



2006 Rose Bowl Texas 41, USC 38

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1963 Head coach: Darrell Royal
Record: 11-0 (7-0, SWC)
Cotton Bowl: No. 1 Texas 28,
No. 2 Navy 6

1969 Head coach: Darrell Royal
Record: 11-0 (7-0, SWC)
Cotton Bowl: No. 1 Texas 21,
No. 9 Notre Dame 17

1970 Head coach: Darrell Royal
Record: 10-1 (7-0, SWC)
Cotton Bowl: No. 6 Notre Dame 24,
No. 1 Texas 11

2005 Head coach: Mack Brown
Record: 13-0 (8-0, Big 12)
Rose Bowl: No. 2 Texas 41,
No. 1 USC 38

Perfect 10

Dazzling Young leads Horns to national title in a classic

By CHIP BROWN
Austin Bureau

PASADENA, Calif. — With everything crashing around him, Vince Young kept dancing the giddy-up, smiling and nodding like a bobblehead and clapping his hands.

Texas punt return specialist Aaron Ross fumbled. So did running backs Jamaal Charles and Ramonce Taylor. Selvin Young was stuffed on fourth-and-inches. Kicker David Pino missed an extra point early and a 31-yard field goal attempt in the fourth quarter. Linebacker Robert Killebrew drew his sixth and seventh personal fouls of the season.

The UT defense gave up big plays to USC's Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush and former Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart and took debilitating stiff-arms from bruiser LenDale White.

No matter. Young scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns, including a fourth-down, 8-yard sprint to history with 19 seconds left, to help Texas erase a 12-point deficit in the final 6:38 for a 41-38 Rose Bowl victory and its first national title in 36 years.

"I told the kids in pregame: 'I've been planning this for 33 years,'" Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Now, I really don't know what to say."

When Texas was done swimming against what many deemed a USC title wave, the Longhorns had finished off a season-long flow session 13-0 and more to look forward to next season if Young — the Rose Bowl offensive MVP — returns for his senior year.

Gone were the Trojans' 34-game winning streak, a string of two straight national titles and all the mystique ESPN tried to convince the world was impenetrable.

"We had plenty of chances to win," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "It was a fantastic job by Texas. Hats off to Mack. It's been wonderful doing what we've been doing. It's too bad it had to end. We just couldn't get it done."

No matter how dire the situation throughout the game, Young flapped his arms for more sound in a flashbulb-popping Rose Bowl stadium. He broke his school record for consecutive pass completions with 15 (including the final

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Why UT won

Vince Young has no fear, and literally dragged his team to victory as players made mistake after mistake in the first half and the defense gave up big play after big play.

Why USC lost

The Trojans could not take advantage of Texas mistakes. The Longhorns had four fumbles but lost only one.



PAUL SAKUMA/Associated Press

Texas quarterback Vince Young glides in for the winning touchdown on fourth down with 19 seconds left. Young rushed for 200 yards, passed for 267 more and scored three times as UT won the national title.

VINCE YOUNG BY THE NUMBERS

Completion percentage

75.0

40 passes, 30 completions

Passing yards

267

6.7 yards per pass

Rushing yards

200

10.5 yards per rush

Touchdowns

3

Three rushing TDs

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TIM COWLISHAW

This show belongs to Vince

PASADENA, Calif. — For the second time in 369 days, the best player on the mighty Rose Bowl stage was Texas quarterback Vince Young.

Against Michigan, he won a big, big game. Against Southern Cal, he fortified his legacy.

As if his 372 yards rushing and passing against Michigan were not enough, Young, magically, was even better Wednesday night in delivering the greatest quarterbacking performance in Rose Bowl history. With that, he delivered a national championship to the University of Texas as the Longhorns rallied to knock off No. 1 Southern Cal, 41-38, for the BCS title.

In the granddaddy of them all, Vince Young was Southern Cal's daddy.

USC's 34-game winning streak is history. Texas' 20-game winning streak is up and running.

And no one runs quite like Young, who dashed past the Trojans for 200 yards on the ground,

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KEVIN SHERRINGTON

For Texas, this has to rank No. 1

PASADENA, Calif. — In the storied history of the University of Texas football program, claims to glory stand resolute.

Darrell Royal's three national titles. The Big Shootout.

A couple of Heisman trophies. The "impossible catch."

The Wishbone.

But nothing compares to this 41-38 victory Wednesday in the Rose Bowl.

Not when you consider the hype going in. Not when you consider the era.

Not when you realize it had been 35 years since Texas made this kind of history.

Not when you consider Vince Young's performance for the ages in a game that more than lived up to its buildup, obliterating a great USC team's seemingly insurmountable lead as well as its 34-

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