

Sept. 30 - Bowling Green 37, Temple 31

The Falcons went on the road to conclude non-league play for the 1995 season and came home a 37-31 winner over Temple at Veterans Stadium.

After each team scored a touchdown and kicked a field goal in the first half, Bowling Green took the lead to the locker room on the basis of a Derek Schorejs 24-yard field goal. Schorejs had kicked a 49-yard field goal at 6:32 of the first quarter to open the scoring and Keylan Cates ran 14 yards for a touchdown at 14:28 of the second stanza to give BG a 10-0 lead.

Temple scored the next 10 points before Schorejs kicked his second field goal as the clock ran out in the first half. BG had a 13-10 edge in first downs in the first half and a 147-99 edge in total offense.

The Falcons expanded the lead to 34-10 scoring on three of its first four possessions of the second half as Cates had two short scoring runs (both of one yard) and Eric Starks hauled in a 50-yard toss from Ryan Henry. A Schorejs field goal, his third of the game, a career high, at the 4:10 mark of the final quarter completed the Bowling Green scoring.

Temple did score 21 points in the final 6:29 of the game to make things interesting, but it was not enough for the Owls. The BG defense had limited Temple to just 153 yards of total offense in the first three quarters, but Temple's fourth quarter rally lifted their final total to 358, just six yards less than Bowling Green.

The Falcons had a 33:33 to 26:27 edge in time of possession. Cates led the running game with 84 yards on 23 carries while Henry was 18-of-28 for 209 yards and one touchdown. Starks had his best day at Bowling Green catching seven passes for 134 yards. Senior punter Andy Tracy played a big role in the game averaging 43.2 yards on five kicks.

The three touchdown runs by Cates were the most for him at Bowling Green while he equalled his career best having rushed for three scores against Denison during his freshman season at Ohio Wesleyan. The win over Temple was the second non-league road victory of the season for the Falcons (they also beat Missouri) marking the first time since 1975 a Falcon team has been able to accomplish that.