

Aug. 30 - at Louisiana Tech 30, Bowling Green 23

The Falcons opened the season at Louisiana Tech and had things going their way early as they built a 17-0 lead and led 20-3 with 29 seconds left in the first half on short scoring runs by quarterback Bob Niemet and tailback Robbie Hollis along with a pair of field goals from Jason Strasser.

But, Tech drove 56 yards in 26 seconds to score right before the break and take away some of the Falcons' momentum. It was the first of four unanswered touchdowns by the Bulldogs. The last score in that run, with 14:55 left in the game, gave the home team a 30-20 edge.

BG got a field goal at the 4:49 mark to close the gap to seven points, and moved the ball to the Tech 20-yard line before a sack moved the Falcons back to the 33-yard line. The clock ran out on the Falcons when fullback Adam Lige could not get out of bounds with a pass reception on the final play.

Tech had 301 yards of total offense in the middle two quarters while scoring 23 points. BG was outgained, 400-337, but had a more than nine-minute edge in time of possession. Niemet completed 23-of-40 passes for 249 yards, all career highs. The Falcons held Tech to 42 net yards rushing, but yielded 358 yards through the air.

BGSU	14	6	0	3	-	23
Louisiana Tech	0	9	14	7	-	30

BG - Robbie Hollis 6 run (Jason Strasser kick), 8:42, 1st qtr.

BG - Bob Niemet 8 run (Strasser kick), 2:10, 1st qtr.

BG - Strasser 37 field goal, 11:30, 2nd qtr.

LT - Marty Kent 27 field goal, 7:58, 2nd qtr.

BG - Strasser 24 field goal, :29, 2nd qtr.

LT - Tim Rattay 14 run (kick blocked), :03, 2nd qtr.

LT - Troy Edwards 38 pass from Rattay (Kent kick), 12:00, 3rd qtr.

LT - Steve Hampton 41 pass from Rattay (Kent kick), 8:29, 3rd qtr.

LT - Josh Bradley 21 pass from Rattay (Kent kick), 14:55, 4th qtr.

BG - Strasser 23 field goal, 4:49, 4th qtr.

Attendance - 19,569

Team Statistics - First Downs (BG 22, LT 23); Rushes-Yards (BG 37-88, LT 25-42); Passing Yardage (BG 249, LT 358); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (BG 23-40-0, LT 25-39-0); Punts-Avg. (BG 4-39.3, LT 3-42.7); Fumbles-Lost (BG 3-0, LT 2-2); Penalties-Yards (BG 4-29, LT 11-75); Time of Possession (BG 34:33, LT 25:27)

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Robbie Hollis 11-30, Damien Platt 8-29, Leon Weathersby 7-21); Passing (Bob Niemet 23-40-249); Receiving (Damron Hamilton 7-75, Jeremy Dusho 4-72, Terry Loville 4-47, Adam Lige 4-37). Louisiana Tech - Rushing (Jason Armstrong 15-45); Passing (Tim Rattay 25-39-358); Receiving (Troy Edwards 6-127, Bobby Ray Tell 5-30, Josh Bradley 4-53, Larry Wright 4-34, Cedric Williams 3-53).