

2008 GAME RECAPS

RICE 56 Smu 27 - June Jones' debut. Rice fmb'l'd a punt at their own 26 & SMU's frosh QB Mitchell threw a 26yd TD pass on the next play. After Rice missed a 46yd FG, SMU drove 71/7pl for a TD & led 13-0 (xpng, 2:00 1Q). Rice would go 73/6pl, 35/1pl (after fmb'l), 58/11pl & 80/8pl for TD's on next 4 poss, 28-13. Rice missed a 43yd FG at the end of 1H. SMU rec'd a fmb'l on the opening KO of 3Q & got a 22yd TD pass on 3rd & 9 to pull within 28-20 but Rice scored 3 TD's in 1:37 with a 74/11pl drive, 54yd IR to SMU1 & a 55yd IR TD, 49-20 (7:31).

SMU 47 Texas St 36 - SMU benefitted from 5 TO's. They took their opening drive 52/6pl for a TD. After a fmb'l they drove 4 yds for & missed 46yd FG. After 2 fmb'l's, SMU got 28 & 8 yd TD drives, 21-0. TS went 80/17pl for a TD but the xp was blk'd & ret'd for 2, 23-6. SMU got 56/3pl drive for a TD to lead 30-6 (3:45). TS's offense went on a 76/14pl drive for a TD before the half & in the 2H on their 5 poss got 3 TD's & a FG with 1 int. SMU never led by less than 11, when TS scored a TD with 2:41 left to make it 47-36. SMU rec'd the onside kick & ended the game at the 1.

TEXAS TECH 43 Smu 7 - SMU was int'd on their first 2 poss & TT got a 35yd FG & then went 46/2pl for a TD, 10-0 (6:36). After an int, TT went 27/2pl for a TD, 15-0 (2ptng). SMU rec'd a fmb'l at the TT23 & had 1st & gl at the 1 but after a sk was int'd at the 2. TT went 98/6pl for a TD, 22-0 (8:51) & then went 80/13pl & threw inc on 2nd & gl from the 3 as the half ended. TT had a 310-136 yd edge. TT went 72/4pl for a TD, then after SMU was SOD at the TT48 went 25/6pl for a 44yd FG & missed. SMU was int'd & TT went 88/7pl & then 84/11pl for a TD, 43-0 (13:04). SMU's only score came on an 86/15pl drive for a TD with 3:29 left.

Tcu 48 SMU 7 - TCU had a 498-210 yd edge & turned 2 early TO's into TD's getting a fumble on the 2nd play of the game & driving 39yds for a TD after SMU dropped an int & then ret'd an int 25yds for a TD, 14-0 (9:15 1Q). 2 poss later TCU went 56/13pl for a 19yd FG (6:04) then went 62/13pl for a 23yd FG (:19) & led 20-0 at half with a 215-81 yd edge. TCU opened the 3Q with a 77/1pl & 35/4 (after int) drives for TD's, 34-0. SMU's only score came on a 5yd TD pass (5:25 3Q). TCU backup QB came in & threw for a TD & had a 79yd TD (4:00) run to close out the scoring.

TULANE 34 Smu 27 - SMU drop'd 4 passes on first 2 drives but used a fk P for a 34yd gain to the TU36, but missed a 38yd FG. SMU was int'd & ret'd to their 39 & TU got a TD 3pl later, 7-0. TU then went 39/11pl for a 32yd FG after having a 1st & gl at 2 & went 72/3pl with a 49yd TD pass, 17-0 (13:31). SMU got a 45yd TD pass, 17-7 (11:14). TU went 71/6pl for a TD, 24-7 (8:05) then 80/5pl for a TD, 31-7 at HT with a 297-159 yd edge. TU fmb'l'd on the 2nd play of the 3Q & SMU went 7pl for a 25yd FG. TU had a FD at the SMU13 but was int'd a & ret'd to the 45. SMU got a 49yd FG, 31-13. SMU went 80/6pl for a TD, 31-20 (14:21). TU got a 43yd FG with 4:01 left, 34-20. SMU went 69/6pl for a TD with 2:03 left (34-27), but SMU kicked deep & TU got a FD run of 40yds & ran out the clock.

UCF 31 Smu 17 - SMU had a 15-11 FD edge & 377-280 yd edge but came up short. SMU punted from its own 6 & UCF took its opening drive 23yds for a 36yd FG, 3-0. SMU went 77/14pl for a TD, 7-3. UCF fmb'l'd the KO but SMU only got a 33yd FG, 10-3 after 1Q. UCF went 60/5pl for a TD, 10-10 (8:05). SMU was int'd at the UCF15 (5:22). At HT SMU had a 183-112 yd edge, 19:01-10:59 TOP edge but it was tied at 10. UCF's 2nd 3Q poss they got a 56yd TD on 3rd & 20. After an int, they drove 17yds for a TD, 24-10. SMU got a 94yd TD pass, 24-17 (13:00). After 4 punts, UCF drove 45/6pl for a 15yd TD pass on 3rd & 9, 31-17 with 1:34 left. SMU drove to the UCF25 but was int'd at the 17.

