

Sept. 13 - at Ohio State 44, Bowling Green 13

The Falcons hung with the ninth-ranked Buckeyes for most of the first half before OSU reeled off 27 unanswered points to earn the victory.

The Falcons turned two of Ohio State's four lost fumbles in the first half into 10 points and trailed the Buckeyes only 17-13 with 3:50 left in the first half. But, a failed try at a punt with 1:03 left in the first half turned the game in favor of the Buckeyes.

Bowling Green set up in punt formation with 1:03 left in the first half and Andy Pollock was unable to get the punt off because of a strong Ohio State rush. Pollock was dropped at the Buckeye 30-yard line, and on the next play OSU found paydirt on a touchdown pass, the first of their run of 27 unanswered points.

Ohio State then took any wind left in the Falcons' sails out driving 56 yards in six plays with the opening possession of the second half to make it 31-13. Bowling Green moved into OSU territory only once in the second half turning the ball over on downs at the 48-yard line after penetrating to the 29-yard line.

Jason Strasser equaled his career long with a pair of 45-yard efforts and Damron Hamilton caught a 29-yard pass from Bob Niemet to account for the Falcons' first-half points.

OSU's Michael Wiley scored a pair of first-half touchdowns, one on a 100-yard kickoff return, the first against the Falcons since the 1976 season.

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Ohio State            10   14   7   13   -   44

OS - Dan Stultz 47 field goal, 10:54, 1st qtr.

BG - Jason Strasser 45 field goals, 5:50, 1st qtr.

OS - Michael Wiley 100 kickoff return (Stultz kick), 5:31, 1st qtr.

OS - Wiley 7 run (Stultz kick), 8:16, 2nd qtr.

BG - Damron Hamilton 29 pass from Bob Niemet (Strasser kick), 6:12, 2nd qtr.

BG - Strasser 45 field goal, 3:50, 2nd qtr.

OS - Dee Miller 29 pass from Joe Germaine (Stultz kick), 0:57, 2nd qtr.

OS - David Boston 6 pass from Stanley Jackson (Stultz kick), 12:40, 3rd qtr.

OS - Boston 7 pass from Jackson (Stultz kick), 10:39, 4th qtr.

OS - Stultz 27 field goal, 6:30, 4th qtr.

OS - Stultz 32 field goal, 2:53, 4th qtr.

Attendance - 93,151

Team Statistics - First Downs (BG 11, OS 20); Rushes-Yards (BG 34-36, OS 41-154); Passing Yardage (BG 133, OS 274); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (BG 11-33-1, OS 19-27-0); Punts-Avg. (BG 10-46.0, OS 5-51.2); Fumbles-Lost (BG 2-1, OS 4-4); Penalties-Yards (BG 3-35, OS 6-52); Time of Possession (BG 30:28, OS 29:32)

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Robbie Hollis 10-41); Passing (Bob Niemet 11-31-133); Receiving (Damron Hamilton 3-51). Ohio State - Rushing (Pepe Pearson 15-83, Michael Wiley 10-72); Passing (Stanley Jackson 10-13-92, Joe Germaine 6-10-100); Receiving (Dee Miller 5-88, David Boston 4-39, John Lumpkin 3-42).