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Baylor makes
history with
3rd bowl game

Belief drives Bears to Holiday Bowl

BY KRISTA PIRTLE
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With 5:11 remaining in the final game at Floyd Casey Stadium and a seven-point Baylor lead, sophomore Lache Seastrunk broke through the line of scrimmage at the Baylor 24-yard line and saw the light of the Promised Land.

Halfway to the end zone, Seastrunk caught a cramp in his left hamstring. At this point, he had two options: he could fall down in pain or believe that he could finish and take the rock to the house.

Belief is a word that has been used a lot when talking to the football team.

After the SMU dominant performance, the team believed it could keep up the high profile football from last season.

After the nonconference schedule was completed, the team believed it could win the Big 12.

After four straight conference losses, the team believed it could resurrect its season.

After getting its first conference win over Kansas, the team believed it finally had all the pieces needed for success.

After the upset over No. 1 Kansas State, the team believed it could go to a third straight bowl.

After defeating Texas Tech for win No. 6, the team believed it could defeat Oklahoma State the next week.

Now, after a season full of belief, that spirit will propel the Bears into the post season for a record setting third time in a row.

"We got players and we got a team that fights," senior quarterback Nick Florence said. "A month ago, people were writing us off and this team fought hard. It means a lot."

The nation, however, had quite a bit of unbelief coming into the season without Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III not in the pocket.

Florence, who took over in 2009 when Griffin tore his ACL and burned his redshirt last year

against Texas Tech, has his teammates' support, trust and belief.

His numbers aren't too far off of Griffin's, too.

Last year, Griffin threw for 4,293 yards and 37 touchdowns and ran for 699 yards and 10 scores.

Florence has held his own with 4,121 yards and 31 touchdowns through the air and 531 yards and nine touchdowns on the ground.

"Nick [Florence] is a once in a lifetime kind of person," Briles said. "It is a privilege to be able to be around people like that. You wonder why people are able to do extraordinary things and then you study them and you realize they do it because they are dedicated, disciplined, they have faith, and they are trustworthy. He is the definition of a leader."

Another place of doubt was focused on who would be his main target down the field.

Last year, All-American Kendall Wright made his place in the record books.

This season, junior Tevin Reese and seniors Lanear Sampson and Terrance Williams each came in with 1,000 yards and finished the regular season with 889, 639 and 1,764 respectively.

Plus, Williams has surpassed Wright's records in Baylor's books and has been named an All-American and a Biletnikoff finalist.

The final, and biggest concern as the season progressed, was the defense.

Something clicked against Kansas that wasn't confirmed until it held the No. 1 team in the nation to only 24 points.

"We had faith in our defense," junior running back Glasco Martin said, "We knew as an offense that we could potentially score every time we got the ball in our hands. We just jumped on the backs of our defense and they came up with a stop and we took advantage of it."

Since then, junior linebacker Eddie Lackey has had three interceptions, two returned to touch-



MAKENZIE MASON | ROUND UP PHOTO EDITOR

No. 25 running back Lache Seastrunk celebrates with No. 16 receiver Tevin Reese after Reese's 75-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Baylor won 41-34 over Oklahoma State on Saturday.

downs.

Since Baylor's inauguration in the Big 12 in 1996, people have wondered whether the Bears belong in the conference.

This season, with a team fighting for respect, its belonging shouldn't be a question anymore.

"Congratulations to our football team," head coach Art Briles said. "What they have accomplished, in my mind, has been a story of heart, belief and attitude and that's what makes my position so worth while because I get the privilege to hang around people that do extraordinary things and extraordinary effort and that's hard to do. We have been able to

play at a tremendous rate of speed and also stay under control. I think that says a lot about this football team. They have a lot of confidence in what they are doing."

That mind-set is what took over for Seastrunk as he caught the cramp halfway through his run.

With a good chunk of field left to go before the end zone, he found a second gear and galloped it in for the score.

"It was all God," Seastrunk said. "I knew that it was bigger than me. It was all for my family. I've been praying and praying and for me to go through what I have gone through these last two years, no one will understand what I have

to endure. Going from not playing for two years to just sitting there and watching everyone else play, God still had my back. Everyone gave up on me except my family and Coach Briles. I'm so happy to be here because the support system that I have sat with me when I wasn't able to play."

This team's belief has brought it together as a family. While last year's team had 10 wins and a Heisman Trophy winner, junior nickel back Ahmad Dixon said that this team is his favorite.

