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A festive atmosphere prevailed in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome Saturday night (Dec. 21) as fans of the Tulane Green Wave turned out in force to watch their team play in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. Those in attendance saw an exciting game in which the Green Wave staged an emotional comeback only to lose to UL-Lafayette by three points, 24-21. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)



The Green Wave takes the field before kickoff. The game was the first bowl bid for the team since 2002. (Photo by Parker Waters)



Tulane senior Orleans Darkwa finds a hole during the first half of the game. Darkwa went on to score three rushing touchdowns and was named the game's MVP. (Photo by Parker Waters)



Ryan Grant pulls in a circus catch during the first half of the game. Grant had seven catches for 113 yards. (Photo by Parker Waters).



The Tulane University Marching Band leaves the field after its halftime performance.
(Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)



More than 54,000 fans set a New Orleans Bowl record for attendance. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)