

1963 Army vs. Navy • SECOND SEASON Pro Football Game

The 1963 Army-Navy game was arguably the most memorable game ever played in the long and storied tradition of this classic inter-service match-up. Navy, ranked #2 in the nation, was matched against a similarly-talented 7-2 Army squad, with the winner headed to the Cotton Bowl to face #1 ranked Texas on New Year's Day. The game was scheduled for the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 30th.

But on November 22nd, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. With the nation in the throes of shock and grief, cancellation of the game seemed the logical thing to do. However, JFK's widow Jackie Kennedy, insisted that the President--a huge fan of college football, and a Navy war hero--would have wanted the game to be played. So it was rescheduled for December 7th--Pearl Harbor Day, another day of remembering heartache and loss. With over 100,000 fans in attendance, the Army-Navy game served as both a memorial to the President and a respite for the nation.

It was an incredible game, with a remarkable ending.

Navy was led by its Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, Roger Staubach. As prolific with his legs as he was with his passing arm, most expected Staubach to have his way with the Army defense that afternoon. But an alternate hero surfaced for the Middies that day in bruising fullback Pat Donnelly. Donnelly was sent plunging relentlessly into the Cadet line, scoring three touchdowns as Navy seized a 21-7 lead.



Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh (#16) motions to the referee that his team can't hear the signals. Expecting timeout to be called, Army inadvertently allowed the clock to run out as it sat poised to score the winning touchdown!

That's when Army quarterback Carl "Rollie" Stichweh took over. In the closing minutes, Stichweh calmly led Army on a deliberate scoring drive, crashing over himself from the one yard-line for the touchdown. Stichweh snuck into the end zone for the two-point conversion, too, making it 21-15 with five minutes to play. Army coach Paul Dietzel then gambled on an onside kick: it worked, recovered by--who else?--Rollie Stichweh.

Stichweh then set his sights on the end zone again. He found Don Parcells on a pass play for a first down at the Navy seven yard-line. Two plays gained four yards. No timeouts remaining for Army, the clock was running, twenty seconds to play, and the crowd was roaring. Stichweh couldn't be heard above the din, and looked to the officials for help. Thinking that the officials would stop the clock while the noise abated, Stichweh and the rest of the Army offense waited patiently. Then--it was over. The official handed the ball to Navy's captain, Tom Lynch, and Army never got the chance to run what could have been the game-winning play.

Here are a couple notes as you replay this game on your tabletop with SECOND SEASON...

New rules were instituted in '63 that dramatically limited player substitution. It was, essentially, one-platoon football. Most players had to play both ways, at least to some extent, but they were allowed to take breathers and re-enter the game, in limited fashion. We tried to reflect this as best we could with our team sheets. It's not a perfect depiction, but we feel it'll do a respectable job in terms of realism.

Along those lines, we want to acknowledge that statistics, lineups and full rosters were difficult to come by. I did the best I could on short notice--unfortunately, this idea didn't come to me until just a few days before the newsletter was due, so I scrambled to put it together. Here are some of the web resources I referenced...

<https://forwhattheygave.com/2013/05/10/1963-team>: an incredible collection of newspaper clippings and personal remembrances.

<https://www.sports-reference.com/cfb/schools/army/1963.html>: official (limited) statistics from Army's 1963 season.

<https://www.sports-reference.com/cfb/schools/navy/1963.html>: official (limited) statistics from Navy's 1963 season.

While Navy was considered a passing team, in reality they ran twice as much as they passed, averaging 20 passes per game. Army was even more run-oriented, with roughly six run plays for every pass. For Army, the "probable pass play" defense setting will see very little use. Virtually all automated play calls will be in the "normal" setting. For "audible" calls for Army, re-roll on the "short yardage" setting instead of the "audible" column. If a second audible call is rolled, THEN roll again on the "audible" column.

One final note: Army's Curt Lindler is at the top of the pass finder column (1-4), and is listed with an R rating of "1." That is correct--according to official statistics, Lindler caught fourteen passes for fourteen yards. I guess they were mostly screen passes, with some big losses.

In any case, I'm confident that you'll have a realistic re-creation of this historic game with the materials we've prepared for you. If you have any questions or comments, just let us know. The e-mail address is [info @ play.com](mailto:info@play.com)

Here's wishing you and your loved ones a safe, healthy, and heart-warming Thanksgiving, from all of us in the PLAAY family!

