

LSU, SYRACUSE BATTLE IN SUGAR BOWL TODAY

Tulane Announces Withdrawal from SEC Tigers Pick by 5 and 1-2

DIVORCE DUE IN JUNE 1966

Announcement Is Made by Dr. Longenecker

By BOB ROESLER
Tulane is going to withdraw from the Southeastern Conference.

The decision to divorce itself from the sprawling and powerful Dixie football family was announced late Thursday by Tulane president Dr. Herbert E. Longenecker.

"Tulane will withdraw from the Southeastern Conference in June, 1966 in order to broaden its football schedule making patterns," Longenecker said.

"The change in Tulane policy was made after much consideration and with reluctance because of our long and pleasant associations in the Southeastern Conference, which we plan to continue as closely as possible," added Dr. Longenecker who is also vice-president of the SEC.

The statement ended a long guessing game begun recently when Tulane announced its 1965 and 1966 schedules. The 1965 slate included six conference opponents, but the '66 one had only three SEC teams, Vanderbilt, Florida and LSU.

The conference was supposed to discuss the Tulane situation at its January meeting scheduled in Atlanta.

Tulane was a charter member of the SEC which was formed at Knoxville, Tenn., on Dec. 8, 1932. On that date, 13 members of the 28-school Southern Conference decided to form the new league.

The original 13 were Tulane, Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Louisiana State University, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Sewanee, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

Sewanee withdrew on Dec. 13, 1940 and the SEC family remained unchanged until last January when Georgia Tech decided to go independent.

During those years Tulane claimed at least a share of the football championship three times. They are listed as co-champions with Alabama in 1934 and with Tennessee and Georgia Tech in 1939.

The Wave was undisputed champion in 1949.

Here is Dr. Longenecker's statement:

"Tulane University has changed in the past two decades from an institution, drawing its students mostly from the area to one attracting students from all states of the nation. The purposes of the university, for this reason, will be better served by scheduling inter-sectional games. We also wish to have freedom to design schedules that will improve our competitive position and avoid the overload situation Tulane has experienced in recent years.

"There is no intention on the part of Tulane University to de-emphasize football, basketball or any of the other sports. We will maintain our grant-in-aid program at the present level and continue playing first rate teams of first rate universities.

"It will require several years before the new schedule pattern can be completely worked out. However, substantial improvement has been made as far ahead as 1970, and will include L.S.U., Stanford, University of Virginia, Georgia Tech, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Florida, University of Georgia, Vanderbilt, University of Illinois, Notre Dame, University of Miami and the University of Pittsburgh."

In September, 1963, Tulane announced its intention to remain in the Southeastern Conference while continuing to study the effects of changes that might occur both within and outside of the Conference.

Tulane has had so many years of close association with the universities in the Southeastern Conference that we do not withdraw casually," Dr. Longenecker said. "Over the years," he added, "these institutions have grown together in many ways, and the conference has been useful in bringing together institutional

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The Countdown Nears Zero Hour for LSU, Syracuse Gridders



IT'LL BE EAST AGAINST SOUTH IN TODAY'S SUGAR BOWL'S 31ST GRID SPECTACULAR

Will Syracuse's Indian Skin...



Labruzzo Is Aching to Have a Good Day Against Syracuse

Whole Season Has Been Downhill for Joe

By BUDDY DILIBERTO
Before the season, there was every indication one of LSU's chief weapons would be the breakaway threat of Joe Labruzzo.

But it didn't work out like that. Labruzzo's longest run from scrimmage was 27 yards and he returned a kickoff 31 yards. That's quite a drop down for the sensational sophomore of a year ago.

In 1963, Labruzzo opened with an 83-yard punt return against Texas A&M, had 20-yard runs against Rice and Kentucky, an 81-yard punt return against Ole Miss, and a 42-yard kickoff return and a 45-yard scoring jaunt against TCU.

Labruzzo gave every indication he'd be the most exciting runner in Tiger town since Billy Cannon and, because of his amazing balance, possibly more spectacular.

Friday, Labruzzo will be

matched against Syracuse's Floyd Little. Labruzzo's statistics are pale, compared to Little's. Little Joe has scored only one touchdown. Little has tallied 12—one more than the entire LSU team. Labruzzo gained 385 yards, Little 828.

But still many Tiger fans insist that on "his day" Joe Labruzzo is a match for Floyd Little or any other college back. "I've read and heard so much about Little that I'm aching to have a good day," said Labruzzo. "This game means a lot to me, just as it means to the rest of the guys."

Fumbles have plagued Labruzzo all season.

"I'm not certain what's happening," said Labruzzo, "maybe I'm too conscious of holding on to the ball. I've never fumbled like this in my life."

Coach Charley McClendon is depending on Labruzzo to find himself in the Sugar Bowl.

