

Oct. 14 - Ball State 30, Bowling Green 10

The Falcons missed some early opportunities to put points on the board, and Ball State scored the last 17 points of the game to earn a 30-10 win at home.

BG drove 49 yards with its second possession of the game which ended with a Derek Schorejs 38-yard field goal. Ball State countered by scoring touchdowns with its first two possessions of the second quarter. But, Bowling Green made it 13-10 at the break on a Bob Niemet three-yard run with 1:48 left. The touchdown was set up when BG forced a fumble on a Ball State punt return and recovered in Cardinal territory at the 19-yard line.

Ball State had a 199-64 edge in total offense in the first half while BG had a 15:49 to 14:11 edge in time of possession.

BG drove to the Ball State 17-yard line with their first possession of the second half, only to have Niemet throw an interception to end the drive. On the next Bowling Green possession, BSU defensive tackle Damon Hummel intercepted a middle screen pass and rumbled 19 yards to paydirt. Bowling Green would get into Ball State territory just one more time, in the fourth quarter, before losing the ball on downs. Ball State added a field goal and late touchdown in the fourth quarter to conclude the scoring.

The Falcons were limited to just 111 yards of total offense while Ball State had 342. BSU, which possessed the ball for 13:01 of the fourth quarter, had a 35:15 to 24:45 edge in time of possession.

Junior Keylan Cates led the running attack for BG with 17 carries for 49 yards as BG was held to 82 yards on 34 carries. Senior quarterback Ryan Henry was two-of-10 for 20 yards passing while Niemet was one-of-16 for nine yards. BG was guilty of a number of dropped passes during the game.

The 111 yards of total offense the Falcons had in the game was the lowest total since Arizona held the Falcons to 110 yards on Oct. 3, 1987. It was the lowest total in a MAC game since Central Michigan limited BG to 102 yards on Sept. 22, 1979. The 28 passing yards was the lowest total since 1973.