"I wouldn't trade this season for the world," Dixon said. "These seniors and these other guys that are here with me, we have grown

tremendously, speaking for myself not just as a football player but as a young man. These guys, in our down times have taught me so much. Looking to these guys when I needed them, I wouldn't trade it for anything."

As for Florence, who will hang up his jersey after the bowl game, this opportunity has been a blessing.

"I'm proud of this team," Florence said. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to play with this team. Win or lose, all glory goes to God and what he's done on the cross for us. This team is a fighting team. I love it, and I wouldn't want to be on any other team."



MAKENZIE MASON | ROUND UP PHOTO EDITOR

No. 11 quarterback Nick Florence carries the ball down the field. Baylor defeated Oklahoma State 41-34 on Saturday.

Spread offense feeds Bears

BY GREG DEVRIES
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The spread offense is commonly associated with accurate quarterbacks and athletic wide receivers, but this year's Baylor football team is showing that great running backs can thrive in a five-wide set.

Great college players like Graham Harrell, Chase Daniel, Robert Griffin III and Brandon Weeden have all made their names famous by being prolific passers in high-powered Big 12 offenses.

They all had wide receivers that could make unbelievable catches over the coverage. Michael Crabtree, Jeremy Maclin, Kendall Wright, and Justin Blackmon were all the recipients of these talented quarterbacks, but the running backs of these teams have faded into obscurity.

Baron Batch was drafted 232nd overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers, but was released last month after minimal production. Derrick Washington never had a senior season after having legal trouble. Terrance Ganaway was drafted by the New York Jets, but was waived at the end of August. The Rams have since claimed him, but he has yet to be the go-to guy. Joseph Randle has had a great year, but he has never been the go-to guy in an offense.

The emergence of sophomore running back Lache Seastrunk has changed the way that Baylor ex-

ecutes its offense. Seastrunk only had a few carries on the year before he burst onto the scene against the Kansas Jayhawks with 194 total yards and a touchdown.

His combination of size and quickness is very rare, and his 5-feet-10-inch, 205-pound frame suggests that he could make a living as an NFL running back someday. He also plays with an immense amount of heart. This was never more evident than in his 76-yard touchdown run with five minutes left against Oklahoma State where he broke through to the secondary and ran into the end zone despite having a cramp.

"It was one of those real good Charlie horses that [you get when] you sleep, a good deep sleep, then you wake up about to cry because it hurts so bad," Seastrunk said. "Basically, it felt like I was in Call of Duty and somebody sniped me."

Junior running back Glasco Martin has also picked up his game since the running game reformation. Martin, who has six touchdowns since the Kansas game, prefers running out of a spread offense because of the spacing on the field.

"I think it's easier to run the ball out of the spread just because there aren't as many people in the box," Martin said. "It gives us a little more space to run."

With a more spread out field, running backs can more easily take defenders on. In a two-tight end set, running backs have to rely

on their blockers and hit the holes when they open up.

When five wide receivers take defenders deep down the field, a running back can use the extra space to maneuver. This allows Seastrunk to use his ability to change direction. In space, Martin can gather speed and run through smaller cornerbacks. Blocking is still important, but a running back can showcase his natural ability when the field is spread out.

Senior quarterback Nick Florence has used the running game to his advantage. Florence has always been able to tuck the ball and take it himself, but many of his best rushing games have come since the Kansas game. Florence has also recorded one rushing touchdown in each of the last five games.

Florence has also kept his turnovers down since the Kansas game. A reliance on the passing game forces Florence to force plays that may or may not be there. Since Baylor's homecoming win against Kansas, Florence's two interceptions against Kansas State have been his only interceptions in the last five games.

His passing touchdowns may have dropped off a little bit, but a balanced team has reintroduced Baylor to the win column. An air raid offense might be fun to watch, but running the ball out of the spread has brought Baylor three straight wins. Four weeks ago, that seemed out of reach.

Dixon leads Baylor D

BY DANIEL HILL
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When he was coming out of Midway High School in nearby Hewitt, Baylor junior nickel back Ahmad Dixon could have chosen to go to pretty much any school in the nation. He was ranked as the No. 15 national recruit by ESPN 150 and had scholarship offers from Alabama, Texas, USC and pretty much everywhere else in between. Instead of bolting for a glamorous, prestigious program, Dixon decided to stay home and head to Baylor, who was just coming off of a 4-8 season.

