

= 1924 Rose Bowl =

The 1924 Rose Bowl was a postseason American college football bowl game played between the independent Navy Midshipmen and the Washington Huskies , a member of the Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) . The game took place on January 1 , 1924 , at the Rose Bowl stadium in Pasadena , California , closing the 1923 college football season . The game opened in front of approximately 40 @, @ 000 people and ended in a 14 ? 14 tie . It was the first post @-@ season bowl game for both teams . The 1924 game was the tenth edition of the Rose Bowl , which had first been played in 1902 . Following the inaugural game 's blowout score , football was replaced with chariot races until 1916 . The Rose Bowl stadium had been constructed in 1923 , making this edition the second game played in the arena .

The game 's organizers had previously selected a team from the East Coast and the West Coast , and asked the Washington Huskies to represent the West Coast . Washington requested that the Navy Midshipmen be their opponents , and Navy accepted . Washington selected Navy in favor of several teams from the east which had amassed better records . Both teams had suffered only a single loss during the season , but Washington had won eight games compared with Navy 's five , although Navy had also amassed two ties . Predictions gave Washington a slight advantage in the game due to the weight difference between the teams : the Washington players were on average 10 pounds (4 @. @ 5 kg) heavier than those of Navy .

The game kicked off in the afternoon ; heavy rain showers had fallen the day before , causing a slight delay . The first quarter was scoreless , but Navy scored a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter . Washington answered Navy with a 23 @-@ yard touchdown run on the next drive . Near the end of the second quarter , Navy scored a touchdown on a two @-@ yard run , giving them a 14 ? 7 halftime lead . The third quarter was a defensive stalemate as neither team scored . Navy fumbled the ball on their own ten @-@ yard line late in the quarter . Four plays afterward , Washington tied the game on a 12 @-@ yard touchdown pass . Navy threw an interception at midfield , and Washington drove down to the Navy 20 @-@ yard line before attempting a game @-@ winning field goal . The kick missed and the game ended shortly afterwards .

For his performance in the game , Navy quarterback Ira McKee was named the Most Valuable Player . Navy led in nearly every statistical aspect of the contest . Washington returned to the Rose Bowl at the end of the 1925 season , falling to the Alabama Crimson Tide 20 ? 19 . Navy did not participate in another bowl game until 1955 , when their squad , nicknamed the " team named desire " , upset the Ole Miss Rebels in the Sugar Bowl . Since the 1924 Rose Bowl , Navy and Washington have met five more times ; the Huskies won three of the games .

= = Team selection = =

The Rose Bowl game was first played in 1902 , as a way to help fund the Rose Parade . Because of the first contest 's lopsided score , a football game was not played again until 1916 , having been replaced by chariot races . Between 1902 and 1947 , the Rose Bowl was played between a team from the East Coast and a team from the West Coast . Until the construction of the Rose Bowl stadium , which began hosting the game in 1923 , it was called the " Tournament East ? West football game " . Because the Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) was the only conference with teams located in the Western United States , a school from the conference had been chosen for every Rose Bowl game . The tournament committee invited the University of Washington Huskies to participate in the 1924 game , and they accepted . Washington was then allowed by the organization to select its opponent for the game ? the first time a team was allowed to do so . Washington chose the Navy Midshipmen based on a suggestion from the committee , and Navy accepted the invitation .

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The Navy Midshipmen entered the Rose Bowl under coach Bob Folwell with five wins , one loss ,

and two ties (5 ? 1 ? 2) . Navy 's sole loss in the 1923 season came in their annual game against Penn State , which they lost 21 ? 3 . All five of Navy 's wins came against eastern teams , including Colgate and William and Mary , and two of Navy 's wins were shutouts , against Colgate and Saint Xavier . Navy tied 0 ? 0 with Army in the 1923 Army ? Navy Game , the last game of the season , played on November 23 in front of nearly 70 @,@ 000 spectators ? including high @-@ ranking military officials . Their other tie was a 3 ? 3 game against Princeton . Navy was selected by Washington to participate in the Rose Bowl , although several teams with better records were eligible . Both Cornell and Yale finished the season with an undefeated 8 ? 0 record . Eleven teams finished with only one loss , including Furman (10 ? 1) , Notre Dame (9 ? 1) , and the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) (9 ? 1) .

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The Washington Huskies entered the 1924 Rose Bowl with a record of eight wins and one loss (8 ? 1) under coach Enoch Bagshaw . Washington opened their season with victories over teams from the battleships Mississippi and New York ; because these teams did not represent colleges , they were not considered an official part of Washington 's schedule . Washington 's first official game ended with a 34 ? 0 shutout of Willamette , which was followed by four more shutouts . Washington 's next game was a 26 ? 14 victory over PCC opponent Montana ? the first points Washington allowed all season . The squad 's following game was their sole loss : a 9 ? 0 shutout by conference opponent California . Washington finished the regular season with two straight wins over conference opponents , including a victory in the Apple Cup over Washington State .

