

Oct. 7 - Miami 21, Bowling Green 0

The Falcons were shutout for the first time in 57 games as Miami came to Perry Stadium and walked away with a 21-0 victory.

Miami set the tone early piling up 175 yards of total offense in the first quarter driving 83 yards in five plays with its second possession (scoring at the 7:49 mark) then driving 71 yards in nine plays with its third possession to take a 14-0 lead with 2:33 left in the first stanza. The stingy Miami defense had limited the Falcons to just 51 yards in the first 15 minutes.

The Falcon defense settled down for most of the remainder of the game allowing just two more Miami drives of more than four plays. The Bowling Green offense struggled all day, but had two drives inside the Miami 20-yard line in the second quarter end on turnovers.

The Redskins had a 214-116 edge in total offense in the first half and just over a three-minute edge in time of possession.

A turning point in the game came on the first Bowling Green possession of the second half as back-up quarterback Bob Niemet was stopped on a fourth-and-one play at the Miami 32-yard line. Bowling Green drove into Miami territory three more times over the remainder of the game, but was not able to score. Miami finished the scoring with a touchdown at the 54 second mark of the fourth quarter.

BG held Miami to just 21 yards passing, but two Redskin backs went over the 100-yard barrier as Miami had 302 yards on the ground. Quarterback Ryan Henry was 16-of-37 for 162 yards while Keylan Cates had 70 yards rushing on 23 carries. Miami had a 323-232 edge in total offense, but BG had a 19-16 edge in first downs and an edge of just under two minutes in time of possession.

Miami had nine plays of 10 or more yards and four more of nine yards in length. Other than the three scoring drives and one 42-yard run in the fourth quarter, the BG defense played very well limiting Miami to just 69 yards total offense in their other 42 plays.

The shutout was the first of a Bowling Green team since Central Michigan took a 17-0 decision on Sept. 22, 1990. The shutout was the first at home in 79 games dating back to Sept. 22, 1979 when Central Michigan again was the opponent, winning that game by a 24-0 score.

Miami was led by the running of tailbacks Ty King, who had 19 carries for 150 yards, and Deland McCullough, who had 19 carries for 147 yards. The duo accounted for all three Miami touchdowns.