

Oct. 28 - Western Michigan 17, Bowling Green 0

The Falcons dropped their fifth straight Mid-American Conference game, a 17-0 decision at Western Michigan. After a scoreless first quarter, WMU struck early and late in the second stanza to take a 14-0 lead to the locker room. The Broncos drove 68 yards in 10 plays to open the scoring at the 10:55 mark of the second quarter on a 16-yard Jim Vackaro run on a third-and-10 play. WMU then scored with 23 seconds left in the half driving 83 yards in nine plays with Jay McDonagh throwing 14 yards to Tony Knox.

WMU had a 194-73 edge in total offense in the first 30 minutes as BG did not convert any of seven third down plays. BG had -3 yards total offense in the second quarter.

Neither team scored in the third quarter and WMU added some insurance with a field goal at the 3:50 mark of the final stanza. It was the first time in 41 series games in which Western Michigan had shut out the Falcons. WMU ended the game with a 276-189 edge total offense while BG had just less than a one minute edge in time of possession.

BG was just two-of-15 on third-down conversions. BG had three plays on offense, which gained over 80 yards combined, which were wiped out by penalties. The Falcon defense played better than what the numbers might reflect holding WMU to just 64 yards on 36 plays on their non-scoring possessions. WMU went three plays and a punt on eight of their 10 non-scoring possessions.

Michael Parker led the Falcon running game with 25 yards on six carries while quarterback Bob Niemet completed 11-of-35 passes for 114 yards. The shutout was the second this season of the Falcons marking the first time since 1953 a BG team has been shutout twice in one season.