

Sept. 18 - at Marshall 35, Bowling Gren 16

The Falcons hung tough with the two-time defending MAC champions before losing the decision by a 35-16 count. The win was the 26th straight for Marshall at home.

The difference in the game was the ability of Marshall to get their running game going against the Falcon defense which came into the game #1 in the MAC, the difference in productivity of the two teams in the red zone.

Marshall scored all five of its touchdowns on its five penetrations inside the BG 20-yard line while the Falcons were in the red zone four times, but came away with three field goals and their only touchdown.

The Falcons broke on top early with the first of three Jason Strasser field goals, but Marshall responded with touchdowns on its next two possessions.

After the Falcons hit for their only touchdown of the game, an 11-yard pass from Ricky Schneider Keivn Steinke, Marshall went 58 yards in three plays to score and then nullified a Falcon field goal with another touchdown just 1:15 before halftime to take a 28-13 lead to the locker room.

The Falcons inched closer with a field goal to cap a 76-yard, 17-play drive to start the second half, but once again Marshall answered with a touchdown drive on its first possession of the second half to complete the scoring.

Marshall had a 461 to 247 edge in total offense as BG managed just 98 total yards in the second half.

Bowling Green                    3 10 3 0 - 16

Marshall                         14 14 7 0 - 35

BG - Jason Strasser 37 field goal, 8:26, 1st qtr.

M - Nate Poole 1 pass from Chad Pennington (Billy Malashevich kick), 5:12, 1st qtr.

M - Llow Turner 17 run (Malashevich kick), 2:11, 1st qtr.

BG - Kevin Steinke 11 pass from Ricky Schneider (Strasser kick), 9:48, 2nd qtr.

M - James Williams 20 pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick), 8:47, 2nd qtr.

BG - Strasser 31 field goal, 4:35, 2nd qtr.

M - Poole 7 pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick), 1:15, 2nd qtr.

BG - Strasser 21 field goal, 9:11, 3rd qtr.

M - Brian Greenleaf 17 pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick), 6:25 3rd qtr.

Attendance - 29,741

Team Statistics - First Downs (BG 17, M 21); Rushes-Yards (BG 40-68, M 36-204); Passing Yardage (BG 179, M 257); Completions-Attempts-Interceptions (BG 16-36-2, M 15-31-1); Punts-Avg. (BG 7-42.0, M 6-43.7); Fumbles-Lost (BG 3-0, M 1-1); Penalties-Yards (BG 9-86, M 9-104); Time of Possession (BG 32:11, M 27:49).

Individual Leaders - Bowling Green - Rushing (Joe Alls 11-37); Passing (Ricky Schneider 16-36-179); Receiving (Joe Alls 5-55, Robert Redd 3-45, Kurt Gerling 3-44). Marshall - Rushing (Llow Turner 12-98, Doug Chapman 18-81); Passing (Chad Pennington 15-31-257); Receiving (Nate Poole 7-126, James Williams 3-32).