"Joe's overdue to break one off," said McClendon. "Many times this year he has been a

step away from going all the way. In the open field, Labruzzo is as exciting a runner as there is in college football."

Labruzzo, at 5-foot-9 and 175 pounds, does not stack up size-wise with Billy Cannon and Jerry Stovall, a couple of extraordinary LSU left halfbacks of recent vintage. But neither Cannon nor Stovall could match Labruzzo in balance.

"Joe needs some help to get into the secondary," said McClendon. "He's not going to run over those big linemen and make his own hole. But give him a little room and he can match strides with anybody."

Labruzzo grew up in the French Quarter and in many ways, Friday will be homecoming for the little speedster.

"It's obvious what a good game here Friday would mean to me," said Labruzzo, "and I'm determined to have a good game."

Labruzzo played his best

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Green Wave, Fighting Irish Ink Contract for Games in '69 and '71

First Game Will Be Held in New Orleans

By BOB ROESLER
Tulane and Notre Dame have put the seal of approval on a home-and-home football series.

Dr. Rix Yard, Tulane's athletic director who has been working on the deal for almost 11 months, made the announcement Thursday.

The first game will be played in New Orleans on Oct. 25, 1969.

Tulane will return the visit, appearing in South Bend on Nov. 13, 1971.

"We are very happy and delighted to have Notre Dame back on Tulane's schedule," Yard said. "I know this will

be a great inter-sectional series and one of special interest to our New Orleans

Looking Back

In The Times-Picayune Files

FIVE YEARS AGO
Ole Miss rolls past LSU 21-0, in Sugar Bowl as Bobby Franklin passes for two touchdowns.

TEN YEARS AGO
Joe Gattuso scores two touchdowns as Navy beats Ole Miss, 21-0, in the Sugar Bowl.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Duke edges Alabama, 29-26, in Sugar Bowl.

area fans.

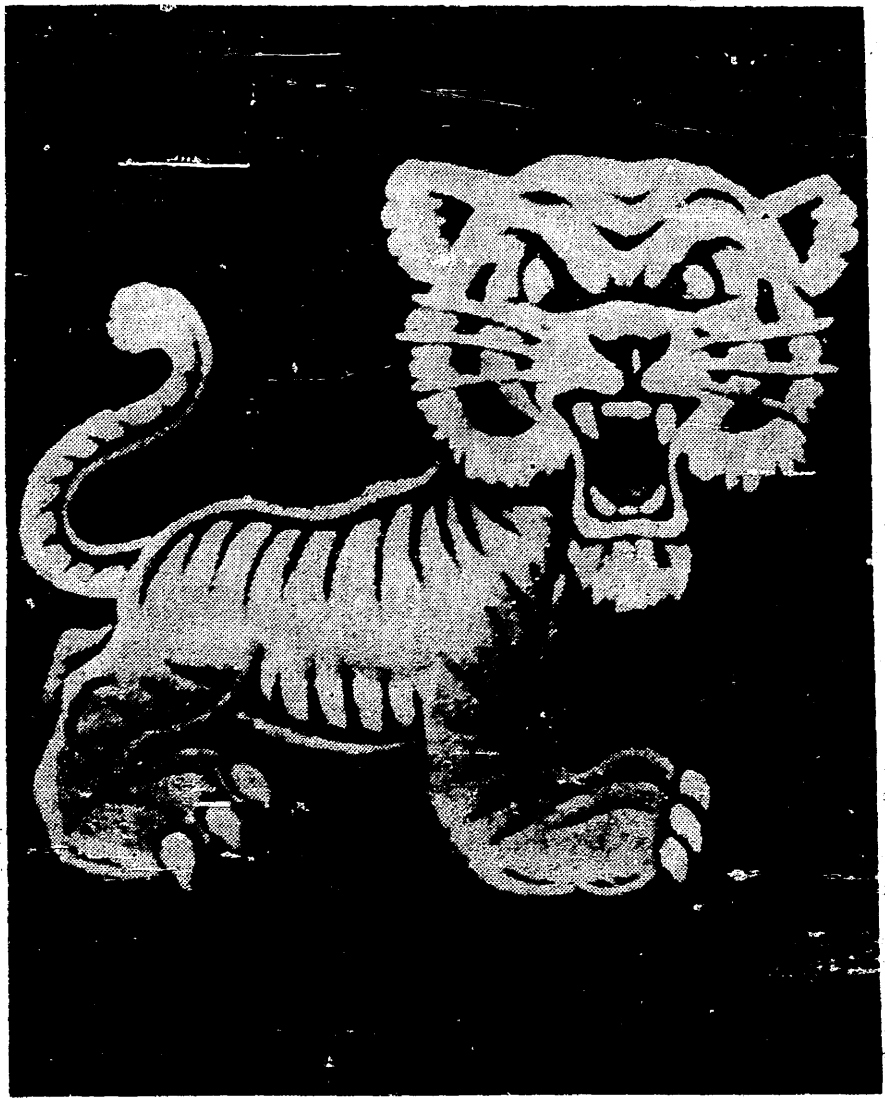
"We have been working on this with Ed Krause (Irish athletic director) for quite a while. The dates have been arranged for some time now. The final details have been ironed out now and it's all official."

