

Sept. 5 - at Missouri 37, Bowling Green 0

The Falcons opened their 80th season of intercollegiate play with a loss at Missouri as the Tigers thoroughly dominated the Falcons. Missouri scored on each of its first five possessions to build a 30-0 lead at halftime. They added a touchdown midway through the third quarter to complete the scoring.

Bowling Green did not get across midfield on any possession of the game as they were held to a net 56 yards for the game, equaling the school-record low set last season in the loss to Kansas State.

Missouri, which opened its season with the win over the Falcons, got a little revenge for their loss to the Falcons in 1995.

Missouri had a 27-4 edge in first downs, an 11-1 edge in the second half, a 41:24 to 18:36 edge in time of possession, a 21:51 to 8:09 edge in the second half, and an 88 to 35 edge in plays, 43 to 14 in the second half.

Bowling Green's best drive of the day ended at the Bowling Green 41-yard line.

Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	-	0
Missouri	16	14	7	0	-	37

MU - Tim Geiger 27 field goal, 11:04, 1st qtr.

MU - Kent Layman 62 pass from Corby Jones (kick failed), 9:09, 1st qtr.

MU - Jones 6 run (Geiger kick), 3:14, 2nd qtr.

MU - Devin West 1 run (Geiger kick), 10:16, 2nd qtr.

MU - Jones 8 run (Geiger kick), 2:40, 2nd qtr.

MU - West 14 run (Alexander St. Peter kick), 7:22, 3rd qtr.

Attendance - 48,971

Team Statistics - First Downs (BG 4, MU 27); Rushes-Yards (BG 21-17, MU 65-340); Passing Yardage (BG 39, MU 204); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (BG 5-14-1, MU 10-23-0); Punts-Avg. (BG 9-44.6, MU 4-45.8); Fumbles-Lost (BG 1-1, MU 0-0); Penalties-Yards (BG 5-41, MU 9-86); Time of Possession (BG 18:36, MU 41:24).

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Godfrey Lewis 9-32); Passing (Bob Niemet 2-11-20, Ricky Schneider 3-3-19); Receiving (Tony Holcomb 2-18). Missouri - Rushing (Devin West 16-125, Corby Jones 13-58); Passing (Corby Jones 9-15-187, Ryan Douglass 0-6-0, James Dougherty 1-2-17); Receiving (Kent Layman 4-121).