Even back in high school, his former Midway High School and current Baylor teammate sophomore wide receiver Levi Norwood recognized the heart that Dixon pours into football.

"Yeah, the year I played with him in high school, I definitely saw that emotion out of him and it's been like that ever since," Norwood said. "He always leaves everything out there on the field and gives it his all."

"Coach Briles, he brought his staff here believing in each other and putting it into each player's head that we are going to be a good team," Dixon said. "Everybody, even when I was coming on my visits, would tell me, 'Hey man, we are about to turn this program around. You need to come here. You need to stay home and help us do this. It'll mean a lot to the community to see us do that.' I just felt like 'Why not do this?' I mean why not bring this city and these fans everything that they've been wanting."

Last season with Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III at quarterback, Baylor enjoyed an exceptional 10-win season. This year, with senior quarterback Nick Florence at the helm, the offense hasn't skipped a beat. Florence is quick to acknowledge the team aspect of the game and he is thrilled to have Ahmad Dixon on his team.

"You want a guy on your defense who is loud and rowdy and rallies guys up," Florence said. "He's a real friendly guy who talks to everybody in the locker room and makes conversation. He brings a voice to the team and is a skilled

athlete. He loves the game and has a passion for it."

When Dixon arrived at Baylor's campus in the summer of 2010, the main goal for the football game was just to make it to a bowl game. That season, the Bears went 7-6 and lost to Illinois in the Texas Bowl. It was Baylor's first bowl game appearance since 1994.

"When I first got here, the key point was getting to a bowl game," Dixon said. We got into a bowl game. Then the next thing we wanted to do was win the Big 12. We didn't win the Big 12 my sophomore year, so we wanted to get the best bowl game we could possibly get.

So you know, this season we



were s a y - ing that we would be the Big 12 champs because we made a bowl game, we made a good bowl game the year before, and now we were aiming for the Big 12 championship. Each and every game that we lost, that we took an 'L' with, were each within seven points. I mean we might have had maybe one or two that wasn't, but you know that we were just that close with that. With that, it shows us that we actually can do it. We can actually play with these teams that are in the Big 12. That they're just not that much better than we are like it was a few years ago."

In just the three seasons that Dixon has been here, it's evident that the Baylor football program has taken a giant leap forward with three consecutive bowl game appearances. That's something that had never happened before at Baylor.

"It's taken a big, great rise," Dixon said. "Because when I signed here, I was the highest recruit to ever come to Baylor in 16 years. After my class, we started getting two or three top recruits and next thing you know we have the number five or six players in the nation coming to Baylor just to visit and to come check us out. I know that's something that's changed since I've been here. Even with me living in Waco, I don't even remember hav-

ing a top recruit visit to Waco. I've seen this program grow very quickly. I mean, it's grown in the right direction. What coach Briles has done here is tremendous. He's been patient!"

W h i l e Baylor has been enjoying unprecedented success on the gridiron, Dixon believes the program can reach even further heights, such as a Big 12 championship and eventually a national championship.

"We are putting together the pieces," Dixon said. "Yes, we want to win a national championship. Yes, we want to make an appearance in that but the main thing first that we have to get is the Big 12 championship. We know that if we get the Big 12 championship, then us being a national contender will come into effect because we would end up getting guys to come here. We would get the recognition that we need and all of that kind of stuff and it will help us out."

Dixon has been a central figure in the rebirth of Baylor football. Along with Briles' recruiting and the positive attitude and attention Baylor football has received, Baylor should be competing for a Big 12 title soon enough.

Baylor takes a Holiday

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER



seafood. After all, the ocean is right there. After the win over Oklahoma State, senior quarterback Nick Florence was asked if he preferred a certain bowl game over another. Florence said that he didn't have a preference, but in the next room over, sophomore running back Lache Seastrunk voiced his opinion. "San Diego," Seastrunk said. "I want to go to the beach."

The game will be played at 8:45 p.m. on Dec. 27. If you will be in San Diego, that's 6:45 p.m. local time.

Tickets start at \$39 on StubHub and can go as high as \$395. There are plenty of hotels that are close to the stadium along I-8, the freeway that connects Qualcomm Stadium to the coast. December might be cold in most of the country, but the weather in Southern California is a little bit different. The high on the 27th is predicted to be 85 degrees. For the team, it will be like they are just playing another game at Floyd Casey Stadium. For Baylor fans, it will be a great way to get away from the cold. There are also plenty of gorgeous golf courses along the coast including Torrey Pines, which has hosted the U.S. Open.

