

Nov. 14 - at Western Michigan 56, Bowling Green 27

The Falcons saw their three-game winning streak to an end at the hands of WMU quarterback Tim Lester as he threw for a school-record 435 yards as the Broncos posted a 56-27 victory.

After the Falcons turned a fumble recovery in WMU territory into a field goal in the first quarter, the Broncos would score 28 unanswered points to take a 28-3 lead to the locker room.

Western's final score of the half was probably the turning point of the game as they drove 99 yards in 14 plays to score with just six seconds left. That score came after Bowling Green failed to convert on a first-and-goal from the WMU six-yard line. WMU held BG out of the end zone on two plays from the one-yard line and then drove the length of the field.

BG scored after a WMU fumble on their first play of the second half and the two teams traded late scores in the third quarter as the Falcons had a glimmer of hope trailing by a 35-19 count entering the final stanza.

But, WMU drove 71 yards in four plays to score on the first play of the fourth quarter and came right back after an interception to drive 49 yards in four plays to convert and build a 49-19 lead. The two teams traded touchdowns in the late portion of the quarter to complete the scoring.

Western Michigan had 30 first downs and 581 yards of total offense in their season finale while the Falcon managed 387 yards, 176 of those on the ground.

The loss will keep the Falcons from their first winning season since 1994 as the Falcons allowed over 400 yards passing for the first time since the 1985 season.

Bowling Green	3	0	16	8	-	27
Western Michigan	14	14	7	21	-	56

BG - Jason Strasser 36 field goal, 7:45, 1st qtr.

WM - Jake Moreland 6 pass from Tim Lester (Brad Selent kick), 3:28, 1st qtr.

WM - Joshua Bush 73 pass from Lester (Selent kick), 0:00, 1st qtr.

WM - Darnell Fields 5 run (Selent kick), 8:32, 2nd qtr.

WM - Lester 1 run (Selent kick), 0:06, 2nd qtr.

BG - Tony Holcomb 2 pass from Bob Niemet (Adam Lige run), 11:37, 3rd qtr.

WM - Steve Neal 23 apss from Lester (Selent kick), 4:06, 3rd qtr.

BG - Lige 4 pass from Niemet (Kurt Gerling pass), 1:29, 3rd qtr.

WM - Robert Sanford 1 run (Selent kick), 14:58, 4th qtr.

WM - Greg Peterson 1 run (Selent kick), 12:00, 4th qtr.

BG - Kevin Steinke 5 pass from Niemet (Aaron Alexander pass), 7:44, 4th qtr.

WM - Sean Egglefield 14 pass from Lester (Selent kick), 4:30, 4th qtr.

Attendance - 13,521

Team Statistics - First Downs (BG 21, WM 30); Rushes-Yards (BG 176, WM 146); Passing Yardage (BG 211, WM 435); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (BG 15-30-2, WM 27-35-0); Punts-Avg. (BG 3-41.0, WM 2-44.0); Fumbles-Lost (BG 1-1, WM 3-2); Penalties-Yards (BG 8-70, WM 9-83); Time of Possession (BG 31:06, WM 28:54).

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Godfrey Lewis 16-90, Bob Niemet 11-61); Passing (Bob Niemet 15-30-211); Receiving (Kurt Gerling 6-98, Aaron Alexander 3-44).  
Western Michigan - Rushing (Robert Sanford 12-65, Darnell Fields 14-58); Passing (Tim Lester 27-35-435); Receiving (Jake Moreland 6-95, Steve Neal 5-64, Mike Hutchings 5-35).