Keith Avallone
PLAAY Games LLC
Thanksgiving, 2020

INT A-D Stichweh 1-4 Lindler 5-8 Peterson 9-11 Waldrop 12-14 Parcells 15-16 Biers'mtt 17-18 Hawkins 19-20	INT E-K Nowak 1-4 Paske 5-8 Schillo 9-12 Zadel 13-16 Cunn'hm 17-20	SACK Grasfelder 1-3 Schillo 4-6 Zadel 7-9 Nowak 10-12 Chescavage 13-14 Vaughan 15-16	Cunningham 17 Paske 18 Stowers 19 Sherell 20 Kempinski 20	KICK RET Waldrop 1-5 Smith 6-10 Hawkins 11-15 Seymour 16-20	PUNT RET Waldrop 1-5 Smith 6-10 Hawkins 11-15 Seymour 16-20	RET Ken Waldrop Tom Smith Ray Hawkins John Seymour	KR 25* 27*† 21 18	PR 6* 8*† 7 5
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[NC] TEAM DEFENSE Y: [+1] FUMBLES: [B] PENALTIES: [B]

A [HB] 2- / 1 Dick Peterson 1 / 1- Don Parcells 1 / 1 Johnny Johnson†	B [S] 2- / 1 Ken Waldrop 1 / 1 Jim Bierschmitt 1 / 1 Frank Cosentino	C [S] 1+ / 1 ⚡ Carl Stichweh 1 / 1 Jim Bierschmitt	D [HB] 1+ / 1 Curt Lindler 1- / 1 Ray Hawkins 1 / 2- Tom Smith†
E [OLB] 2- / 2 Tom Cunningham 1 / 1 Chet Kempinski 1 / 1 Johnny Johnson†		F [MLB] 1+ / 2 ⚡ Dick Nowak 0 / 1 Gregg Steele	
G [OLB] 1 / 1 Ray Paske 1 / 1 Bill Sherell		©2020 PLAAY Games LLC	
H [DE] 1† / 1+ Ed Schillo 1- / 1 Bill Chescavage 0+ / 1 Ed Unruh	I [DT] 1 / 1+ Lee Grasfeder 1 / 1 John Carber	J [DT] 1 / 2- Gwynn Vaughan 1 / 1 Sonny Stowers	K [DE] 1† / 2- Bill Zadel 1- / 1 Sam Bartholomew

1963 Army DEFENSE

† Ed Schillo and Bill Zadel are rated 2 / 2 in PASS defense; Tom Smith scores TOUCHDOWN on any PUNT RETURN over 30 yards; Tom Smith and Johnny Johnson did not play in Navy game, injured.

1963 Army OFFENSE

† Carl Stichweh is given an IN grade of C and may run five times per half; Don Parcells is given an OU grade of B for first three carries; Curt Lindler is given an OU grade of A for first three carries; Tom Smith and Johnny Johnson did not play in Navy game, injured.

TA [OT] 1 / 1+ Ed Schillo 1 / 1 John Carber 1 / 0+ Tom Kerns	GA [G] 1+ / 2 ⚡ Dick Nowak 1 / 1 Sonny Stowers	CE [C] 1 / 1 Lee Grasfeder 1 / 1 Gwynn Vaughan	GB [G] 1 / 2 Tom Cunningham 1 / 1 Gwynn Vaugh	TB [OT] 1 / 2- Bill Zadel 1 / 1 Chet Kempinski 1 / 0+ Tom Kerns
EA [SE] R 1 / 1 ⚡ Sam Champi 11 1- / 1 Bill Chescavage (7) 1- / 1 Sam Bartholomew (9)	QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU 1 / 1 ⚡ Carl Stichweh D 3 4 10 AA*† 1 / 1 Frank Cosentino A 0 12 13 AAAA 0 / 1 Tony Pyra Z 0 12 9 D	EC [TE] R 1- / 1 Bill Sherrell -- 0+ / 1 Ed Unruh (26) 1 / 1 Chet Kempinski --		
SB [RB] IN OU R 1- / 2 Ken Waldrop B* A* 6 0+ / 1 John Seymour D C (16) 0 / 1 Curt Lindler D D† 1 1 / 1+ Tom Smith† (C) (AAAA) --	FB [FB] IN OU R 0 / 1 Ray Paske A C (6) 1 / 1- Don Parcells D D† (20) 0 / 1 Gregg Steele (C) (C) --	EB [HB] R 1 / 1- Don Parcells (20) 0 / 1 Curt Lindler 1 1- / 1 Ray Hawkins (9)		

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PK Dick Heydt	XP A	FG A	LFG +40[D]	KO D	INSIDE Waldrop 1-7 Paske 8-14 Parcells 15 Lindler 16 Seymour 17 Steele 18 [QB] 19-20	OUTSIDE Waldrop 1-5 Parcells 6-7 Lindler 8-9 Seymour 10-11 Smith 12 Paske 13 [QB] 14-20	SC-SH-MED Lindler 1-4 Champi 5-8 Waldrop 9-11 Seymour 12-13 Barth'mw 14-15 Parcells 16-17 Paske 18 Chescavage 19	LONG Champi 1-6 Seymour 7-11 Parcells 12-16 Unruh 17-20 ----- Unruh 20 Smith 20 Johnson 20 Hawkins 20	PU Frank Cosentino	AVG RET COF BLK 40 C C B
[+7] TEAM OFFENSE FUMBLES: [B] PENALTIES: [C]					KICKOFF COV [B] PUNT COV [B]					

