

Army nips Air Force, 21-20, in exciting Elephant Bowl

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The Army team began the Elephant Bowl with a long pass to Larry Gallego, but the Air Force finished with a late rally, but the Army won the charity game, 21-20.

It was a matter of one team winning one half and one the other, with the halftime score being 14-6 in favor of the Army. Larry Gallego was the leading rusher for the Army. The 6-0, 185-pound fullback carried the ball 11 times for 60 yards and a touchdown. He kicked off and handled the placement duties, in addition to playing defense in short yardage situations.

Severn Smith took over the quarterbacking duties from the injured Charles Rothe in the first quarter, and the 6-1, 175-pounder completed seven of 16 passes for 113 yards and a touchdown. For the Air Force, quarterback Benny Jubela was the big play, hitting on eight of 23 aerials for 51 yards and two touch-

downs. He kept the ball 11 times for 62 yards to be the game's leading rusher.

Rob Rogers helped to spark the Air Force offense, hauling in four passes for 40 yards and two touchdowns. He returned three kickoffs for 75 yards.

The biggest play of the night came early in the opening period. On third and 18, Rothe rolled to the left and hit wingback Henry Ostermann, who dashed 81 yards to give the Army an early advantage. Gallego's conversion made it 7-0 with two minutes gone.

The Air Force seniors bounced back, moving from their own 25 to the Army 33 in eight plays and a penalty. They were forced to punt, giving up the ball at the eight.

Fourteen plays showed Gallego's running ability, coupled with Smith's throwing accuracy, but the movement bogged down at the Air Force 47. Jimmy Schell was back to punt, but the pass from center went over his

head, and he recovered it at the 12 for a loss of 41 yards.

Jubela threw long for Rogers, but the pass was too far in front of the 6-3, 187-pound flanker. A pair of dive plays by fullback Bryan Akin gained nothing, with fine defense being provided by Gallego and Mike Weynand. On fourth down, Jubela decided to try the wide side of the field, but Tommy Potthoff caught him for a two-yard loss.

Following an Army punt, the Air Force drove from their 42 to within 11 yards of a touchdown. On fourth and one, Jubela threw a flare pass to John Griffin, but he was trapped for a loss.

The Army took over on their own 15 and drove 85 yards in 12 plays for the score. A 36 yard pass from Smith to Jim Brown moved the ball from the Air Force 48 to the 12. This set up an eight yard run on a broken play by Smith. Gallego sprinted off left end for the touchdown. He kicked the extra point with

4:35 left in the half to make it 14-0.

Once again the Air Force stormed back, but this time they weren't denied. A 15-yard personal foul and a 31-yard pass interference penalty helped them along, but the touchdown came on a four-yard pass from Jubela to Rogers. Freddie Powers' run for the two-point conversion was smeared, and the halftime score was 14-6 with 3:13 left before intermission.

Army countered with a drive to the Air Force 21, where Gallego's attempt at a 39-yard field goal was blocked. In the first half, the Army led in first downs 12-7, yards passing, 191-26, and total yardage, 242-35.

Army kept it up early in the second half, scoring after an Air Force punt. A 10-yard run by Gallego, added to the ensuing piling on penalty put the Army at the Air Force 29. Seven plays later, Smith threw to Brown for the score, with 6:30 to play in the third quarter. Gallego kicked

his third conversion to push the total to 21-6.

Still refusing to give up, the Air Force stopped an Army drive after their punter fumbled the pass from center, giving the Army the ball 27 yards away from paydirt. Gallego tried a 45-yard field goal, but it was short.

Air Force went the 80 yards in 15 plays. They were aided by three big penalties. The first was on a roughing penalty when the punter was knocked down on a fourth and 10, giving the Air Force new life. The next one was on a second and eight play. Mike Machala rushed in to hit Jubela for a loss of eight, but a teammate piled on, changing it to third and one from the 20. Then, on a second and 10 from

the 19, Jubela ran for four, but Garry Patterson drew seven for unsportsmanlike conduct. From seven yards away, Jubela found Rogers in the end zone. The quarterback fumbled the snap on the extra point play, leaving it 21-12 with five seconds to go in the period.

Punts were exchanged until 7:48 of the final quarter. The Air Force then moved 66 yards in 12 plays. The longest play was a 16-yard run by Powers. The score came on a seven-yard run by halfback Spike Dayton. The 5-9, 160-pound flash took a handoff and went straight ahead over left guard for the touchdown. Akin rambled over right guard for the bonus points, pulling them within one with 3:38 to play.

After an onside kickoff, the Air Force managed to make Schell punt, but the Army had used up 2:29. Jubela hit Powers for three and Rogers for 12, but he missed Rogers twice and Dayton once to end hopes of a comeback victory.

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DIVING FOR A TOUCHDOWN in Tuesday night's Elephant Bowl charity game in Kyle Field is Army fullback Larry Gallego (81). Pursued here by Air Force defender Clay McKennon (20), Gallego gained 60 yards in 11 carries, kicked three extra points, kicked off and played goal line defense for the Army seniors, who won, 21-20. Proceeds from the game went to the Brazos County Mental Health Association. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

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