



GAME **VALERO ALAMO BOWL** RECAP

Valero Alamo Bowl | Saturday, December 29, 2007

Penn State **24** vs. Texas A&M **17**

Attendance:	66,166	
TV Rating:	2.7	
Team Payout:	\$3,850,000 combined	
Offensive MVP:	Rodney Kinlaw, RB, Penn State	
Defensive MVP:	Sean Lee, LB, Penn State	
Sportsmanship Winner:	Mark Dodge, LB, Texas A&M	
Head Coaches:	Joe Paterno (Penn State)	Gary Darnell (Texas A&M)
Final Records:	Penn State (9-4)	Texas A&M (7-6)

Recap: A Penn State victory did not look likely with the Nittany Lions down by 14 points early in the 2007 Valero Alamo Bowl.

However, Penn State scored 17 consecutive points in the second quarter before A&M's Matt Szymanski kicked a 38-yard field goal to tie the game at 17-17 late in the third quarter. The Nittany Lions took the lead for good with a TD run by Evan Royster and held off a fourth-and-goal attempt by Texas A&M late in the fourth quarter.

Penn State's Rodney Kinlaw won Offensive MVP honors after running for 143 yards on 21 carries and backup runner Royster finished with 65 on nine carries.

A bowl record crowd of 66,166 saw the Penn State 24-17 victory in person, while 4.1 million watched on ESPN. The viewership was less than half of the expected total as the NFL opted to broadcast the New England Patriots' attempt to become the first team since the 1972 Dolphins to finish the regular season undefeated on NFL Network, NBC and CBS.

Penn State later vacated this victory because of NCAA penalties.

Scoring Summary:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Penn State	0	17	7	0	24
Texas A&M	14	0	3	0	17

First Quarter

A&M: Goodson 1-yd run (Bean kick)

A&M: Goodson 16-yd run (Szymanski kick)

Second Quarter

PSU: Butler 30-yd pass from Morelli (Kelly kick)

PSU: Clark 11-yd run (Kelly kick)

PSU: Kelly 25-yd FG

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Third Quarter

A&M: Szymanski 38-yd FG

PSU: Royster 38-yd run (Kelly kick)

Team Stats:

Category	Penn State	Texas A&M
First Downs	23	17
Net Yards Rushing/Att.	270/41	164/38
Net Yards Passing	143	164
Comp-Att-Int	15-31-1	19-31-1
Total Offense Plays	72	69
Total Net Yards	413	328
Avg. Gain Per Play	5.7	4.8
Possession Time	29:40	30:20
Third-Down Conv.	6/16 (46%)	6/16 (46%)

Individual Stats:

Rushing (Att-Yds)

PSU: Kinlaw 21-143; Royster 9-65; Clark 6-50; Williams 3-11; Morelli 1-1

A&M: Goodson 14-65; McGee 8-41; Lane 10-34; Alexander 4-15; Smith 2-9

Passing (Comp-Att-Int, Yds)

PSU: Morelli: 15-31-1, 143

A&M: McGee: 19-31-1, 164

Receiving (Rec-Yds)

PSU: Williams 5-39; Butler 4-59; Golden 2-32; Kinlaw 2-4; Quarless 1-5; Shipley 1-4

A&M: Goodson 7-30; Bennett 4-46; Lane 3-33; Franks 2-19; Taylor 1-14; Shankle 1-14; Alexander 1-8



Rodney Kinlaw - RB, Penn State

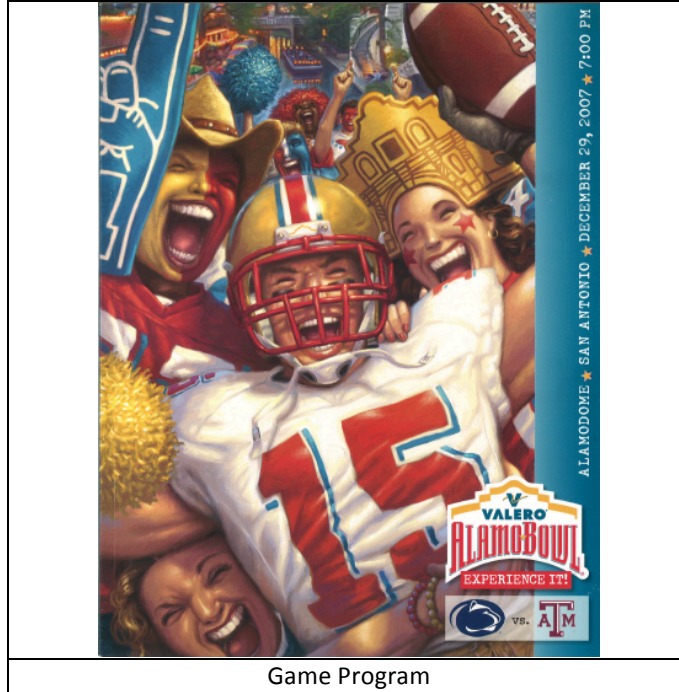


Stephen McGee - QB, Texas A&M

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