Tulsa 37 SMU 31 - This was a shootout. TU had a 259-254yd edge at HT but SMU had an 18:01-11:59 TOP edge. SMU was SOD at the TU36 & TU was int'd in the EZ from the 10 & SMU led 17-13. TU got a 22yd FG & SMU a TD to lead 24-16. SMU led 31-24 with 9:53 left when TU got a 4th & 21, 33yd TD pass to tie. TU got an int on the next play & drove 26/3pl for a TD, 37-31 (xp blk'd). SMU's final drive got to the TU26. A 36yd TD pass was dropped by Beasley & on 4th & 2 SMU came up short.

Houston 44 SMU 38 - SMU took their opening drive 66/7pl for a TD. UH fmb'l'd a P at own 13 & SMU got a TD 2pl later, 14-0. Each team went on a long drives for TD's. UH went 45/5pl for a TD, 21-14 (2:17). SMU got to UH28 but was int'd in the EZ on FD with :55 left 1H & only led 21-14. UH went on a 67/9pl drive for a 23yd FG & then was SOD at the SMU32. SMU went 68/2pl for a TD, 28-17 (4:17). UH went 74/7pl for a TD, 28-23 (2ptng). SMU got a 70yd TD pass on 3rd & 12, 35-23 after 3Q's. UH went 52/8pl for a TD but SMU went 57/8pl & settled for a 22yd FG, 38-30 (4:55). UH went 60/5pl for a TD (2ptng) & SMU led 38-36. SMU only gain'd 6yds & punted (1:58). UH went 85/8pl with a 26yd TD pass & 2pt conv, 44-38 w/:24 left. SMU got to the UH44 but final pass was int'd in the EZ.

NAVY 34 Smu 7 - SMU was limited to 157 pass yds in the rain. Navy became the 1st tm in Div IA to not attempt a pass in the L/11 yrs. Navy, after a 14yd P, drove 27/3pl for a TD & SMU punting into the wind had 33 & 13yd P's on their next 2poss. Navy went 60/11pl & 30/3pl for TD's, 20-0 (2:50 1Q). SMU went 59/10pl but missed a 38yd FG. Navy went 79/9pl for a TD then after an int went 27/7pl but was SOD at the 11 & led 27-0 at HT with a 251-117yd edge. Navy fmb'l'd at its 12 & SMU got a TD 2pl later, 27-7 (5:25) but then the Middies went 80/14pl for TD to ice it & SMU punted on their last 2 poss & Navy ran off the last 6:19.

Memphis 31 SMU 26 - UM opened with a 78/9pl drive for a TD then after a 15yd PR went 36/8pl for a TD, 14-0 (2:22). SMU went 62/2pl with a 53yd TD pass. UM was SOD at the SMU32 & SMU got 3 FD's then QB Mitchell was inj'd, out for game. The drive stalled & they settled for a 40yd FG, 14-10 (9:16). Turner QB'd the rest of the game, 3 punts. SMU went 60/7pl for a 38yd FG on the last play of 1H, 14-13. UM opened the 3Q with an 80/16pl drive for a TD, 21-13 (6:51). SMU went 64/6pl for a TD, 21-20. UM was int'd at the SMU18 but then drove 71/6pl for a TD, 28-20. SMU went 56/11pl but on 4th & 3 was SOD at the UM16 (7:46). UM got two 20+ yd plays on 3rd dn & nailed a 24yd FG with 1:31 left, 31-20. SMU went 55/5pl for a TD (2ptng) with :38 left but UM rec'd the onside.

UTEP 36 Smu 10 - SMU QB Mitchell was banged up & their top 2 WR's were susp'd. UTEP got an 85yd TD pass on its 1st play & then went 66/9pl for a 34yd FG. SMU went on a 12pl drive for a 39yd FG, 10-3 & UTEP went 40/7pl for a 48yd FG, 13-3 (13:25 2Q). SMU was int'd at the UTEP30 but blk'd a punt & rec'd at the UTEP6. They fmb'l'd it back 2pl later & UTEP went 82/8pl for a TD, 20-3 (5:03). SMU fmb'l'd a punt at the UTEP 45 (2:17) & UTEP went 46/7pl for a 26yd FG, 23-3 (:48). At HT UTEP had a 325-136 yd edge. UTEP went 62/9pl for a 23yd FG then was SOD at the 50. After an int, UTEP went 75/7pl for a TD, 36-3 (1:48). 2 punts. SMU went 53/6pl for a TD, 36-10 (10:47). UTEP went on a 9pl drive but was SOD at own 48 but then ret'd an int 21yds to the SMU33. UTEP had a 1st & gl at the 1 but took a knee 4x. For the game, UTEP had a 544-201yd edge with SMU having a 6-0 TO deficit.

Southern Miss 28 SMU 12 - SM took its 1st drive 79/12pl for a TD, 2 punts. SMU went 57/14pl for a 40yd FG, 7-3. SMU went 83/13pl but missed a 29yd FG (:56). SMU got a 33yd IR (:05) for a 43yd FG on the last play of 1H, 7-6. 2 punts. SM went 72/6pl for a TD, 14-6 then went 65/9pl for a TD, 21-6 (3:24). SMU was int'd & SM drove 24/2pl for a TD, 28-6. SMU was int'd at the SM5 (13:54) then went 69/17pl for a TD, 28-12 (2ptng). SMU punted on 4th & 29 with 1:40 left.