

Sept. 16 - Bowling Green 50, Akron 12

As has been the case in the previous three meetings, Bowling Green dominated Akron in posting a 50-12 victory. Bowling Green scored three of the first four times they touched the ball and led 31-0 at halftime.

Freshman quarterback Bob Niemet made the most of his first collegiate pass to get the Falcons on their way to the victory by throwing a 51-yard scoring strike to Eric Starks at the 11:01 mark of the first quarter. Niemet, who was starting in place of Ryan Henry who had a bruised shoulder, had scoring runs of three and six yards sandwiched around a three yard scoring run by Keylan Cates. Senior Derek Schorejs kicked a 21-yard field goal with just over three minutes left in the first half to complete the BG scoring.

Bowling Green got a safety midway through the third quarter when the Akron center snapped the ball over the head of their punter. The Zips then got on the board on a six-yard pass. Another Niemet run (four yards), a 52-yard Schorejs field goal, and a short Robbie Hollis run (three yards) made the score 50-6 before Akron scored again with 22 seconds left in the contest. The Schorejs field goal was the second longest in school history.

The Falcons had a 26-12 edge in first downs while possessing the ball for 36:29 compared to 23:31 for the Zips. Cates had 186 of BG's 397 yards on the ground in 31 carries, both totals career highs. Niemet ended the day six-of-15 for 113 yards with Starks catching half his completions for 86 yards. The defense limited the Akron offense to just 53 yards on the ground and just 210 yards of total offense. The Falcon defense had limited the Zips to just 130 yards of total offense before the final Akron drive, which covered 80 yards in 13 plays.

Niemet's three rushing touchdowns are most ever by a BG quarterback, while BG's five rushing touchdowns on the day were the most since the 1977 team had five against Ohio. BG's 397 yards rushing were the most since the 1978 team had 416 against Toledo. The rushing totals for Cates were the best by a BG back since Darryl Story set the school record with 225 yards against Ball State in 1983. He also topped the 1,000-yard barrier for his career becoming only the 24th player in school history to reach the milestone.