

Football, food, and fun: the Soup Bowl serves up another sweet success



Sophomore **Hayden Reed** catches his first of two touchdowns in the Soup Bowl.

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With one minute and 33 seconds left in the fourth quarter of the 17th annual Gate City Soup Bowl, sophomore quarterback Matt Pawlowski chucked the winning 33-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Hayden Reed.

"It was a feeling of pure elation," said Reed in an email interview. "I was wondering how I was so wide open, and I just couldn't believe that it was me of all people."

"It could have been any one of my teammates, but I was fortunate enough to be the one on the receiving end."

There was more to cheer about than a dramatic victory. Guilford College and Greensboro College combined to donate 7,091 cans of food to the Urban Ministries Food Bank.

"All of the food banks — Second Harvest Food Bank, Urban Ministries Food Bank — their coffers right now are being depleted," said James Shields, director of the Bonner Center of Community Learning. "So this is going to be a big shot in the arm for them."

Donations are vital to struggling Greensboro communities.

"Greensboro-High Point is the fourth largest food insecure city in the country, said Shields. "30 percent of the students in Guilford County Schools are food insecure."

With this in mind, former Greensboro College President Dr. Craven Williams started the Soup Bowl.

"Dr. Williams instituted a football team at Greensboro College," said Dave Walters, assistant athletics director and sports information director. "He wanted to generate some interest and community spirit ... so he came up with this idea of the Soup Bowl."

It was originally known as the Soup Bowl, and then for a time as the "Souper" Bowl.

Later, the schools changed the name back to the Soup Bowl, to avoid copyright infringement with the NFL.

Regardless of the name, the mission has always remained the same.

"We get our players to donate and collect cans," said Chris Barnette, assistant football coach-offensive coordinator. "The soup bowl is a competition within the athletic department, as in which team can collect the most cans."

The Soup Bowl also impacts awareness in the community.

"We can influence one or two people every day to think about hunger and homelessness," said Shields. "To think that you probably drive by a patch of woods every day, not knowing that there are people living in those woods."

"To think twice about not giving to a person who is asking for food or supplies."

As a Hunger Fellow, senior Helen Mandalinic works to bring food to the hungry and promote hunger awareness.

"There are a lot of athletes doing service," Mandalinic said. "I think this is something important; to come together and acknowledge the issues hunger presents."

Every can means that one more person can have a warm meal one night — something many of us take for granted.

"I think we're having fun and everyone is going to donate some food," said sophomore Sam Dawson. "So that's a really good thing."

Johnny Football's wild summer

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After serving a brief suspension, Texas A&M Quarterback Johnny Manziel completed six of eight pass attempts for 96 yards and three touchdowns. He also received one unsportsmanlike penalty for giving an autograph hand gesture to the opposing team.

During the offseason Manziel was accused of signing autographs for money, a possible violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules that led to his feeble suspension.

"Reports labeled it a minor infraction," said Aaron Fetrow, vice president of student affairs and dean of students. "If that is true, I don't think it'll have a lot of impact on his Heisman hopes this year."

The money gesture allowed fans further insight into the inflated ego and lack of maturity of the youngest Heisman Trophy winner.

On top of that, Manziel reportedly was kicked out of a fraternity party at the University of Texas. He also made an early exit from Peyton Manning's passing camp, though the reason was unclear.

"I think (Manziel) makes it through the year without another suspension," said former first baseman Lucas Kempton '01. "The NCAA needs him just like they needed Cam Newton when he broke the rules."

Manziel wasn't elected as a captain by his teammates this season due to his offseason

shenanigans.

"For me, being an athlete in college is a privilege," said senior soccer captain Mike MacVane. "And being the captain of my team is a huge honor. I understand the importance of leading by example. On my team, I take it upon myself to lead the way."

Quarterbacks are normally granted the captaincy of their squad due to the leadership values inherent in their position.

"The leadership of his position requires more awareness of his responsibility to his team, college and the sport," senior Miranda von Salis said.

Before the autograph scandal, Manziel was considered to be a front-runner to win consecutive Heismans. This hasn't been accomplished since Ohio State's Archie Griffin won the trophy in 1974 and 1975.

"If he puts up numbers like he did last year, he should win the Heisman again," said Fetrow.

It now appears that the odds of winning back-to-back awards is not in his favor.

In the game of the week the Aggies welcome the defending national champions, The Alabama Crimson Tide, to College Station, Texas.

Last year, this showdown was where Johnny "Football" earned his fame and nickname with a performance never to be forgotten.

This conference battle is an opportunity for the Aggie Quarterback to exhibit leadership and dissolve the notoriety that he earned during his tumultuous offseason.



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