The plane ticket might be pricey, but fans have a chance to witness history. The last bowl game that Baylor won outside of Texas was the 1985 Liberty Bowl. That game was a 21-7 win over the LSU Tigers.

Baylor's overall bowl record since its first bowl game in 1948 is 9-9. If the Bears win, then they will get to see their team have a win percentage over 50 percent for the first time in over two decades.

This game will also be the first meeting between Baylor and UCLA.

about four miles from the water.

So maybe San Diego might be a longer trip than the drive to Houston, Dallas or San Antonio, but the

experience should be worth it.

If you are staying near the stadium, then there is plenty to do. If you're missing the attractions

that Texas had to offer over the past two years, then Sea World San Diego might remind you of home.

If Baylor's dining halls and the row of fast food chains across I-35 have you craving something worthwhile, be sure to grab some

Bears v. Bruins: UCLA analysis

By DANIEL HILL
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Granted 55th best in the nation is not overwhelming, but it is a definite improvement from where this unit was last season in before coach Mora came to town.

UCLA is No. 15 in the nation in tackled for loss with 7.23 per game. They are also seventh in the nation in sacks per game with 3.31.

UCLA junior outside linebacker Anthony Barr is an aggressive defensive player who racked up 13.5 sacks this season. Jim Mora called Anthony Barr "the most impactful defensive player in the Pac-12".

UCLA has a balanced offense with a passing attack that is 36th in the nation and a rushing attack that ranks 26th in the nation. UCLA won't blow anyone away offensively, but UCLA has a sound attack. The Bruins have a healthy balance of run and pass schemes. Plus, they protect the football and do not turn the ball over.

UCLA started the season with a strong nonconference slate and defeated Rice, No. 16 Nebraska and Houston. Once conference play started for the Bruins in the Pacific-12 conference, UCLA started off with a close 27-20 loss to the Oregon State Beavers, who ended up being the No. 13 team in the BCS.

UCLA's then defeated everyone else in conference play except for the Bay Area teams, California and Stanford. By far UCLA's worst loss of the season happened in Berkeley when they lost 43-17 to an underwhelming California Golden Bears team. At one point, the Bruins were 9-2 with Stanford looming in the final game of the season. But the No. 6 BCS ranked Stanford Cardinal defeated UCLA in the Rose Bowl 35-17.

The first loss to Stanford setup the Pac-12 Championship game for another consecutive rematch with the Cardinal. For the second time in two weeks, the Cardinal bested UCLA in a bitter, hard-fought rematch 27-24.

UCLA has not won a bowl game since 2009 and the Bruins are clearly a team on the rise under the guidance of head coach Jim Mora.

Baylor and UCLA have never met on the gridiron, but this is definitely an intriguing match up because of the talent and resurgence of UCLA football.

Under first year head coach Jim Mora, UCLA Bruins football is back on the map.

The UCLA Bruins finished the regular season with a 9-4 record and posted a 6-3 record in Pacific-12 Conference games.

The mind-set for Bruins football underwent an immense change this season. Coach Mora wanted to instill a sense of toughness among his team.

For summer training camp, coach Mora banned his players from having cell phones and moved training camp to the Cal State San Bernardino campus in the middle of the desert to make his men gain an edge in toughness in the sweltering summer heat.

Apparently the strategy to forge a tough team worked because UCLA plays a physical brand of football. Senior running back Johnathan Franklin amassed 1,700 yards rushing on 268 carries. Franklin, in impressive fashion, averaged 6.3 yards per carry for the season.

UCLA redshirt freshman quarterback Brett Hundley is a budding superstar for head coach Jim Mora. Hundley had a breakout season and averaged a phenomenal passer rating of 150.1 for the season, which ranked 26th in the nation. He threw for 3,411 yards and 26 touchdowns, to go with only 11 interceptions.

Rick Neuheisel, who was fired from UCLA once joked that he'd still be the head coach at UCLA if he only knew how good Brett Hundley really was at playing quarterback.

To help Hundley out, he has one of the best tight ends in the nation making plays for him in senior Joseph Fauria. He is a premiere tight end and had 561 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns. When UCLA is in the red zone, look for Fauria to receive targets and make plays.

On the other side of the ball, the Bruins do have a strong defense. Coach Mora hangs his hat on being a coach coach and his Bruins defense proves it.

