren 18 pass from Smith-Savoy lateral (Carroll kick) 0:25, 3rd

### Team Statistics

	PITT	UU
First Downs	19	25
Net Rushing	30-17	31-139
Passing	22-40-0	29-37-0
Passing Yards	251	328
Total Offense	70-268	68-467
Fumbles	0-0	1-1
Penalties	3-30	7-51
Interceptions	0-0	0-0
Punting	5-36.0	1-28.0
Punt Returns	0-0	1-10
Kickoff Returns	3-44	2-42
Time of Possession	31:17	28:43
Third Down Conversions	7-17	8-10
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2	0-1
Sacks By	2-9	9-73

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Smith 15-68-0, Ganther 6-34-1.  
**Pitt:** Murphy 12-37-0.  
**Passing (Att-Comp-I-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Smith 37-29-0-328-4.  
**Pitt:** Palko 40-22-0-251-1.  
**Receiving (No-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Warren 15-198-2, Savoy 7-70-0.  
**Pitt:** Delsardo 9-109-0, Lee 7-93-1.  
**Punt Returns—Utah:** Weddle 1-10. **Pitt:** none  
**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** Walker 1-22, Nagahi 1-20. **Pitt:** Furman 3-44.  
**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Weddle 11, Hackenbruck 10.  
**Sacks:** Hackenbruck 3-29, Ledbetter 2-13. **TFL:** Hackenbruck 3-29, Fifita 2-13, Ledbetter 2-13. **Interceptions:** none.

# 2005 EMERALD BOWL



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**Utah 38, Georgia Tech 10**  
**San Francisco, Calif.**  
**Dec. 29, 2005**

Utah erupts against the nation's 12th-ranked defense for an upset win over Georgia Tech.

SAN FRANCISCO—Brett Ratliff and Travis LaTendresse roasted the nation's No. 12-ranked defense and led Utah to a 38-10 upset win over No. 24 Georgia Tech in the Emerald Bowl.

The Utes jumped out to a 20-0 lead just minutes into the second quarter before Georgia Tech made a little run by scoring all 10 of its points. A field goal with 0:03 left in the first half would mark the end of Tech's scoring for the night, however.

Ratliff's 30 completions, 381 passing yards and four touchdowns shattered the Emerald Bowl records, as well as setting new school and Mountain West Conference bowl records. LaTendresse, the game's offensive MVP, burned the Georgia Tech secondary with a bowl-record 16 receptions for 214 yards and four scores.

Quinton Ganther rushed for 120 yards and a touchdown in his final game as a Ute. Utah's defense—every bit as dominating as the offense—was spearheaded by defensive MVP Eric Weddle's superb performance against Tech's All-America receiver Calvin Johnson. Weddle hounded Johnson into a two-catch, 19-yard game. Weddle rarely left the field—also playing quarterback and on special teams. Steve Tate led Utah with 10 tackles and picked off his first career interception, which he returned 45 yards.



Travis LaTendresse burned Georgia Tech for an Emerald Bowl-record 214 receiving yards.

Georgia Tech...0 ..... 10..... 0.....0 ..... 10  
 Utah.....13 ..... 7..... 3.....15 ..... 38

### Scoring Summary

UU - LaTendresse 14 pass from Ratliff (Beardall kick failed) 12:26, 1st  
 UU - LaTendresse 23 pass from Ratliff (Beardall kick) 3:59, 1st  
 UU - LaTendresse 25 pass from Ratliff (Beardall kick) 14:30, 2nd  
 GT - Cooper 31 pass from Ball (Bell kick) 9:25, 2nd  
 GT - Bell 29 field goal, 0:03, 2nd  
 UU - Beardall 23 field goal, 2:11, 3rd  
 UU - LaTendresse 16 pass from Ratliff (Ratliff-LaTendresse pass), 11:44, 4th  
 UU - Ganther 41 run (Beardall kick) 8:34, 4th

Team Statistics	GT	UU
First Downs	20	31
Net Rushing	37-127	35-169
Passing	38-18-2	42-30-2
Passing Yards	258	381
Total Offense	75-385	77-550
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties	4-39	7-64
Interceptions-Yds	2-7	2-55
Punting	8-33.2	5-40.6
Punt Returns	2-(-2)	1-5
Kickoff Returns	6-115	3-61
Time of Possession	29:20	30:40
Third Down Conversions	7-18	5-13
Fourth Down Conversions	0-2	2-2
Sacks By	2-13	2-18

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Ganther 22-120-1, Weddle 3-23-0.  
**GT:** Daniels 20-109-0.  
**Passing (Att-Comp-I-Yds-TD)—Utah:** Ratliff 41-30-1-381-4. **GT:** Ball 38-18-2-258-1.  
**Receiving (No-Yds-TD)—Utah:** LaTendresse 16-214-4, Hernandez 8-75-0. **GT:** Bilbo 4-103-0, Cooper 3-45-1.  
**Kickoff Returns—Utah:** Richards 3-61. **GT:** Grant 5-104.  
**Punt Returns—Utah:** Weddle 1-5. **GT:** Houston 2-(-2).  
**Utah Defensive Leaders—Tackles:** Tate 10, Burnett 7, Toone 7.  
**Sacks:** Burnett 1-10, Fifita 1-7. **TFL:** Fifita 2-12. **Interceptions:** Tate 1-45, Harper 1-10.