



2008 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL

Tuesday, January 1, 2008

POSTGAME NOTES

FINAL SCORE: Georgia 41, Hawai'i 10.

MILLER-DIGBY MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER: Georgia DE **Marcus Howard** (Stats: 4 total tackles, 3 sacks for -22 yards – tied BCS game record done three times previous, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery for touchdown) NOTE – Howard is the first defensive player to be named MOP since Alabama LB **Barry Krauss** in 1979 in the “goal-line stand” game vs. Penn State.

ATTENDANCE: 74,383 (sellout)

FINAL RECORDS: Georgia 11-2, Hawai'i 12-1

RECORD IN SUGAR BOWLS: Georgia, ninth appearance (4-5); Hawai'i, first appearance (0-1).

The victory by Georgia was the first by a Southeastern Conference team since Auburn defeated Virginia Tech 16-13 in 2005.

The 41 points by Georgia marked the second straight year that the winning team scored 41 points as LSU also had 41 in a 41-14 victory over Notre Dame in 2007.

The 31-point margin of victory by the Bulldogs was the most since Florida beat Florida State 52-20 in 1997 (32-point margin of victory).

The 35 pass completions by Hawai'i were the most in Sugar Bowl history (LSU 31 vs. Illinois in 2002).

The minus-5 rushing yards by Hawai'i tied a Bowl Championship Series record for least rushing yards in a game (-5 by Stanford vs. Wisconsin in the 2000 Rose Bowl).

The 57 total pass attempts by Hawai'i set a BCS game record (53 by LSU vs. Illinois in the 2002 Sugar Bowl).

The 35 total pass completions by Hawai'i tied a BCS game record (35 by Michigan vs. Alabama in the 2000 Orange Bowl).

The four total interceptions thrown by Hawai'i set a BCS game record (three, done four times).

The five combined interceptions thrown by Hawai'i (4) and Georgia (1) tied a BCS game record (5 by Florida (3) and Miami (2) in the 2001 Sugar Bowl).

The six total turnovers by Hawai'i set a BCS game record (five, done twice).

The seven combined turnovers by Hawai'i (6) and Georgia (1) tied a BCS game record (done three times).

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The 38 points scored by Georgia through three quarters was the most since LSU's 41 against Illinois in the 2002 game.

The fumble recovery for a touchdown by Georgia's Marcus Howard for a touchdown in the third quarter was the first TD by fumble recovery since Virginia Tech's Jim Baron returned a fumble 20 yards for a score vs. Texas in 1995.

The fumble return for the score by Howard was the first in any Bowl Championship Series game.

The 24 points scored in the first half by Georgia was the most since West Virginia scored 31 in the first half of the 2006 game vs. Georgia.

Georgia K Brandon Coutu's 52-yard field goal in the second quarter was the longest in a Bowl Championship Series game, breaking the record of Florida's Jeff Chandler, who kicked a 51-yard field goal in the second quarter of the 2001 Sugar Bowl vs. Miami and Jon Peattie's 51-yarder for Miami against Florida State in the 2001 Orange Bowl.

Coutu's kick was the first 50+ yard field goal in the Sugar Bowl since Chandler's kick in 2001.

Georgia TB Knowshon Moreno's two first-quarter touchdown runs was the first time a player had two scores in a single quarter since Darius Reynaud of West Virginia scored on a run and pass reception in the first quarter of the 2006 game vs. Georgia.

The 17 combined points in the first quarter were the most since Notre Dame (14) and LSU (7) combined for 21 points in the first quarter of the 2007 game.

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