The Bruins have the 55th best scoring defense in the country and only allow 25.9 points per game.

	UCLA		BAYLOR	
CATEGORY	NTL RANK	ACTUAL	NTL RANK	ACTUAL
Rushing Offense	26	2,638	19	2,706
Passing Offense	36	3,531	3	4,205
Total Offense	20	474.54	1	578.75
Scoring Offense	T29	35.08	5	44.08
Rushing Defense	54	154.54	89	190.83
Pass Efficiency Def.	65	62.88	92	64.02
Total Defense	73	409.92	119	513.92
Scoring Defense	48	25.9	117	39.5
Net Punting	14	43.31	40	44.32
Punt Returns	65	8.4	64	8.47
Kick Returns	47	22.51	67	21.2
Turnover Margin	T45	+ .31	T39	+ .42
Passing Defense	91	7.12	118	7.5
Passing Efficiency	26	7.95	12	9.18
Sacks	7	3.31	112	1.08
Tackles for Loss	15	7.23	T31	3.83
Sacks Allowed	18	3.54	T31	1.42

**No. 11 quarterback
Nick Florence
rushes the ball for
a first down during
the 4th quarter
against SMU.**



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**No. 6 nickel
back Ahmad
Dixon blocks
a pass from
SHSU No. 11
quarterback
Brian Bell.**

W 48-23



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**No. 25
Lache
holds
high
singin
Good
Line'
Bears
K**

**Baylor defender
Joe Williams
knocks away a
pass intended for
ULM receiver
Tavaresse Maye.**

W 47-42

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**Tinsley and
Parker stopping
an Owl back.**

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**Ben Hall goes
over Doak Walker
for Baylor's
touchdown.**

W 6-3



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**Aggie's Bob
Goode meets a
wall of Bruin
tacklers.**

W 20-14

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MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 25 running back Lache Seastrunk pulls away from the Oklahoma State defenders to complete a 76-yard touchdown.

W 41-34



ELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Runningback Lache Seastrunk celebrates with his helmet during the singing of "That Old Baylor" after the Bears defeated Kansas.

W 41-14



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No. 5 linebacker Eddie Lackey takes off with the football after an interception from Texas Tech.



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The Baylor defense celebrates after sacking Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein.

W 52-45 OT

W 52-24

W 13-0

Fry goes over for touchdown against Red Raiders.



6-1-11 COO

W 23-7

Boydston helps halt Clyde Scott, Arkansas ace.



5-2-11 SIMS

W 42-19

Sims goes 28 yards for touchdown.



9-1-11 COO

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Baylor Downs Wake Forest, 20-7, To Win Dixie Bowl Game

Baylor's football team thrilled 20,000 fans Saturday with a clever and alert brand of football, topping Wake Forest, 20-7, in Birmingham's Dixie Bowl.

The victory was the third New Year triumph for Southwest conference teams in the bowl games. The win also placed the Bruins on top as the Baptist champion—southern, especially.

Sammy Pierce scored for Baylor from the one-yard line three minutes after the game started and three plays after George Sims had raced an interception 52 yards to the Deacon 8.

Mangum Scores for Bears

Baylor gained a more comfortable lead in the second quarter by scoring two more touchdowns. Bridgroom Jerry Mangum counted for Baylor following a 63-yard drive in the Bruin's brightest offensive flurry, sparked by Adrian Burk's passes and the running of Dudley Parker.

Ray Painter tossed to Harold Riley for the last Bruin score a few minutes before the half ended. Painter was trapped behind the line on a bootleg play but tossed a perfect aerial to Riley who emerged from

between two Deacons to grab it for the score.

Three Deacon Drives Fail

Three last half drives by a determined Wake Forest team fizzled in Baylor territory on the 15, 30, and 36-yard lines. The Deacon counter came in the third quarter when James Lail covered a loose punt that had struck Baylor safety, Sims. Wake Forest took over on the Baylor 13 and moved to the 4-yard line. Then Mike Sprock dribbled right around right end for the score.

Frank Boydston was singled out by Birmingham scribes as one of the best line-backers seen there this season. His play was a potent factor in checking the hard-charging Deacons.

The huge Dixie Bowl trophy was presented to the Baylor co-captains, Bentley Jones and Buddy Tinsley, at the Dixie Bowl banquet following the game. The gold trophy, which is about three feet high, bears the United States and Confederate flags, and an actual size, bronze football.