The Green Wave has played Notre Dame six times, and while never tasting victory, the series has been magic at the Willow st. turnstiles.

Tulane first met the Irish in 1944, bowing out, 26-0. The next year, ND breezed, 32-6; took the 1946 contest, 41-0, and roared home a 59-6 winner in 1947.

Notre Dame won the 1949 game, 46-7, and triumphed, 13-9, in 1950. The series came to an end after that one.

... LSU's Fighting Tiger Today?



No Threat of Rain for 31st Game

By BOB ROESLER
The immovable object (Louisiana State) meets the irresistible force (Syracuse) Friday in the 31st annual Sugar Bowl.

And beginning shortly after the 1 p. m. kickoff "somethin's gotta give."

The big question is can LSU's defense, one of the best in the nation, put the brakes on Syracuse's tremendous rushing game which is second to none in these United States?

Professional oddsmakers have made the Bayou Bengals the favorites by five and one-half points.

Both teams stumbled in their

The Records

SYRACUSE	LSU	U. S. A.
14 Boston Col. 21 9	21 9	4
34 Holy Cross 6 20	6 20	3
39 U. C. Santa Barbara 0 27	0 27	2
21 Penn State 14 3	14 3	3
13 Oregon State 31 11	31 11	10
27 Pittsburgh 15 14	15 14	10
27 Army 15 14	15 14	10
27 Va. Tech 15 13	15 13	10
27 W. Virginia 15 13	15 13	10
27 Florida 15 13	15 13	10

last outings — LSU falling to Florida, 20-6, and the Orange-men bowing to West Virginia, 28-27. LSU finished a 7-2-1 slate; while Syracuse was 7-3.

Those two performances hit the Sugar Bowl where it hurts — at the gate. Despite that, Mid-Winter Sports Association brass are predicting a crowd between 65,000 and 68,000 to file into the 82,000-seat stadium.

A very cooperative weatherman has ordered cloudy skies and temperatures in the high 70's by kickoff time with no mention of rain.

Tiger fans have been wondering just how sound quarterback Pat Screen will be for the battle with the perennially powerful New Yorkers.

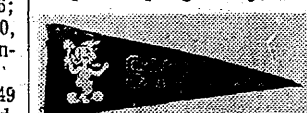
Coach Charlie McClendon says that the gifted runner-passer from New Orleans is ready. However, Billy Ezell, the junior from Greenville, Miss., has been named to start against the Irish.

"Ezell is starting," McClendon said Thursday, "but we're



looking for Screen to play as much as Ezell."

Syracuse skipper Ben Schwartzwalder, the tough little ex-paratrooper, has spent long days at his Pensacola training camp attempting to improve his



passing attack. He's moved regular quarterback Walley Mahle, a pretty good runner, to right halfback and worked Rich King as signal caller.

Still, the move was not officially sanctioned. "I'm still not sure just what the quarterback-right halfback combination will be," Schwartzwalder said late Thursday.

"King is a better aerialist than Mahle and Schwartz hopes the senior from Ransomville, N.Y., will be able to keep the LSU defenses honest and take a little pressure off those explosive runners. All-American halfback Floyd Little and bull-like fullback Jim Nance.

Little, only a sophomore, has rushed for 828 yards and a dozen touchdowns. Nance, 226-pound NCAA wrestling champion, has gained 951 yards and chalked up 13 TD's. That allowed him to finish in the No. 5 spot in the national rankings for those two departments.

Syracuse wound up with 2,510 yards rushing. No other major college was able to do as good.

Stadium gates will open at 11 a. m., and early arrivals will be entertained by the American Legion, LSU and Syracuse bands and many other activities including the 12:45 p. m. crowning of Sugar Bowl queen Lynn Baughman by Bowl president Theo Maumus.

The probable starting offensive line

LSU	Syracuse
1. T. F. (77)	1. T. F. (77)
2. T. F. (78)	2. T. F. (78)
3. T. F. (79)	3. T. F. (79)
4. T. F. (80)	4. T. F. (80)
5. T. F. (81)	5. T. F. (81)
6. T. F. (82)	6. T. F. (82)
7. T. F. (83)	7. T. F. (83)
8. T. F. (84)	8. T. F. (84)
9. T. F. (85)	9. T. F. (85)
10. T. F. (86)	10. T. F. (86)