= = Pre @-@ game buildup = =

The 1924 Rose Bowl was the first meeting between Navy and Washington , and was the first bowl game that either team participated in . The competitors were announced on November 30 , 1923 , and the teams arrived for the bowl in mid @-@ December , holding practices until the evening before the game . Heavy rain fell the night before the competition ; Bagshaw said , " Wet weather will not bother us " , and Folwell said , " My men will know what to do in the mud and will be there doing it " . However , because of the wet conditions , several football critics predicted that Washington would have a slight advantage in the game due to their larger size . It was estimated that 52 @,@ 000 people would attend the game . For the first time , the participating teams were responsible for ticket sales , and as a result only 40 @,@ 000 people actually attended ; a large number of tickets were sold to a navy fleet which was called to service on December 31 , the day before the game . The competition was the first Rose Bowl to be broadcast on radio , and was aired by a local Pasadena station .

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During the 1923 football season , the Navy Midshipmen outscored their opponents 133 ? 43 , led by quarterback Ira McKee , who threw several touchdown passes throughout the year . Navy 's other offensive strong point was running back Carl Cullen , who ran for several hundred yards during the season . The Navy defense was considered weak by football critics , with an average player weight 10 pounds (4 @.@ 5 kg) less than that of Washington . Navy 's defense had stopped running plays successfully during the regular season , but had trouble defending pass plays . Navy 's special teams were considered by critics to be decent , about even with those of Washington .

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The Washington Huskies had outscored their opponents 203 ? 37 during the regular season , excluding the games against New York and Mississippi . Washington 's running backs , George Wilson and Elmer Tesreau , led their offense during the season , each gaining several hundred

rushing yards . However , Tesreau was suffering from boils on his knee , and his coaches urged him to not play in the Rose Bowl . The Washington defense was considered superior to that of Navy , being much larger on average . Washington 's defense had been very effective during the regular season , holding five teams scoreless and allowing more than ten points to be scored against them only once . Washington 's special teams were considered to be average .

= = Game summary = =

The kickoff for the Rose Bowl was originally scheduled for 2 : 00 p.m. on January 1 , 1924 , but the night before the game , a meeting of the Rose Bowl organization rescheduled the kickoff time to 2 : 16 p.m. the same day . This was likely due to poor field conditions caused by the previous night 's rain . The opening ceremonies were the most elaborate of any bowl game up to that time , with numerous events held . Navy admiral Samuel Shelburne Robison received an admiral 's salute from Navy 's band when he took his seat . The Navy band and the color guard of the marines performed the National Anthem , then the marine color guard hoisted the U.S. flag over the field . Both teams ' mascots were walked around the field before the kickoff . The Tournament of Roses predicted that tickets would be sold out by the day of the game , but actual ticket sales were much lower than they had hoped . Still , sales were higher than those of several previous competitions .

= = = First half = = =

The game began at the rescheduled time , with a temperature of 52 ° F (11 ° C) and the field still wet . Because of the playing conditions , running plays were ineffective , which caused problems for the Washington offense . Navy instead used passing plays , which the Washington defense had trouble stopping . Navy was driving down to the 22 @-@ yard line of Washington when the first quarter ended . Navy controlled the first quarter , completing all six passing attempts and holding the Washington offense to under 100 yards gained .

On their first play of the second quarter , Navy scored a touchdown on a pass play from Ira McKee to Carl Cullen . McKee kicked the extra point for Navy , giving them a 7 ? 0 lead . In an attempt to trick Washington , Navy tried an onside kick on the next play , but Washington recovered the ball . After two short running plays , Washington quarterback Fred Abel completed a 23 @-@ yard pass to running back Kinsley Dubois , bringing Washington inside the 25 @-@ yard line . On the next play , running back George Wilson ran the ball 23 yards for a touchdown . Washington 's kicker converted the extra point to tie the game at 7 ? 7 . After several drives from each team that did not result in further scoring , Navy completed a 57 @-@ yard pass down to the Washington eight @-@ yard line . Two plays later , Ira McKee ran the ball in from two yards out for a touchdown , then afterward converted the extra point . The first half ended with Navy leading by 14 ? 7 , having completed all 11 passes they attempted .

= = = Second half = = =

Both teams ' defenses controlled the third quarter , allowing no points to be scored . Navy 's McKee completed three more pass plays before his first incompleteness , which came on his fourteenth attempt . Washington 's offense had little success in the third quarter , being held to only a few yards gained and turning the ball over once . In the fourth quarter , after several unsuccessful drives by each team , Navy made a major error . After being stopped on their own 26 @-@ yard line , Navy improperly lined up in a punt formation , and the center snapped the ball over the punter 's head . The ball was recovered by Washington on the Navy ten @-@ yard line . Washington lost two yards in three plays , and faced a fourth down from the Navy 12 @-@ yard line . Washington stacked their offensive line , allowing their left guard , James Bryan , to become an eligible receiver . Fred Abel passed the ball to Bryan , who caught it just short of the goal line and walked into the end zone for the touchdown . Washington 's kicker then converted the extra point , tying the game at 14 .

