

GAME RECAP



Valero Alamo Bowl | Saturday, January 2, 2010

Texas Tech **41** vs. Michigan State **31**

Attendance:	64,757	
TV Rating:	5.6	
Team Payout:	\$4,450,000 combined	
Offensive MVP:	Taylor Potts, QB, Texas Tech	
Defensive MVP:	Jamar Wall, DB, Texas Tech	
Sportsmanship Winner:	Ross Weaver, DB, Michigan State	
Head Coaches:	Ruffin McNeil (Texas Tech)	Mark Dantonio (Michigan St.)
Final Records:	Texas Tech (8-4)	Michigan State (6-7)

Recap: For the first time in Valero Alamo Bowl history, a team changed coaches during Bowl Week as Texas Tech named Ruffin McNeil interim Head Coach in place of Mike Leach.

The excitement continued on game day as 64,757 fans packed the Alamodome for its third sellout in its last four bowl games to watch a see-saw battle.

Michigan State took a 28-27 lead into the fourth quarter, and appeared to get a break when hot throwing Tech quarterback Taylor Potts (372 yard passing with 2 touchdowns) left the game after injuring his non-throwing hand.

However, his replacement quarterback Steven Sheffield was up to the task. After the Spartans added another field goal, Sheffield marched the Red Raiders downfield in eight plays, the last an 11- yard touchdown pass to Detron Lewis for a 34-31 lead. Baron Batch tacked on a 25-yard touchdown run late in the game to seal the victory.

The first January game date in Valero Alamo Bowl finished the night as the most-watched non-BCS game in ESPN history with 8.9 million viewers.

Scoring Summary:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Michigan State	7	7	14	3	31
Texas Tech	7	13	7	14	41

First Quarter

TT: Batch 3-yd run (Williams kick)

MSU: Baker 46-yd run (Swenson kick)

Second Quarter

TT: Williams 21-yd FG

TT: Leong 2-yd pass from Potts (Williams kick)

MSU: Martin 48-yd pass from Cousins (Swenson kick)

TT: Williams 38-yd FG

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Third Quarter

MSU: Nichol 7-yd run (Swenson kick)
 TT: Franks 14-yd pass from Potts (Williams kick)
 MSU: White 8-yd pass from Martin (Swenson kick)

Fourth Quarter

MSU: Swenson 44-yd FG
 TT: Lewis 11-yd pass from Sheffield (Williams kick)
 TT: Batch 13-yd run (Williams kick)

Team Stats:

Category	Michigan State	Texas Tech
First Downs	13	31
Net Yards Rushing/Att.	148/32	119/31
Net Yards Passing	248	460
Comp-Att-Int	16-30-2	38-54-1
Total Offense Plays	62	85
Total Net Yards	396	579
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.4	6.8
Possession Time	28:27	31:33
Third-Down Conv.	6/16 (40%)	8/17 (47%)

Individual Stats:

Rushing (Att-Yds)

MSU - Baker 12-97; Caper 11-25; Cousins 5-18; Nichol 1-7; Martin 2-3
 TT: Batch 22-100; Stephens 4-31; Jeffers 1-4

Passing (Comp-Att-Int, Yds)

MSU - Cousins 13-27-2, 220; Martin 2-2-0, 10; Bates 1-1-0, 18
 TT: Potts 29-43-1, 372; Sheffield 9-11-0, 88

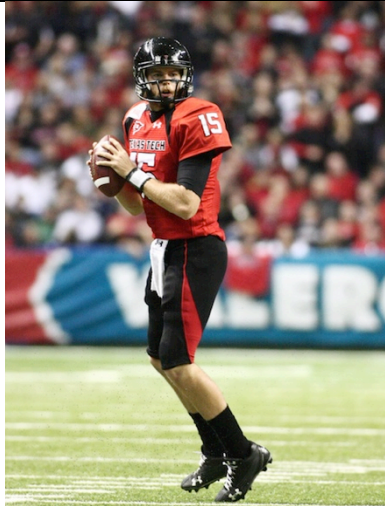
Receiving (Rec-Yds)

MSU - White 6-114; Martin 4-86; Gantt 2-34; Nichol 2-11; Cousins 1-2; Baker 1-1
 TT: Lewis 10-114; Swindall 7-49; Batch 6-85; Zouzalik 3-75; Leong 3-58; Stephens 3-33; Franks 2-19; Torres 2-15; Jeffers 2-12

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Game Program