

# GAME RECAP

## SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl | Tuesday, December 28, 1999

#13 Penn State **24** vs. #18 Texas A&M **0**

Attendance:	65,380	
TV Rating:	5.2	
Team Payout:	\$2,956,650 combined	
Offensive MVP:	Rashard Casey, QB, Penn St.	
Defensive MVP:	LaVar Arrington, LB, Penn St.	
Sportsmanship Winner:	Jason Webster, CB, Texas A&M	
Head Coaches:	Joe Paterno (Penn State)	R.C. Slocum (Texas A&M)
Final Records:	Penn State (10-3)	Texas A&M (8-4)

**Recap:** No. 13 Penn State used the spark from its strong defensive squad to defeat No. 18 Texas A&M 24-0 in the 1999 SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl. A then record crowd of 65,380 was on hand and another 6.4 million watched the two tradition-rich programs square off on ESPN.

The Nittany Lion defense attacked early and often as quarterback A&M Randy McCown had his first two pass attempts intercepted, including a 34-yard return for the first score of the game by Penn State’s Derek Fox.

All-American linebacker and Defensive MVP LaVar Arrington led the defensive charge for Penn State with an Alamo Bowl record 14 tackles. The defense led by future NFL veterans Arrington, defensive end Courtney Brown and linebacker Brandon Short pressured McCown into a throwing four interceptions. Brown and Arrington were selected with the No.1 and No. 2 spots in the 2000 NFL Draft respectively.

<b>Scoring Summary:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Final</b>
Penn State	7	7	0	10	24
Texas A&M	0	0	0	0	0

### First Quarter

PSU: Fox 34-yd INT return (Forney kick)

### Second Quarter

PSU: Drummond 45-yd pass from Casey (Forney kick)

### Fourth Quarter

PSU: Casey 4-yd run (Forney kick)

PSU: Forney 39-yd FG

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**Team Stats:**

Category	Penn State	Texas A&M
First Downs	17	16
Net Yards Rushing/Att.	175/39	80/39
Net Yards Passing	146	122
Comp-Att-Int	8-17-1	15-28-4
Total Offense Plays	56	67
Total Net Yards	321	202
Avg. Gain Per Play	5.7	3.0
Possession Time	29:23	30:37
Third-Down Conv.	4/12 (33%)	7/16 (44%)

**Individual Stats:**

Rushing (Att-Yds)

PSU - McCoo 6-43; Johnson 6-30; Casey 7-27; Mitchell 8-26; Watson 4-19; Fields 1-12; Luke 3-10; Easy 3-9  
 A&M - Toombs 19-70; Hardeman 10-41

Passing (Comp-Att-Int, Yds)

PSU - Casey 8-16-1, 146  
 A&M - McCowan 13-22-4, 105; Farris 2-6-0, 17

Receiving (Rec-Yds)

PSU - Stewart 2-27; Fields 2-11; Drummond 1-45; Gilmore 1-34; Cerimele 1-16; McCoo 1-13  
 A&M - Taylor 6-38; Bumgardner 5-59; Toombs 2-7; Porter 1-13; Hodge 1-5



Rashard Casey – QB, Penn State

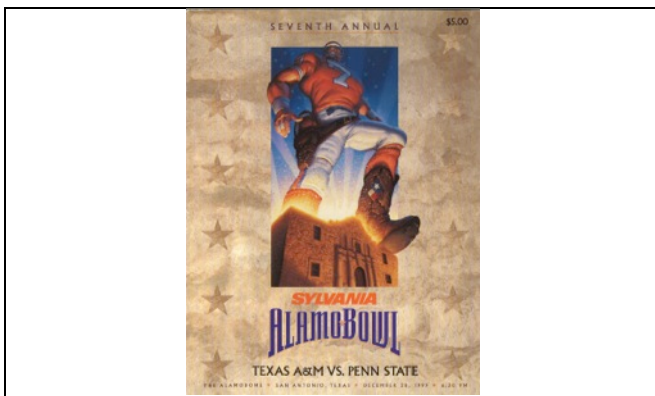


LaVar Arrington – LB, Penn State

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