

# 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2020 - Mercedes-Benz Superdome - New Orleans, La.  
No. 5 Georgia 26, No. 7 Baylor 14



## Postgame Notes

### Sweet Appearances

With a win in its 11<sup>th</sup> appearance in the Sugar Bowl, Georgia improved its record to 5-6 in the game. With the loss, Baylor fell to 1-1.

### Bulldogs stay unbeaten against the Bears

Georgia improved to 5-0 all-time against Baylor, as Wednesday's win over the Bears was the first since a 15-3 win in Athens in 1989. The Bulldogs are now 32-21-3 all-time in bowls, while Baylor is 13-12.

### Still Streaking

As a program, Georgia has appeared in 23 consecutive bowl games, the second-longest streak in the nation only behind Virginia Tech's 27. The Bulldogs have played in 56 bowl games which is tied for the second most nationally with Texas, while the 32 wins sits at No. 3 all-time nationally.

### You're the Pick-ens

Georgia freshman wide receiver George Pickens was the top target for the Bulldogs through the air, catching quarterback Jake Fromm's first eight completions and nine of the first 10 in all for 136 yards and a touchdown. Pickens finished the night catching a Georgia bowl-record 12 passes for 175 yards, averaging 14.6 yards per catch with a touchdown, being named the Miller-Digby Most Valuable Player of the game.

### Sweet Redemption

Marking his debut in the game with a defeat last season, Georgia head coach Kirby Smart became the second coach in Sugar Bowl history to win the game the very next year. Smart joins former Ohio State coach John Cooper as the only other coach in the game's history to do so, losing to Florida State in 1998 before defeating Texas A&M in 1999. Smart is the 10<sup>th</sup> head coach in Sugar Bowl history to make consecutive trips to the Sugar Bowl.

### Rhule's Debut

With Baylor's defeat tonight, head coach Matt Rhule becomes the 52<sup>nd</sup> head coach to lose his Sugar Bowl debut. With the Bears' loss it's now the fifth consecutive season in which a head coach suffered defeat in his Sugar Bowl debut following Kirby Smart last season, Clemson's Dabo Swinney (2018), Auburn's Gus Malzahn (2017) and Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy (2016). Rhule is the 98<sup>th</sup> different coach to lead a team to the game.

### Fromm Way Downtown

Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm helped lead Georgia to the Sugar Bowl win finishing the night going 20-for-30 for 250 yards and two touchdowns. Fromm has thrown for at least 200 yards seven times this season, with six games throwing for 250 yards or more. Fromm improved his career record to 35-7 as a starter for the Bulldogs.

### Power Surge

Baylor redshirt freshman punter Isaac Power was called upon early and often in Wednesday night's contest, producing six punts for 297 yards, averaging 49.5 yards per punt. By the end of the night he finished with seven punts for 344 yards, averaging 49.1 yards per punt, with a long punt of 56 yards. The 49.1 yards per punt average for Baylor is fifth all-time in Sugar Bowl history.

### Top 10 Toppling

The Georgia Bulldogs are 8-5 against top 10 teams under Kirby Smart, with a 3-1 record this season.

### Tough Sledding

Baylor was the first team since LSU in the 2012 Sugar Bowl to be shutout in the first half. The Bears ran 33 plays for 97 yards through the first two quarters of the contest and six first downs. However, Baylor cracked the scoreboard on the opening drive of the second half, going on an eight-play, 75-yard drive to put the score at 19-7 in favor of Georgia.

### Dual-Threat Brewer

Baylor junior quarterback Charlie Brewer threw and ran for a touchdown in a game for the eighth time this season for the Bears. Brewer finished the game going 24-41 for 211 yards, a touchdown and an interception, while rushing nine times for seven yards and a score.

### Turnovers Bear Brunt For Baylor

Baylor had three turnovers in the Sugar Bowl, losing for the first time this season when committing three or more in a game.

### Big Play Bulldogs

Georgia finishes the season with 48 plays of 25 yards or more this season, having plays of 46, 27 and 27 yards against Baylor. The Bulldogs scored on a 27-yard play, the third touchdown play of 21-30 yards for Georgia this season.

### Chalk one up for the SEC

Tonight's matchup was the fourth between Big 12 and SEC teams under an agreement that runs through 2025 between the two conferences and 15<sup>th</sup> since the two conferences formed. Georgia's win is the first for an SEC team since Alabama's win in 2018, while the Big 12 holds a 9-6 advantage in all-time meetings in the Sugar Bowl.

### Random Stat History

In the first 85 editions of the Sugar Bowl, the higher-ranked team has posted a 50-35-1 record - however, over the past four decades (since 1980), the higher-seeded team only has a 21-19-1 advantage. The higher-ranked team has posted a 6-7 mark in Wednesday Sugar Bowls. Georgia is 2-1 in Wednesday Sugar Bowls, winning tonight, defeating North Carolina in the 1947 game and losing to Arkansas in the 1969 contest.

### 500 Yards of Offense?

After four straight years of seeing a team surpass the 500-yard mark in total offense, the last three Sugar Bowls have been more defensive minded. Two years ago, Alabama and Clemson combined for just 449 yards as the Crimson Tide won 24-6. Last year's game saw Texas top Georgia, 28-21, with the teams combining for 639 total yards - the Longhorns managed 355 yards and the Bulldogs had 284. Tonight, Georgia and Baylor combined for 675 yards of offense, with 380 for the Bulldogs to 295 for the Bears. Only 12 of the 170 Sugar Bowl teams have tallied 500 yards of offense in the game.

### Scoreless Finale

Neither team found the end zone in the final quarter of the contest Wednesday. The last time two teams failed to score in the fourth quarter in the Sugar Bowl came in the College Football Playoff Semifinal between Alabama and Clemson in 2018.