

## Football Falls To Pittsburgh, 34-16

Falcons now embark on three-game road trip.

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Box Score

### **Bowling Green, Ohio -**

The Bowling Green State University football suffered a 34-16 setback to the Pittsburgh Panthers in the home opener at Doyt Perry Stadium.

Pittsburgh took an early 3-0 lead on its first series when Nick Lotz made a 36-yard field goal attempt. Bowling Green's Mike Knapp made his first collegiate field goal with 3:58 remaining in the opening quarter to tie the game at three. BG's scoring drive went 30 yards on six plays with an Andy Sahn to David Bautista completion for 34 yards being the big play of the drive.

The Panthers scored two touchdowns in the second quarter for a 17-3 lead at the half. Pittsburgh scored on a 31-yard John Turman to R.J. English pass with 13:15 remaining in the second quarter for the go-ahead score. Turman completed a 56-yard scoring pass to Antonio Bryant on Pittsburgh's next possession. Lotz made another 36-yard field goal with 0:37 left to complete the first half scoring.

In the third quarter, Bryant had a 29-yard scoring reception from Turman with 6:10 left, and a 47-yard touchdown reception from David Priestley with 3:45 remaining.

Bautista hauled in a seven-yard pass from Sahn with 13:27 left in the contest, and Kyle Turano made the extra point for his first collegiate point. Sahn had a one-yard run for another Falcon touchdown with 6:01 remaining. BG's two-point conversion failed.

The BG defense limited Pittsburgh to 36 yards rushing on 35 carries including six sacks. Two Panther quarterbacks combined for 22 of 32 for 321 yards and four touchdowns.

Sahn completed 19 of 38 passes for 197 yards and one touchdown. Bautista led seven Falcon receivers with nine catches for 109 yards and one score.

BG will complete its non-conference schedule next Saturday with a 6 p.m. kickoff at Temple.



**Brandon Hicks had three sacks and recovered a fumble against Pittsburgh.**