

ATLANTA TO GREET GEORGIA TECH TEAM

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ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 2 (AP).—Georgia Tech's conquering football heroes, due home next Tuesday after their 8 to 7 victory over California in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena yesterday, will find probably the greatest ovation in the history of Atlanta awaiting them. The blare of brass bands and the cheers of thousands will greet the Golden Tornado, under plans started today.

An indication of what may be expected was expressed in the telegram of Philip H. Alston, president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, to Coach William Alexander, his concluding words being:

"The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce is celebrating with all our people and you and your boys have in store the warmest possible welcome upon your arrival home."

Acting Mayor Claude L. Ashley disclosed that the probable welcome from the city officially would include the participation of the police band, the Fire Department and members of the City Council.

Hundreds of Tech students will have returned from the holidays and they will help make the demonstration one of riotous color, while thousands of alumni, friends and followers of the team, will converge here from every section of the State as well as from distant parts of the South to cheer the team.

The Golden Tornado is the second Southern eleven to play in the colorful Rose Bowl game, Alabama having twice invaded Pasadena. The Crimson Tide defeated the University of Washington Jan. 1, 1926, 20 to 19, and on Jan. 1, 1927, Wallace Wade led his Tuscaloosa squad against Stanford, coming away with a 7 to 7 tie.

Start Return Trip Today.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2 (AP).—Members of the Georgia Tech football team, conquerors of California in the classic Rose Bowl tournament here yesterday, were tourists on the Coast today relieved of the strenuous practice sessions and training rules which had marked their stay.

The Golden Tornado visited San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, returning to this city late tonight. The squad will leave for Georgia tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Sports writers commended the Southerners for following the ball and hail Warner Mizell, Georgia Tech's star halfback, for the dashing runner he proved himself to be, but they all revert to the old story that the breaks decided the game. California got her share of breaks and took advantage of them. In numbers, perhaps these breaks were equally distributed.

The long run of Roy Riegels, California centre, to his own goal line, echoed by the groans of thousands of Bear followers who saw their team go down to an 8 to 7 defeat, re-echoed wherever fans gathered.

Everywhere the luckless miscalculation of the California captain-elect, which paved the way for the safety that proved the ultimate margin of victory, was recalled in detail.

This freak play of modern gridiron history, Riegels's long run after recovering Stumpy Thomason's fumble, was not the result of dumbness on the part of the blonde Bear player, all agreed. His team mates and Coach Clarence Nibs Price took it for what it proved to be—a break that favored Tech, while the general consensus was that Riegels, befuddled momentarily when charging toward the Tornado goal line, suddenly reversed and headed toward his own.

Riegels was heart-broken today over his blunder. He offered no alibis and would not talk about it, choosing rather to forget. Approached after the game, he denied that he had been hurt and as a result was unconscious of what he was doing.

"I was running toward the sidelines when I picked up the ball. I started to turn to my left toward Tech's goal. Somebody shoved me and I bounded right off into a tackler. In pivoting to get away from him I completely lost my bearings.

"I wasn't out of my head at all and I hadn't been hurt. I think I showed that when I came back in the second half and played through."

Riegels in the second half played brilliantly, erasing part of his previous blunder with his defensive work which included the blocking of a Tech punt.