Back row: Downs, Collins, Qualls, Mort, Curtis, Heltonimus, Keeton, Nevill, Wright, Huebner, Roberts, Sill, Martin, Sahn, Burk, Fry, Cook, Taylor, Shannon.
 Second row: Dickerson, Boydston, Starr, Stone, Highower, Southern, Jeffery, Atway, Mayfield, Mooser, Whitley, Baughman, McKinney, Hall, Cochran, Reid, Johnson, Patner.
 Front row (left to right): Blackburn, Mgr., Sheas, J. Parker, Riley, Forren, Weiss, Sims, Galdosik, D. Parker, Flannkin, Jones, Co-Capt.: Tinsley, Co-Capt.: Hubbard, Massey, Blackwood, Closs, Mangum, Kimbrough, Pierce, Highower, Mgr.

VARSIITY FOOTBALL

In his second year as head coach of Baylor, Bob Woodruff compiled one of the most enviable records in the conference. His Bears won three regular conference games, lost two, and tied one. With a season record of five wins, three losses, and two ties, the Bears were selected to play in the Dixie Bowl, where they trounced the Wake Forest Deacons by a 20-7 score. For his outstanding work during the year, Bob Woodruff was selected as the "Coach of the Year" in the Southwest Conference. Baylor is proud of its coaching staff and of their accomplishments during the 1948 season. Their records are a mark of distinction for the coaches and a tribute to the men they have coached.

Waco C of C Sponsors Dixie Bowl Special For \$90 You're Alabama Bound To Baptist Clash

The Waco Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a special train to take football fans to the Dixie Bowl in Birmingham for the New Years classic.

This game between Baylor and Wake Forest has been labeled as "the battle of the Baptists." KWTX will broadcast the game for the benefit of the people that can't make the trip.

A special train will leave Waco at 10 a.m. Dec. 31 and arrive in Birmingham at 10 a.m. Jan. 1. The return trip will begin at 8 p.m. Jan. 1, arriving in Waco at 7 p.m. on Jan. 2.

The tickets can be obtained at the following rates: lower berth, \$95; upper berth, \$90; drawing room, \$100 and for two in a lower berth, \$175.

These prices include pullman passage, all meals on the train, all tips on the train and the football ticket. There will be no necessity for a hotel room because the train leaves the same day of the game.

On the Dixie Special will be pullman cars, dining room and a club car.

Reservations can be made by contacting Sam C. O'Neal, traffic manager of the Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached by calling 9410. The deadline for reservations has been set for Dec. 24.

All-Southwest Team Consists Of Offensive, Defensive Units

By C. A. ESKEW
 Sports Editor

Reflecting the strength of the four leading teams in the Southwest Conference, the Daily Lariat All-Conference eleven is the kind of football team of offensive and defensive units, not one eleven, that modern coaches would field in the post-war era of football specialists.

Only six, Doak Walker, Buddy Tinsley, George Petrovich, Joe Watson, Dick Harris, and George Sims managed to make both the offensive and defensive units. Here is the complete team as we would want it if we could draft an all-star team to play:

Offensive Team—
 End—Raleigh Blakely, S.M.U.
 End—Morris Bailey, T.C.U.
 Tackle—Buddy Tinsley, Baylor
 Tackle—George Petrovich, Texas
 Guard—Joe Watson, Rice
 Guard—Vic Vasicek, Texas
 Center—Dick Harris, Texas
 Back—Clyde Scott, Arkansas
 Back—Doak Walker, S.M.U.
 Back—George Sims, Baylor
 Back—Lindy Berry, T.C.U.
Defensive Team—
 Ends—Williams, Rice; and Hill-house, A.&M.

Alternates—
 Ends—Flanakin, Baylor; and Holder, Texas
 Tackles—Peters, Arkansas; and Murphy, Rice
 Guards—Stautzenberger, A.&M. and Jones, Baylor
 Center—Huebner, Baylor
 Backs—Borneman, Texas; Burk, Baylor; Goode, A.&M.; Kenney, Rice
 For specialists, we would throw in: punter, Kenney; passer, Johnson; punter, Kenney; extra-points, Walker; and majorcette, Alix Wickwire.

The offense of this mythical team represents a typical Southwest attacking unit with some of the best backs in the country to pack the football. The line represents the cream of blockers with the league's top wingmen.

On defense, with 13 men of such talents as to make further choice impossible it fits our purposes well. A 7-3-2-1 defense is preferred to any standard pattern anyway. With smoke-signals and spys thrown in, too!



