

## Miami Holds On to Defeat BGSU, 24-21

15th largest crowd at BGSU on hand.

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**Bowling Green, Ohio** - Big plays were in order as visiting Miami (7-2, 4-0 in the MAC East) held on to defeat Bowling Green (5-3, 3-2) 24-21 in front of the 15th largest crowd in Perry Stadium History (22,828). Trailing 21-7 in the fourth quarter, BGSU received a boost on special teams when Robert Redd returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown to cut the lead to 21-14 with 7:45 left in the game. It marked the first time since 1996 (Courtney Davis vs. Kent State) that a Falcon returned a punt for a TD.

Following a defensive stand which gave BGSU the ball back with 3:44 remaining, defensive lineman Phil Smith picked off a pass and the RedHawks capitalized with a Jared Parseghian 28-yard field goal with 1:52 left to give MU a 10-point advantage.

However, the Falcons made it interesting when Andy Sahn found Kurt Gerling in the end zone from 35-yards out to make it 24-21 with 31 seconds left. An ensuing onside kick did not go the necessary 10 yards and Miami ran out the clock.

Miami scored first on a 46-yard pass from Ben Roethlisberger to Corey Kirkpatrick. The Falcons tied it up minutes later when Josh Harris scored on a four-yard run. Miami would then score 14 unanswered points when Roethlisberger hit Michael Larkin for an 81-yard TD in the second quarter and Steve Little scored on a 14-yard run in the third quarter.

### Key Falcons

Brandon Hicks had three tackles for a loss and two sacks.

Chris Haneline, Khary Campbell and Sergio Lund each had nine tackles.

Ryan Wingrove had eight stops and two tackles for a loss.

Chad Long had eight tackles and an interception.

Chris Glantzis also had eight tackles.

David Bautista had seven catches for 91 yards.

Pat Fleming averaged 46.6 yards per punt and nailed a personal best five inside the 20.



Robert Redd had a 61-yard punt return for a TD.