

2008 GAME RECAPS

Temple 35 ARMY 7 - TU was int'd on its opening drive but Army was SOD on 4&1 at the TU28. After a fmbld punt, TU drove 8 yds for a TD then got their best drive of the game going 71/10pl for a TD. They added a 17 yd FR TD 2pl later, 21-0 (14:50 2Q). Army went on a 10pl drive but punted & then after a 21 yd PR started at the TU40 & got to the 21 but was int'd in the EZ (:03). TU ret'd the opening 3Q KO 98 yds for a TD, 28-0. Army went 78/14pl for a TD, 28-7 (7:25). After 3 punts, TU went 67/10pl for a TD, 35-7 (13:50). Army went on a 60/12pl drive but was SOD at the 1 & TU went on a 73/10pl drive but was SOD at the 26. Army got 40 yds on their final drive giving them a 284-250 yd edge.

Connecticut 12 TEMPLE 9 (OT) - Pouring rain. TU opened with a 75/7pl drive but settled for a 22 yd FG after a 1&gl at the 8. UC was int'd at the TU27. UC then went 80/11pl & Lorenzen dove towards the EZ for the TD but the ball came out. UC missed a 34 yd FG (48/11pl). TU fmbld at its 33 but UC missed a 44 yd FG. TU went 49/6pl for a 41 yd FG & after a 14 yd PR started at its 46, but was int'd at the UC26 (2:13). At half, UC had a slim 209-184 yd edge but trailed 6-0. After a 31 yd P, UC started its 3rd 3Q pass at the TU48 & 7pl later got a 36 yd FG, 6-3. After 3 P, UC went 31/7pl for the tying 37 yd FG (6:35). TU took a big risk going for it on 4&1 at its own 34 & was SOD but UC missed a 47 yd FG (2:33). In OT TU got a FG & UC a TD.

BUFFALO 30 Temple 28 - TU took its opening pass 61/9pl but was SOD at the 1. TU then went 51/8pl for a TD, 7-0 after 1Q. Each tm went on long TD drives, 14-7 (3:40). UB went 64/6pl getting a TD (:49), 14-14. After an exchange of TO's TU went 59/3pl getting a TD with :06 left in the half, 21-14. At the half TU had a 257-164 yd edge. On their 1st two 3Q poss UB went 58/12pl for a TD & 85/11pl but were int'd at the 3. UB was SOD at the TU37. TU missed a 34 yd FG (9:43). UB went on a 13pl drive getting a 25 yd FG (2:22). TU went 74/9pl & appeared to win with an 11 yd TD pass (:38), 28-24. UB, after the KO went OOB, got a 3&15, 35 yd Hail Mary pass on the final play of the game to pull out the win.

PENN ST 45 Temple 3 - TU made a game of this early as the 1Q was scoreless but did lose their starting QB on the first series. PSU would dominate the 2Q & had a 338-32 yd edge at the half scoring all five 2Q poss, 31-0. PSU used 3rd string QB Cianciolo for their final 2 poss in the dominating win as they had a 546-138 yd edge.

W Michigan 7 TEMPLE 3 - TU was w/o QB DiMichele (inj) & QB Stewart hit just 10-20 for 60 yds. TU took its opening drive 37/11pl for a 45 yd FG. The next 9 poss featured 8 punts & a WM int at midfield. TU went 43/9pl missing a 39 yd FG (3:16). WM went 73/13pl & had a 1&gl at the 5 but settled for a 24 yd FG with :05 left but missed. After 4 punts to open the 3Q, WM went 77/9pl for a 30 yd TD pass, 7-3. After an exchange of punts, TU got a 24 yd PR to the WM37. They got 1 FD but a 28 yd FG hit the upright (10:36). Two poss later WM fmbld at its 39 but TU on 4&13 was SOD (2:03). TU got it back with :19 left but fmbld on their last play.

Temple 28 MIAMI, OH 10 - TU missed a 40 yd FG. Two poss later MU had a 29 yd punt to the TU44 & TU went 56/3pl for a TD, 7-0 after 1Q. MU fmbld & TU went 65/8pl for a TD, 14-0. At half TU had a 182-104 yd edge. MU went on a 10pl drive for a 34 yd FG then went 49/9pl for a TD, 14-10. TU was int'd at its 39 but MU was SOD at the 31. Two poss later TU conv on 3&17 & 4pl later got a 43 yd TD pass capping an 83/6pl drive, 21-10 (7:57). MU was sk'd & fmbld at its 6. TU got a TD 3pl later, 28-10. MU was int'd at the TU25 & SOD at its 36 (1:40). TU fmbld back & MU gained 56 yds on the final 3pl.

