

Sept. 27 - at Kansas State 58, Bowling Green 0

The Falcons completed the non-league portion of their 1997 schedule with the loss to the 17th-ranked Wildcats.

After a fumble on their first possession, Kansas State scored on 10 of its next 11 possessions to win the game easily.

KSU built a 20-0 lead at the break on a pair of field goals and two short touchdown runs. They put the game away with an early field goal in the second half and a pair of touchdowns 1:13 apart to take a 37-0 lead with 4:02 left in the third quarter.

Other than the first possession, when they took over after the Wildcat fumble at the KSU 41-yard line, the Falcons managed to move into Wildcat territory just one other time in the game. BG drove the Kansas State 36-yard line with four minutes left in the second quarter only to be forced to punt the ball.

The Wildcats' defense dominated the game allowing BG just 56 net yards on 47 plays as the Falcons netted minus nine yards rushing on 27 carries. KSU's offense piled up 638 yards on 77 plays which included 429 yards rushing on 62 carries.

The margin of defeat was the largest in BG annals since Toledo handed Bowling Green a 63-0 defeat on Nov. 2, 1935. The minus nine yards rushing for the Falcons set a school standard eclipsing the previous low of three net yards in a 1987 loss at Penn State while the 56 yards of total offense eclipsed the previous low of 72 vs. Miami in the 1951 season. The 58 points scored by Kansas State were the most against a BG team since West Virginia scored 62 in the 1988 season opener.

Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	-	0
Kansas State	7	13	17	21	-	58

KS - Mike Lawrence 1 run (Martin Gramatica kick), 7:51, 1st qtr.

KS - Michael Bishop 1 run (Gramatica kick), 12:05, 2nd qtr.

KS - Gramatica 23 field goal, 8:07, 2nd qtr.

KS - Gramatica 27 field goal, 0:25, 2nd qtr.

KS - Gramatica 46 field goal, 9:37, 3rd qtr.

KS - Eric Hickson 1 run (Gramatica kick), 5:15, 3rd qtr.

KS - Lawrence 5 run (Gramatica kick), 4:02, 3rd qtr.

KS - Darnell McDonald 5 pass from Bishop (Gramatica kick), 14:54, 4th qtr.

KS - Marlon Charles 12 run (Jamie Rheem kick), 10:25, 4th qtr.

KS - Lawrence 6 run (Rheem kick), 4:57, 4th qtr.

Attendance - 41,524

Team Statistics - First Downs (BG 6, KS 29); Rushes-Yards (BG 27-(-9), KS 62-429); Passing Yardage (BG 65, KS 209); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (BG 7-20-0, KS 11-15-0); Punts-Avg. (BG 10-42.8, KS 1-35.0); Fumbles-Lost (BG 4-2, KS 3-1); Penalties-Yards (BG 4-40, KS 8-58); Time of Possession (BG 26:00, KS 34:00).

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Robbie Hollis 15-20); Passing (Ricky Schneider 7-20-65); Receiving (Damron Hamilton 2-41, Robbie Hollis 2-18). Kansas State - Rushing (Eric Hickson 19-163); Passing (Michael Bishop 8-12-142, Jonathan Beasley 3-3-67); Receiving (Gavin Peries 2-66, Justin Swift 2-43).