INT A-D
Orlosky 1-5
Earnest 6-10
Orr 11-15
Ounts'th 16-20

INT E-K
Lynch 1-10
Krekich 11-15
Kellner 16-20

SACK
Lynch 1-6
Krekich 7-11
Marlin 12-14
Kellner 15-16
Henderson 17
Markoff 18
Paskewich 19
Campbell 20

KICK RET
Earnest 1-7
Sai 8-14
Orlosky 15-17
Orr 18-20

PUNT RET
Earnest 1-5
Sai 6-10
Orlosky 11-15
Orr 16-20

RET
Dick Earnest
John Sai
Bob Orlosky
Ed Orr

KR
20*
18*†
23
19

PR
7*
6†
6
5

[NC] TEAM DEFENSE Y: [NC] FUMBLES: [B] PENALTIES: [B]

A [HB]
1+ / 2 Dick Earnest
0+ / 1 Phil Norton

B [S]
2- / 1 Bob Orlosky
0+ / 1 Bruce Abel

C [S]
2 / 2- Ed Orr
1 / 0+ Roger Staubach

D [HB]
1- / 1 Jim Ounsworth
1 / 1+ John Sai

E [OLB]
1 / 1 Nick Markoff
1- / 1 Jim Campbell

F [MLB]
2- / 2 ♣ Tom Lynch
1 / 1 Bob Wittenberg

G [OLB]
1 / 1 Kip Paskewich
1 / 1 Gary Kellner

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H [DE]
1 / 1 Gary Kellner
1 / 1 Neil Henderson

I [DT]
2 / 1+ Alex Krekich
1 / 1 Tom Holden

J [DT]
1 / 2 Fred Marlin
1 / 1 Bob Wittenberg

K [DE]
1 / 1 Neil Henderson
1 / 1 Dave Sjuggerud

1963 Navy DEFENSE

† John Sai scores TOUCHDOWN on any KICKOFF or PUNT return over 40 yards.

1963 Navy OFFENSE

† Roger Staubach is given a Y grade of 3 in second half and may run six times per half;
Nick Markoff is given an IN grade of A for first four carries.

TA [OT]
2 / 1 Alex Krekich
1 / 1 Tom Holden

GA [G]
2- / 1 Jim Freeman
1 / 1 Dave Sjuggerud

CE [C]
2- / 2 ♣ Tom Lynch
1 / 1 Bob Wittenberg

GB [G]
1 / 1 Fred Marlin
1 / 1 Dave Sjuggerud

TB [OT]
1 / 1 Pat Philbin
1 / 1 Bob Wittenberg

EA [WR] R
2 / 1 Ed Orr 13*
0+ / 1 Gary Kellner 14

QB [QB] CMP X Y Q OU
2 / 2 ▶▶ Roger Staubach AAA 3 4† 13 A†
0+ / 1 Bruce Abel E 3 7 20 C
1- / 1 Norm Radtke D 0 5 10 B

EC [TE] R
1 / 1 Dave Sjuggerud 11
1+ / 0 Neil Henderson 22

SB [RB] IN OU R
1 / 1+ John Sai B B (18)
1- / 1 Bob Orlosky (E) (E) --
1- / 1 Jim Ounsworth (B) (B) (7)

FB [FB] IN OU R
1 / 2- ♣ Pat Donnelly AA B 13
0+ / 1 Nick Markoff D† C (9)
1- / 1 Kip Paskewich D E (19)

EB [FL] R
1 / 0+ Jim Campbell 12
1- / 1 Dick Earnest (12)

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PK
Fred Marlin

XP FG LFG KO
B C +40[D] D

INSIDE Donnelly 1-7
Paskewich 8-11
Markoff 12-15
Sai 16-18
Ounsworth 19
[QB] 20

OUTSIDE Sai 1-4
Donnelly 5-6
Orlosky 7
[QB] 8-20

SC-SH-MED Orr 1-5
Donnelly 6-7
Sjuggerud 8-9
Campbell 10-11
Kellner 12-13
Hend'son 14-15
Sai 16
Paskewich 17
Markoff 18
Earnest 19
Ounsworth 20

LONG Orr 1-4
Campbell 5-7
Kellner 8-11
Hend'rsn 12-18
Sai 19-20

PU
Bob Orlosky

AVG RET COF BLK
39 C C B

KICKOFF COV [C] PUNT COV [C]

[+2] TEAM OFFENSE FUMBLES: [B] PENALTIES: [B]