C MICHIGAN 24 Temple 14 - TU was int'd at the CM6 at the end of a 12pl drive. The next 4 poss were punts with CM getting 62 and 50 yd punts to the TU1 gaining field position. After a 27 yd punt, CM started at the TU32 & got a TD 3pl later. A 52 yd PR set up CM at the TU24 & they got a TD 3pl later, 14-0. TU went 55/5pl for a TD, 14-6. TU missed a 45 yd FG but after rec'g a fmbld at the CM18 got a TD 2pl later, 14-14. CM went 75/11pl for a 24 yd FG, 17-14 (:51). LeFevour missed the 2H with inj. TU fmbld at the CM48 & was int'd at the CM37. CM was SOD at the TU31 but CM ret an int 2pl later to the TU37. CM put it away with a 37 yd TD pass (14:07). Neither team got past the other's 35 after that.

TEMPLE 14 Ohio 10 - Tough loss for OU as at the half they had a 191-61 yd edge & led 10-0 after 3Q's. TU was SOD at the OU36 & OU went 56/8pl but settled for a 25 yd FG. Two poss later OU went 93/14pl for a TD, 10-0. OU got a FD at the TU16 late 1H but an intentional grounding forced a 4&25 & they punted. After 4 punts to open the 3Q, OU went on an 8pl drive but missed a 41 yd FG after a muffed snap. Two poss later TU went 45/5pl with a Griffin 37 yd run to the 8 the key, 10-7 (10:53). TU went 39/11pl & had a 1&gl at the 2 but settled for a 25 yd FG (missed). OU fmbld on the next pl & TU went 18/5pl of a TD (1:51) & led 14-10. OU was SOD at the TU44 (:20).

NAVY 33 Temple 27 (OT) - Tough loss for TU. Navy opened with a 79/11pl TD drive. TU went 74/10pl for a TD. After 3 punts, TU went 52/12pl but fmbld at the Navy9. Navy went 71/10pl but had a 37 yd FG blk'd. At the half Navy had a 184-154 yd edge. TU went 76/6p to open the 3Q & 2 poss later 73/4pl for a 49 yd TD passes to Francis, 21-7. Navy was int'd & ret'd 42 yd to its 36 & 4pl later TU appeared to put it away, 27-7 after 3Q's. Navy went 78/10pl & 64/9pl for a TD's (2:52). TU got 1 FD but on 3&11 Griffin tried to get an extra yd & the ball was punched out & Navy ret'd the fmbld for a TD with just :37 left to force OT. TU had a 3&gl at the 1 but dropped a TD pass & Navy got a TD.

KENT ST 41 Temple 38 - KS almost Kent St'd itself again. They scored TD's on 3 of their first 4 drives & led 21-3 with the only non-score a fmbld at the TU20. TU got an int at the KS27 & scored a TD 2pl later. TU then went 80/8pl & on 3&30 got a 32 yd TD pass with :13 left (typical KS) & TU was back in it 21-17. Stuningly TU got a 92 yd KR for a TD to open the 3Q & led 24-21. Each tm went on a long TD drive, 31-28. KS went 63/10pl for a TD, 35-31. After a TU punt each team fmbld. KS drove 34/9pl but after a 1&gl at the 2 they settled for a 21 yd FG, 38-31. TU got a 51 yd TD pass 5pl later, 38-38. KS went 60/8pl but again settled for a 26 yd FG. 2 punts. TU was SOD at the KS45 (2:05). KS punted (:19) then rec'd a fmbld at the 50 (:07).

TEMPLE 55 E Michigan 52 - TU QB DiMichele set a TU rec with 6TD passes while EM QB Schmitt set EM rec's for comp, att & yds (50-76 for 484). EM was in control early leading 14-3 early 2Q but TU scored TD's on 3 straight poss to lead 24-21 at HT. Each team settled for a short FG & then TU went 50/5pl for a TD, 34-24. The next 6 poss were all TD's with TU leading by either 3 or 10. EM tried the inside with :34 left but it was rec'd by TU.

TEMPLE 27 Akron 6 - After 3 punts, TU was int'd at the UA40 & 4pl later UA was int'd at the TU22. 2 punts. TU went 50/9pl for a TD (xpng), 6-0 (9:08). 3 punts. TU missed a 34 yd FG (:33). TU had a 185-114 yd edge. TU fmbld at its 44 but UA had a 32 yd FG blk'd 8pl later. After a 15 yd PR, UA went 8pl but missed a 41 yd FG. TU was int'd at its 37 & UA got a 24 yd FG, 6-3 after 3Q. TU went 75/9pl but was SOD on 4&2 at the 5. UA got a 72 yd run by Kennedy to the 23 but settled for an 18 yd FG, 6-6. TU then got a 50 yd pass to the 4 setting up a TD on the next play, 13-6 (7:59). UA was int'd & ret'd 56 yds to the 18 & 5pl later TU got a TD to ice it, 20-6 (4:02). UA was int'd & ret'd 19 yds to its 28. TU had a 38 yd FG blk'd but rec'd for a FD at the 9 & got a TD on the next play, 27-6 (2:29). UA was SOD at the TU37.