Navy received the ball from Washington and began to throw it erratically . After gaining several

yards , Ira McKee threw an interception near midfield . On the next play , Fred Abel threw a long pass to George Wilson , who was tackled on the Navy 20 @-@ yard line after gaining 30 yards . Washington brought out their placekicker , Leonard Ziel , to kick a 32 @-@ yard field goal , which would have won them the game . Ziel kicked the ball about a yard short of the right upright , giving the ball back to Navy with the game still tied . A few plays later the game ended in a 14 ? 14 tie .

= = Statistical summary = =

For his performance in the 1924 Rose Bowl , Navy quarterback Ira McKee was awarded Most Valuable Player (MVP) honors . McKee completed 16 of 20 passes for a total of 175 yards , including one pass for a touchdown . McKee also had 85 rushing yards on twelve attempts . Washington running back Elmer Tesreau was given the game 's Ironman Award , though he had little effect on the game . Against the urging of his coaches , Tesreau had played with boils completely covering one knee . He left near the end of the game , and was later discovered to have broken his previously unaffected leg in multiple places .

Navy 's McKee threw for a perfect 11 of 11 passes during the first half , but completed just five of nine attempts during the second half . Two of these incompletions were interceptions . McKee outthrew Washington 's Fred Abel by 110 yards . Carl Cullen was McKee 's main receiver for the game , catching ten passes from him , one of which was taken for a touchdown . The other six passes were caught by other receivers . On the ground , Cullen rushed for the most yards of any player , gaining 102 throughout the course of the game . McKee was Navy 's key runner , gaining 85 yards . Cullen , McKee , fullback Alan Shapley , and other team members rushed for a total of 187 yards during the game . McKee completed both extra point attempts , and the squad 's punter kicked five times , for an average distance of 33 @.@ 8 yards .

Abel attempted eight passes during the game , and completed just three for a total of 65 yards . Of Abel 's five incompletions , two were interceptions . Kinsley Dubois caught two of Abel 's completed passes , amassing 53 receiving yards . Guard James Bryan caught the other , a 12 @-@ yard touchdown pass . George Wilson led Washington in rushing yards , gaining 87 over the course of the game , and scoring Washington 's only rushing touchdown . Kinsley Dubois came next , gaining 30 yards , followed by Abel , with 20 . The remainder of the team 's 137 rushing yards were amassed by others , including Tesreau . Washington 's kicker Leonard Zeil was two for two on extra points , but missed his only field goal attempt . Washington punted nine times , averaging 33 yards per attempt .

= = Aftermath = =

The tie gave Washington an 8 ? 1 ? 1 record for the 1923 season , the second best in school history up to that point . It remained behind the 1916 season , when the squad went 6 ? 0 ? 1 . Navy 's record went to 5 ? 1 ? 3 , a slight improvement from the previous year , when the team went 5 ? 2 . It became Navy 's eighth straight winning season .

Washington went 8 ? 1 ? 1 in the 1924 season , remaining under the direction of coach Enoch Bagshaw . The team was invited to the 1926 Rose Bowl after completing an undefeated 11 ? 0 ? 1 1925 season . They lost the game to the Alabama Crimson Tide by a score of 20 ? 19 . Washington finished the 1920s with an overall record of 65 ? 26 ? 6 ; Bagshaw coached the team for every season except 1920 , when they were under the leadership of Stub Allison . Navy finished the 1924 season with a 2 ? 6 record , ending their number of consecutive winning seasons at eight . The Navy football team was not invited to participate in another bowl game until 1955 , when the " team named desire " , so named due to coach Eddie Erdelatz comparing the squad to the play A Streetcar Named Desire , defeated the Ole Miss Rebels in the Sugar Bowl 21 ? 0 . Navy finished the 1920s with a record of 55 ? 22 ? 8 ; nine of the ten seasons ended in winning records . Navy 's coach , Bob Folwell , left the team after the 1924 season , to be replaced by Jack Owsley . Navy and Washington have since met five times , with Washington currently leading the series 3 ? 2 ? 1 .

Because the 1924 Rose Bowl and several later Rose Bowls had very high ticket sales , the

Tournament of Roses Association decided to close off the southern end of the Rose Bowl stadium and expand the seating from a horseshoe design to one that surrounded the entire field . The 1924 game was the first in which the Tournament of Roses made participating schools responsible for ticket sales . The strategy has been used since , with only a small number of tickets allocated to Tournament officials for each yearly edition .