

Mobile Sports Mad Libs

Choose a word for each of the parts of speech below. Then take those words and use them to fill in the story on the next page.

1. Color
2. Type of Animal
3. Adjective
4. Adjective
5. Characteristic of a Person
6. Plural Noun
7. Adjective
8. Noun
9. Adjective
10. Past Tense Verb
11. Adjective
12. Body of water
13. Unit of distance
14. Verb
15. Noun
16. Verb ending in –ing
17. Noun
18. Plural Noun



On September 27, 1958, the Paul “Bear” Bryant era of Alabama Football began when The ___(1)___ Tide played the LSU ___(2)___ at Ladd Stadium in Mobile. Paul Bryant came to Alabama after coaching at Maryland, Kentucky, and Texas A&M. Bryant took over an Alabama team that was in ___(3)___ shape. In the three years before Bryant arrived, the Crimson Tide had only won four games. Over the course of his first off-season, Bryant put his team through a ___(4)___ training regimen that weeded out dozens of players and honed the ___(5)___ of the ones that remained. As the Alabama-LSU game approached, several days of rain drenched Mobile. More than 34,000 ___(6)___ filled Ladd Field for the evening game to see the two teams battle it out on the gridiron.

Alabama began using the quick kick and ___(7)___ defensive play to pin the Tigers back and limit LSU's ability to hurt them. In the second quarter, LSU's Billy Cannon seemed to be making his ___(8)___ with a 13-yard run through the middle, but a ___(9)___ hit caused him to fumble. Alabama's Duff Morrison grabbed it out of the air and ___(10)___ 45 yards to the Tigers 5-yard-line. The Tide gained just one yard in three downs and had to settle for a field goal by guard Fred Sington Jr. Still, the ___(11)___ Tide team led the Tiger squad 3-0 at the half.

The ___(12)___ Tigers took the initiative the first time they got the ball after halftime and went 67 yards in 11 plays to score their first touchdown of the night. The drive was topped with a nine-___(13)___ pass from Warren Rabb to Robinson. The Tigers ___(14)___ again at the start of the final quarter. Cannon carried the load on a 44-yard, six play drive finishing it off with an 11 yard run for the score. A missed extra point made it 13-3 where the score would remain at the final whistle.

Alabama would finish 1958 with a 5-4-1 record and a season of ___(15)___ under the ___(16)___ conditions of a Bryant-coached program. In 1959, with the first class of recruits being brought in by the new staff, the Crimson Tide earned a 7-2-2 record and invitation to the first bowl ___(17)___ of the Bryant era. Two years after that, Alabama won the first of six national ___(18)___ under Bryant's 25-year tenure in Tuscaloosa.

