

Oct. 17 - at Toledo 24, Bowling Green 16

The Falcons scored 13 points in the first eight minutes of the game, but could manage only a field goal the rest of the way as Toledo earned Northwest Ohio bragging rights for the fourth consecutive year with the victory.

The Falcon took the early advantage as junior Steve Holmes ran 43 yards to paydirt about midway through the first stanza. Holmes led the Falcons with 73 of their 108 rushing yards.

After Toledo punter Gabe Lindstrom had a 19-yard effort, Bowling Green struck on the next play as freshman wide receiver Robert Redd started a reverse play then pulled up and threw a perfect 45-yard strike to Kurt Gerling for a second score just 1:57 after the first.

From there, the Rocket defense proved to be the difference. Bowling Green piled up 169 yards total offense in the first quarter, just 131 over the final three quarters.

The Rockets put 24 unanswered points on the board in the middle portion of the game, two touchdowns on long pass plays. Toledo had 190 of its 433 yards of offense in the second quarter taking a 17-13 lead to the locker room.

A three-play, 80-yard drive to start the second half extended the lead and they let their defense do the rest.

After scoring on its first two possessions, BG did get into Toledo territory on three other occasions, getting a first goal in the third quarter on one penetration. The other two possessions in Toledo territory ended at the 46- and 48-yard lines on punts.

Toledo's touchdown drives were 88, 85, and 80 yards in length.

Bowling Green            13   0   3   0   -   16

Toledo                    3   14   7   0   -   24

BG - Steve Holmes 43 run (Strasser kick), 8:57, 1st qtr.

BG - Kurt Gerling 45 pass from Robert Redd (kick failed), 7:00, 1st qtr.

UT - Todd France 49 field goal, 4:24, 1st qtr.

UT - Mel Long 44 pass from Chris Wallace (France kick), 13:46, 2nd qtr.

UT - Wallace 1 run (France kick), 7:03, 2nd qtr.

UT - Mace Freeman 42 pass from Wallace (France kick), 13:46, 3rd qtr.

BG - Strasser 32 field goal, 4:38, 3rd qtr.

Attendance - 27,991

Team Statistics - First Downs (BG 16, UT 18); Rushes-Yards (BG 45-108, UT 35-154); Passing Yardage (BG 192, UT 279); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (BG 15-22-0, UT 16-26-0); Punts-Avg. (BG 7-40.7, UT 5-33.8); Fumbles-Lost (BG 2-0, UT 2-0); Penalties-Yards (BG 5-44, UT 2-13); Time of Possession (BG 35:26, UT 24:34).

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Steve Holmes 14-73); Passing (Ricky Schneider 14-21-147); Receiving (Adam Lige 4-39, Brent Martin 3-30, Will Sullivan 2-26). Toledo - Rushing (Wasean Tait 9-80, Chester Taylor 16-59); Passing (Chris Wallace 16-26-279); Receiving (Ray Curry 7-95, Mel Long 2-72, Mike Bilik 2-48).