

Oct. 21 - Toledo 35, Bowling Green 16

The Falcons lost Northwest Ohio bragging rights for the first time in five years as Toledo handed the Falcons a 35-16 defeat in front of a Homecoming Day crowd of 21,011.

The battle of rivals turned in the middle portion of the game when Toledo scored touchdowns on three successive possessions. After the two teams traded touchdowns in the first quarter, Toledo scored at the 9:58 mark of the second stanza on a 12-yard pass and then scored again just one minute before the half on a three-yard run.

As time ran out in the first half, BG got some of the momentum back as senior placekicker Derek Schorejs kicked a school-record 60-yard field goal to make it 21-9 at the break. It is the longest field goal to date in the NCAA this season while it also is the longest field goal ever at Perry Stadium. UT had a 249-142 edge in total offense in the first 30 minutes possessing the ball for 17:51 of the half.

UT drove 65 yards to paydirt with the first possession of the second half to take a commanding 28-9 lead. The Falcons scored early in the fourth quarter on a four-yard Bob Niemet run, but Toledo iced the game and ended the scoring with a four-yard scoring pass with 3:51 left.

The Rockets ran 83 plays compared to 62 for the Falcons on the afternoon. UT had a 432-333 edge total offense and a 36:07 to 23:53 edge in the time of possession. Niemet led the Falcons with 86 yards rushing on eight carries while Keylan Cates added 83 yards on 15 carries. Niemet completed 19-of-31 passes for 126 yards. Senior Ryan Henry started the game at quarterback, but strained his right knee on the fifth play from scrimmage and did not return to the contest. Wasean Tait spearheaded the Rocket running game with 224 yards on 41 carries. UT had 322 yards on the ground for the day.