

Sept. 26 - Central Florida 38, at Bowling Green 31

The Falcons played with the talented Golden Knights and Heisman candidate Daunte Culpepper for most of three quarters before 24 unanswered points turned the game in favor of UCF.

The Falcons took a 21-7 lead early in the second quarter on the second of two Ricky Schneider touchdown passes, a 39-yarder to Kurt Gerling. After a UCF score, a 24-yard Jason Strasser field goal at the halftime gun sent the Falcons to the locker room with a 24-14 lead.

The Falcons outgained the Golden Knights, 229-166, in the first half, including a 129-19 edge on the ground. BG also had a seven minute in time of possession.

UCF then put the game away with a quick strike in the early part of the third quarter followed by two backbreaking long drives.

Culpepper hit Mark Nonsant on a 68-yard scoring play and then the Golden Knights moved 55 yards in 11 plays and 13 plays and 80 yards midway through the final stanza. A 33-yard field goal ended the 24-point run by UCF.

The Falcons scored with just over one minute left to make it the final score and UCF ran out the clock after recovering the on-side kick.

The Falcons started the game with an on-side kick which they recovered and converted into their first touchdown of the season. A successful fake punt on BG's second possession led to their second touchdown, and the Falcon converted a fumble recovery early in the second quarter for their third score.

BG had just 45 yards of total offense in the second half until their final drive that ended with the touchdown with just over one minute left in the game.

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BG - Godfrey Lewis 1 run (Jason Strasser kick), 9:42, 1st qtr.

CF - Blake Thames 1 pass from Daunte Culpepper (Chad Downey kick), 5:33, 1st qtr.

BG - Adam Lige 10 pass from Ricky Schneider (Strasser kick), 0:53, 1st qtr.

BG - Kurt Gerling 39 pass from Schneider (Strasser kick), 14:44, 2nd qtr.

CF - Culpepper 1 run (Downey kick), 10:05, 2nd qtr.

BG - Strasser 24 field goal, 0:00, 2nd qtr.

CF - Mark Nonsant 68 pass from Culpepper (Downey kick), 10:46, 3rd qtr.

CF - Siaha Burley 17 pass from Culpepper (Downey kick), 2:14, 3rd qtr.

CF - Ben Goldberg 23 pass from Culpepper (Downey kick), 7:27, 4th qtr.

CF - Downey 33 field goal, 4:11, 4th qtr.

BG - Gerling 8 pass from Bob Niemet (Strasser kick), 1:07, 4th qtr.

Attendance - 15,824

Team Statistics - First Downs (CF 23, BG 20); Rushes-Yards (CF 35-76, BG 42-162); Passing Yardage (CF 341, BG 142); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (CF 24-33-0, BG 12-23-0); Punts-Avg. (CF 2-35.5, BG 5-45.0); Fumbles-Lost (CF 1-1, BG 1-1); Penalties-Yards (CF 14-105, BG 6-50); Time of Possession (CF 28:58, BG 31:02).

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Godfrey Lewis 14-70, Robbie Hollis 15-47); Passing (Ricky Schneider 9-18-112, Bob Niemet 3-5-30); Receiving (Kurt Gerling 4-69, Tony Holcomb 4-36). Central Florida - Rushing (Omari Howard 13-44); Passing (Daunte Culpepper 23-32-320); Receiving (Siaha Burley 11-146, Kenny Clark 4-15, Mark Nonsant 3-85).