Dudley Parker on another ramble through the Rice backfield. Baylor tied Rice 7-7.

Dixie Bowl Bound

Bears Battle From Behind Sixth Time To Earn 7-7 Tie With Rice

Baylor and Rice caught the deadlock fever Saturday that scourged the Southwest in its final week of football and battled to a 7-7 tie in Houston, netting Baylor a date for the Dixie Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 1.

Wake Forest will be Baylor's opponent in the Bruins' first bowl game.

Overtaking an opponent for the sixth time this season, Baylor countered early in the fourth period to deadlock the score and throw the Southwest's third place spot into a tie between the Bears and Owls.

Wright Covers Fumble

Rupert Wright, playing his greatest game this season, pounced on a Rice fumble in the fourth period on the Owl six. Lyle Blackwood plunged over from the two-yard line two plays later. Hank Dickerson added the tying point.

The touchdown was not as easy as just pouncing on a fumble. Baylor, sparked by Dudley Parker's rushing and Adrian Burk's passing, dominated the play in the third quarter. Parker's six spectacular thrusts at the Rice line picked up 50 of Baylor's 92 yards rushing. Baylor marched to the Rice three previously, before fumbling their scoring chance away.

Braden Scores For Owls

Rice scored following a Baylor fumble on the Bear 37 in the second quarter. Then the Owls marched to the eight-yard line in three plays and sent Emmanuel Braden through for the touchdown. Froggie Williams added the extra point.

Penalty Costs Bears Score

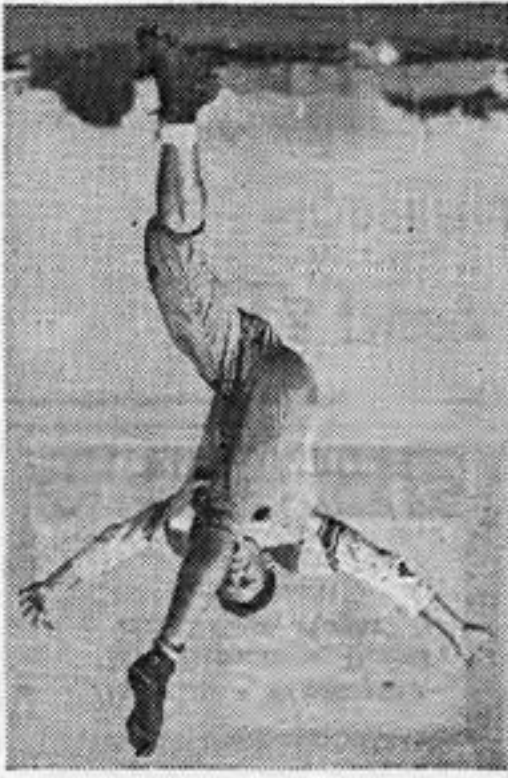
But for a disputable ruling of interference by the officials in the closing minutes in the first half, Baylor might have been the winner. Bobby Griffin of Houston picked off a Rice aerial on the Baylor 15 and raced down the sideline with good blocking. The interception was nullified for shoving the Owl receiver.

Harms added the extra point.

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S.M.U.	5	0	1
Texas	4	1	1
BAYLOR	3	2	1
Rice	3	2	1
Arkansas	2	4	0
T.C.U.	1	4	1
Texas A.&M.	0	5	1

Full Season	Won	Lost	Tied
	9	0	1
	5	4	1
	5	5	0
	4	5	1
	3	6	1
	3	3	2
	1	7	3
	1	9	1



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Eleven Seniors End Bruin Grid Careers In Dixie Bowl Game

Eleven seniors await Coach Bob Woodruff's return from Birmingham to begin the last lap of their gridiron careers at Baylor. When Woodruff arrives, practice will start for the Dixie Bowl, Jan. 1.

Ends Jasper Flanakin, Robert Whitley, and Ed Starr; tackles Cecil Massey and Buddy Tinsley; guards Bentley Jones and Bucky Qualls; and backs Billy Kimbrough, George Sims, Sammy Pierce and Ben Hall are seniors.

These Bears ended their conference careers against Rice in November but due to the New Year date in Alabama their records will extend into another year.

Tinsley landed on all the all-conference mythical selections this year and many last year. Sims and Jones have been consistently picked by many among the first two teams. Pierce was all-conference in 1945 but injuries hampered the big full-back in the following years.